



Palm Beach County Zoning Division
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PRELIMINARY AGRICULTURAL ASSESSMENT

Instructions: Complete and submit this form with the Affidavit of Agricultural Use and attachments for an assessment to determine if a Zoning approval is necessary for a proposed or existing agricultural use of a property. If the Zoning Division identifies that a zoning approval is not necessary, a Zoning Confirmation Letter will be issued and the applicant can proceed with a nonresidential farm building application through the Building Division.

Bona Fide Agriculture. Florida Statute 193.461(3)(b) defines bona fide agriculture as good faith commercial agricultural use of the land. Good faith commercial agricultural use of the property is defined as the pursuit of an agricultural activity for a reasonable profit or at least upon a reasonable expectation of meeting investment cost and realizing a reasonable profit. Pursuant to Florida Statute Florida statutes such as 604.50 or 823.14 (Right to Farm Act), buildings and structures may be exempt from building codes provided:

1. The primary use of the temporary or permanent building or support structure is for agricultural purposes; and
2. The building or structure is located on land that is an integral part of a farm operation; or
3. The building or structure is located on land that has an Agricultural Classification from the Property Appraiser; and
4. The building is not intended for use as a dwelling such as a groom’s quarters, farmworker housing, caretaker’s quarters, or watchman’s quarters.

Application Name:		PCN No:	
Site Address:		Acres:	
Applicant Name:		Phone:	
Mailing Address:		Email:	
City/State:		Zip:	
PBC Tax Receipt No.:		State Lic. No.:	
Control No./Name:		PAPA Class:	
Code Violation:			
Future Land Use:		MGTS Tier:	
Zoning District:		Dwelling Units:	
	Existing or Approved	Proposed	
Agricultural Uses:			
Other Uses:			
Access:			
Buildings (number, use, and square footage):			
Site Improvements:			
Drainage:			
Vegetation:			

Provide as Attachments

- Exhibit A.** PAPA Property Record Card (include sketch of Ag Class land area)
- Exhibit B.** Agricultural Justification Statement and Documentation, including:
- Graphic Sketch** indicating existing and proposed structure(s). This can be a survey, aerial, or drawing with use location, dimensions, and uses.
- Justification Statement**, including, but not limited to, the following:
- Describe other agricultural lands under your ownership.
 - Describe how long this property has been in bona fide commercial agricultural use.
 - Describe your short and long-term agricultural plans for this property.
 - Provide your anticipated annual income from this agricultural venture.
 - State whether this property is part of a government agricultural program, and if so, provide associated documentation and provide which program and how much acreage is involved.
 - Describe land or site improvements you have made or plan to make and how these improvements are related to the commercial agricultural use.
 - Describe proposed land or site improvements, including buildings, you plan to construct on the site, including location and dimensions, including use of the alteration/structure as related to the farm operation, including the need for the size, scale, and extent of the proposed alteration/structure for the specific agricultural use.
 - Describe the bona fide agricultural use(s) including:
 - Bees - acreage, number of hives, months on site
 - Nursery - acreage, acres potted, acres planted, acres irrigated
 - Trees - acreage, tree type, root stock
 - Crops - acreage, type, acres planted
 - Pasture - acreage, type of livestock, months on site
 - Equestrian - acres, stables, typical number
- Agricultural Documentation.** Florida law requires that individuals engaged in certain agricultural activities register with the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services (FDACS) before engaging in the sale or raising of farm commodities. Here are some of the types of documentation that a property owner engaged in bona fide agriculture may provide to support that they are operating as bona fide agriculture:
1. Wholesale Nursery (refer to F.S. 581.131 and F.S. 581.141), showing the Physical Location as the subject Property
 - a. FDACS Division of Plant Industry Application for Certificate of Nursery Registration
 - b. FDACS Division of Plant Industry Certificate of Nursery Registration (in effect/not expired)
 - c. FDACS Division of Plant Industry Plant Inventory Report
 - d. FDACS Division of Plant Industry Inspection Report
 2. Horse Boarding, Training, Breeding and Sales (refer to 5H-26.004, F.A.C, 5C-22, F.A.C., F.S. 585.145, Rule 5C-31.006)
 - a. Copy of horse boarding agreement or stall rental agreement (showing the address, legal description, or Parcel Control Number for the subject Property and number of horses boarded)
 - b. Bill of Sale (to evidence sale of horses in compliance with Rule 5H-26.004)
 - c. FDACS Division of Animal Industry Contagious Equine Metritis Quarantine Facility Certificate and/or Inspection and Approval Checklist (Address of Quarantine Facility should be subject Property)
 - d. FDACS Division of Animal Industry Application for Premises Registration and/or Certificate of Premises Registration (Premises should be same as subject Property)
 - e. Breeders' Certificate
 3. Aquaculture (refer to F.S. 597.004 and Ch. 5L-3, F.A.C.), showing the Physical Location as the subject Property
 - a. FDACS Division of Aquaculture Certificate of Registration (in effect/not expired)
 - b. FDACS Division of Aquaculture Application for Certificate of Registration
 - c. Confirmation of Enrollment in Aquaculture Best Management Practices
 - d. Confirmation of Implementation of Aquaculture Best Management Practices
 4. Apiaries/Beekeeping (refer to F.S. 586.045)
 - a. FDACS Division of Plant Industry Application for Beekeeping Registration (showing the Physical Location as the subject Property)
 - b. FDACS Division of Plant Industry Certificate of Beekeeping Registration
 - c. Proof of Crop/Livestock Insurance
 5. Livestock/Cattle Grazing and Breeding (refer to F.S. 585.145)
 - a. FDACS Division of Animal Industry Application for Premises Registration (showing the Premises Information as the subject Property)
 - b. Proof of Crop Insurance
 - c. Proof of Enrollment in and Implementation of Cow-Calf Best Management Practices
 6. Livestock/Poultry Hatchery and Breeding (refer to 5C-16.021, F.A.C.)
 - a. FDACS Division of Animal Industry National Poultry Improvement Plan Participation Agreement Application
 - b. FDACS Certification Card and Flock Approval Number
 - c. FDACS Division of Animal Industry Inspection Report
 7. Aviculture/Bird Breeding (refer to F.S. 379.3761 and FWCDLE 619)
 - a. FWC License to Possess Class III Wildlife for Exhibition or Public Sale (showing the Facility Address as the subject Property)
 - b. Copy of FWC Captive Wildlife Critical Incident/Disaster Plan
 8. Miscellaneous Agricultural Uses
 - a. Request a copy of any federal or state certificate, license or permit required for the agricultural activity.