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Farm Buildings or Structures

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In order to qualify as a farm building or structure, the use of the building or structure must adhere to the definition contained in the following State Statute:

Section 102.04 (3), Stats. reads as follows: "...`farming` means the operation of farm premises owned or rented by the operator. `Farm premises` means areas used for operations herein set forth, but does not include other areas, greenhouses or other similar structures unless used principally for the production of food and farm plants. `Farmer` means any person engaged in farming as defined. Operation of farm premises shall be deemed to be the planting and cultivating of the soil thereof; the raising and harvesting of agricultural, horticultural or arboricultural crops thereon; the raising, breeding, tending, training and management of livestock, bees, poultry, fur-bearing animals, wildlife or aquatic life, or their products, thereon; the processing, drying, packing, packaging, freezing, grading, storing, delivering to storage, to market or to a carrier for transportation to market, distributing directly to consumers or marketing any of the above-named commodities, substantially all of which have been planted or produced thereon; the clearing of such premises and the salvaging of timber and management and use of wood lots thereon, but not including logging, lumbering or wood cutting operations unless conducted as an accessory to other farming operations; the managing, conserving, improving and maintaining of such premises or the tools, equipment and improvements thereon and the exchange of labor, services or the exchange of use of equipment with other farmers in pursuing such activities. The operation for not to exceed 30 days during any calendar year, by any person deriving the person's principal income from farming, of farm machinery in performing farming services for other farmers for a consideration other than exchange of labor shall be deemed farming. Operation of such premises shall be deemed to include also any other activities commonly considered to be farming whether conducted on or off such premises by the farm operator."

Any building or structure that meets this definition would be exempt from the structural portions of the Wisconsin Codes (Chapter SPS 321 or SPS 362) but would be subject to all Code requirements, permitting and inspections as related to Electrical and Plumbing installations as well as applicable contractor licensing.

Buildings or structures that do not meet this definition would be subject to all Code requirements for the type of building that it is determined to be (i.e. residential or commercial).

Other Information

- All wiring methods must comply with Chapter SPS 316 of the Wisconsin Administrative Code.
- All plumbing related methods must comply with the current Chapter SPS 381 through 387 of the Wisconsin Plumbing Code.
- The Wisconsin Administrative Codes may be downloaded from the Department of Commerce Safety and Buildings Website:
<https://dsps.wi.gov/Pages/Programs/Default.aspx>

Please sign and return if for farm use (exemption)

I certify that the building I am proposing to construct will be used within the definition of "Farming" as described in Section 102.04 (3), Stats.

 Owner Print Name

 Signature

 Date

Please sign and return this to the Inspector's Office