

Agricultural Buildings

Definitions and Statutory References

Definition of an Agricultural Building

(per Minnesota State Statutes and relative to the State Building Code)

Agricultural Building means a structure on **agricultural land** (See [agricultural land definition below](#)), designed, constructed, and used to house farm implements, livestock, or agricultural produce or products used by the owner, lessee, and sublessee of the building and members of their immediate families, their employees, and persons engaged in the pickup or delivery of agricultural produce or products. (MNSS 326B.103)

Agricultural Land means contiguous acreage of ten acres or more used during the preceding year for **agricultural purposes and taxed as agricultural property by the County Assessor**. See [agricultural purpose definition below](#). (MNSS 273.13, Subdivision 23)

Agricultural Purposes means the raising, cultivation, drying, or storage of **agricultural products**. See [agricultural product definition below](#). (MNSS 273.13, Subdivision 23)

Agricultural Products mean the **production for sale** of livestock, dairy animals, dairy products, poultry, poultry products, fur-bearing animals, horticultural and nursery stock, fruit, vegetables, forage, grains, bees, et cetera... (MNSS 273.13, Subdivision 23)

Please Note:

- ➔ Electrical service, plumbing components, and mechanical installations in agricultural buildings may be subject to separate and additional permits and inspections.
- ➔ Hobby Farms typically do not meet these criteria.
- ➔ Always check with County Building Staff for specific situations.

