

APPLICATION FOR FARM EXEMPTION/CERTIFICATE FOR ZONING EXEMPTION
IN MUSCATINE COUNTY, IOWA

Farm: "Farming" or "agricultural use" means a condition or activity which occurs in connection with the production of farm products and includes but it is not limited to the production, harvesting, handling or storage of crops used for feed, food, seed or fiber; the care, feeding or housing of livestock; the storage, handling, or application of chemicals or fertilizers including manure from livestock; accessory uses that are secondary to that of the farming activities; and, provided further that farming does not include the extraction of minerals or the commercial feeding of garbage or offal to swine or any other animals.

A parcel must be shown by the owner or occupant to be in current, active, income-producing farming or agricultural use to be described as a farm. The owner or occupant may show tax evidence, such as the 156 EZ Form or Schedule F from a certified tax professional. (Note: the standard for the showing of agricultural use is taken from the Iowa Department of Revenue and Finance's regulations found at Iowa Administrative Code 701-71.1(3). Upon such a showing, the zoning administrator shall issue to owner a certificate of zoning exemption.

Upon such a showing, the Zoning Administrator shall issue to owner a certificate of zoning exemption. If the zoning exemption is denied by the Zoning Administrator, you may appeal the decision to the Zoning Board of Adjustment. If the use of land or building changes, or be discovered to not qualify under the zoning exemption, such use shall be subject to the zoning and building regulations of Muscatine County, Iowa.

The premises affected is zoned:

Containing approximately:

Located in parts of the:

Parcel #/District:

Address of Property affected:

The undersigned is/are the owner(s) of the described property on this application, located in the unincorporated area of Muscatine County, Iowa, assuring the information provided herein is true and correct. By signing below, I hereby give my consent for the Muscatine County Zoning Office to conduct a site visit and photograph the subject property.

X

Record Owner Signature

Print Record Owner Name

Print Record Owner Address

Record Owner Telephone #

Type of farm management: _____ owner-operated _____ leased land _____ combined

- If owner-operated, list years owned: _____ years
- If leased land, give name and address of lessee: _____

- If combined, how many acres are leased? _____ acres

This exemption is being requested for:

(A) New House: _____

(B) New Outbuilding (size): _____
to be used for the purpose of: _____

(C) Other (e.g. addition to house; remodel – please describe):

(D) Name and address of Contractor:

Note: Changes in property owners or the primary use of the land may change farm status. Please verify with the Muscatine County Zoning Office.

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If this exemption is approved by the Zoning Representative, it is valid for a year from the date signed below and only for the request that is stated. If the project has not been started within a year of the approval date, an extension must be applied for prior to the date approved:	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
Date	Muscatine County Zoning Representative	



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FARM EXEMPTION TAX EVIDENCE RELEASE FORM
FSA Office – Fax Number (563) 263-9048

With the signing of this document, I, being the Record Owner of the property in question, hereby give my consent for the FSA Office (Farm Service Agency), Muscatine, Iowa, to release the information concerning my 156 EZ Form to the Muscatine County Zoning Office on the property that I am requesting a farm exemption on.

If there is a 156 EZ form on file at the FSA Office and access to the information is refused, I understand that the requested farm exemption could be denied.

The Muscatine County Zoning Office believes that the 156 EZ Form proves the owner/operator of the parcel that the farm exemption is being requested on.

Print Record Owner(s): _____

Address of Farm: _____

Parcel(s) of Farm: _____

Legal Description: _____

Date Signed: _____

Signature of Owner: X _____

The Muscatine County Zoning Office is requesting FSA
to fax to our office the applicable 156 EZ Form.
Our fax number is (563) 288-4338

Signed by: _____