

**APPLICATION FOR EXEMPTION CERTIFICATE  
FROM MUSCATINE COUNTY CONSTRUCTION CODE**

Muscatine County has enacted a local construction code that is enforced by the local building department and which is in compliance with Iowa Code Section 103A, known as the State Building Code Act. Iowa County Home Rule prohibits the County from enforcing a county building code against farm houses or other farm buildings which are “primarily adapted for use for agricultural purposes, while so used or under construction for that use” (See ICS 331.304 (2) (b)).

This Application is being requested from you, so that the County can make the appropriate determination as to whether the project/improvements described herein are exempt from the county construction code or not. "Primarily adapted for agricultural purposes" means a condition or activity which occurs in connection with and is considered primary in relationship to the production of farm products and includes, but it is not limited to the following: 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; land enrolled in a soil or water conservation program; 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.

**NOTE:** The foregoing does not mean that any State requirements, imposed by Iowa law, do not otherwise have to be met and/or that other provisions of the Muscatine County Ordinances do not apply, including, but not limited to flood plains, wells, septic systems, E911 and driveway access to public roads.

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

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 Building Office to conduct a site visit and photograph the subject property.

**X**  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Record Owner's Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Print Record Owner's Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Print Record Owner's Address

\_\_\_\_\_  
Print Phone Number and/or Email Address

Please answer the following questions:

1. How would you classify your property primarily as a farm?

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2. Agricultural Information:

Please list all crops/livestock produced, on average, on the farm unit annually.

<b>Crop Type(s)</b>	<b>Total No. Acres (average)</b>	<b>% For Commercial Production (average)</b>

<b>Livestock Type(s)</b>	<b>Total No. Head (average)</b>	<b>% for Commercial Production (average)</b>

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: \_\_\_\_\_

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- 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 Building Office.

If this exemption is approved by the Building Official, it is valid for one year and only for the request that is stated.

If the approved project has not been started within a year of the approval date, an extension must be applied for prior to the date approved.

**PLEASE DO NOT WRITE BELOW THIS LINE. ZONING OFFICE USE ONLY.**

This proposed project is approved as farm exempt \_\_\_\_\_  
Zoning Administrator

If approved, date of approval \_\_\_\_\_

Note(s): \_\_\_\_\_

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# MUSCATINE COUNTY

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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 Building 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 Building 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   \_\_\_\_\_

**Please do not write in the spaces below. Reserved for Building Office only.**

The Muscatine Building Office is requesting that FSA  
fax to our office the applicable 156 EZ Form.  
Our fax number is 563.288.4338

Signed by: \_\_\_\_\_