

APPENDIX C

GROUP U—AGRICULTURAL BUILDINGS

SECTION C101 GENERAL

C101.1 Scope. Agricultural buildings and equine facilities meeting the parameters of ORS 455.315 (1) and (2) are exempt from this code, including submission of plans and permits.

Unless otherwise exempted by ORS 455.315 (1) and (2), the provisions of this appendix shall apply exclusively to agricultural buildings. Such buildings shall be classified as Group U and shall include the following uses:

1. Livestock shelters or buildings, including shade structures and milking barns.
2. Poultry buildings or shelters.
3. Barns.
4. Storage of equipment and machinery used exclusively in agriculture.
5. Horticultural structures, including detached production greenhouses and crop protection shelters.
6. Sheds.
7. Grain silos.
8. Stables.

ORS 455.315(1) and (2) are not a part of this code but are reproduced here for the reader's convenience:

455.315 Exemption of agricultural buildings, agricultural grading and equine facilities.

(1) Nothing in this chapter is intended to authorize the application of a state structural specialty code to any agricultural building or equine facility.

(2) As used in this section:

(a) "Agricultural building" means a structure located on a farm and used in the operation of the farm for:

- (A) Storage, maintenance or repair of farm machinery and equipment;
- (B) The raising, harvesting and selling of crops;
- (C) The feeding, breeding, management and sale of, or the produce of, livestock, poultry, fur-bearing animals or honeybees;
- (D) Dairying and the sale of dairy products; or
- (E) Any other agricultural or horticultural use or animal husbandry, or any combination thereof, including the preparation and storage of the produce raised on the farm for human use and animal use and disposal by marketing or otherwise.

(b) "Agricultural building" does not include:

- (A) A dwelling;
- (B) A structure used for a purpose other than growing plants in which 10 or more persons are present at any one time;
- (C) A structure regulated by the state fire marshal pursuant to ORS chapter 476;

(D) A structure used by the public; or

(E) A structure subject to sections 4001 to 4127, title 42, United States Code (the National Flood Insurance Act of 1968) as amended, and regulations promulgated thereunder.

(c) "Equine facility" means a building located on a farm and used by the farm owner or the public for:

- (A) Stabling or training equines; or
- (B) Riding lessons and training clinics.

(d) "Equine facility" does not include:

- (A) A dwelling;
- (B) A structure in which more than 10 persons are present at any one time;
- (C) A structure regulated by the State Fire Marshal pursuant to ORS chapter 476; or
- (D) A structure subject to sections 4001 to 4127, title 42, United States Code (the National Flood Insurance Act of 1968) as amended, and regulations promulgated thereunder.

SECTION C102 ALLOWABLE HEIGHT AND AREA

C102.1 General. Buildings classified as Group U Agricultural shall not exceed the area or height limits specified in Table C102.1.

C102.2 One-story unlimited area. The area of a one-story Group U agricultural building shall not be limited if the building is surrounded and adjoined by public ways or yards not less than 60 feet (18 288 mm) in width.

C102.3 Two-story unlimited area. The area of a two-story Group U agricultural building shall not be limited if the building is surrounded and adjoined by public ways or yards not less than 60 feet (18 288 mm) in width and is provided with an approved automatic sprinkler system throughout in accordance with Section 903.3.1.1.

SECTION C103 MIXED OCCUPANCIES

C103.1 Mixed occupancies. Mixed occupancies shall be protected in accordance with Section 508.

SECTION C104 EXITS

C104.1 Exit facilities. Exits shall be provided in accordance with Chapters 10 and 11.

Exceptions:

1. The maximum travel distance from any point in the building to an approved exit shall not exceed 300 feet (91 440 mm).
2. One exit is required for each 15,000 square feet (1393.5 m²) of area or fraction thereof.

**TABLE C102.1—BASIC ALLOWABLE AREA FOR A GROUP U,
ONE STORY IN HEIGHT AND MAXIMUM HEIGHT OF SUCH OCCUPANCY**

I		II		III and IV		V	
A	B	A	B	III A and IV	III B	A	B
ALLOWABLE AREA (square feet)^a							
Unlimited	60,000	27,100	18,000	27,100	18,000	21,100	12,000
MAXIMUM HEIGHT IN STORIES							
Unlimited	12	4	2	4	2	3	2
MAXIMUM HEIGHT IN FEET							
Unlimited	160	65	55	65	55	50	40

For SI: 1 square foot = 0.0929 m².

a. See Section C102 for unlimited area under certain conditions.