

FARM BUILDINGS

COUNTY OF VERMILION RIVER PLANNING & COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT

<https://www.vermilion-river.com/departments/community-services/development-permits>

The County of Vermilion River's Land Use Bylaw defines a "Farm Building" as: *Any improvement other than a residence, to the extent it is used for Farming Operations. Farm Building refers to an accessory Building that:*

- a) *Does not contain a residential Occupancy,*
- b) *Is used in connection with an Agricultural Operation and situated on the same Lot or Parcel of Land in connection with such Agricultural Operations,*
- c) *Is not used or occupied by, or expected to be used or occupied by, the public or Persons, other than the farmer or farmers that Own the building, their immediate family, and/or their employees, that may be in the Building from time to time during the natural course of Farming Operations,*
- d) *And the Building is used for:*
 - a. *Housing livestock,*
 - b. *Storing, sorting, grading, or bulk packaging primary agricultural products, or*
 - c. *Housing, storing, or maintaining machinery associated with the operation of the farm on which it is located*

Why do I have to have a Development Permit for a Farm Building?

- Development Permits are required for ALL buildings
- Allows the County to ensure that development is conforming to current setbacks in the Land Use Bylaw
- Aids the County in determining farming trends and statistics so that service levels and budgets can be developed properly

Examples of Farm Buildings:

- Barns
- Grain bins
- Silos
- Workshops
- Pole sheds, etc.

Frequently Asked Questions:

Does a Farm Building require a Building Permit?
No. Farm Buildings are exempt.

Is a Farm Building required to comply with the Safety Codes Act (electrical, gas, plumbing, septic)?
Yes. Farm Buildings must comply with all Municipal and Provincial regulations

QUICK FACTS:

- Applications are available online or at the County Administration office.
- It is always best to contact the Planning & Community Services department if you have any questions about permit requirements.



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