



Agricultural Building Addendum

THIS ADDENDUM AND THE BUILDING PERMIT APPLICATION MUST BE COMPLETELY FILLED OUT IN ORDER TO APPLY FOR BUILDING PERMITS FOR AGRICULTURAL BUILDINGS.

All buildings must be given an occupancy classification to determine which code requirements apply to the building. A wide variety of buildings are used in agriculture and in some instances, based on the use of the building, they may be designed to a more liberal structural standard or risk category.

It is important for the owner, designer and contractor to consider how using a minimal design standard may affect the allowable use of the building during its life cycle. If the use of the building changes from an agricultural building to an agricultural warehouse or agricultural processing building, it may require significant structural modifications and/or fire-life safety modifications to maintain compliance with the code.

The following building descriptions are provided to help the owner, designer and contractor specify how the proposed building will be used and ensure the building is properly designed and given the correct occupancy classification to meet the owners needs. This addendum must be completed and signed by the property owner and included with the building permit application at the time of plan check submittal.

Please check all applicable boxes on the front and back of this form and sign:

☐ **Agricultural Building:** These buildings, commonly referred to as AG Buildings are classified as Group U occupancies. They can use Risk Category I design standards and are defined in the building code as follows:

AGRICULTURAL BUILDING. A structure designed and constructed to house farm implements, hay, grain, poultry, livestock or other horticultural products. This structure shall not be a place of human habitation or a place of employment where agricultural products are processed, treated or packaged, nor shall it be a place used by the public.

Buildings in this occupancy group must comply with the definition above and may include the uses listed below :

- Livestock shelters or buildings, including shade structures and milking barns
- Poultry buildings or shelters
- Barns
- Storage of equipment and machinery used exclusively in agriculture
- Horticultural structures, including detached production greenhouses and crop protection shelters
- Sheds
- Grain silos
- Stables
- Short term bulk storage of an agricultural product as it was removed from the field

Restrooms: Will this agricultural building include a restroom used by employees?

☐ **Yes** ☐ **No**

(If restrooms are used by employees, they shall be accessible to the disabled, with an accessible route per the California Building Code)

☐ **Agricultural Warehouse:** These buildings are classified as Group S-1 or S-2 occupancies and must use Risk Category II or higher design standards. Buildings designed using Risk Category I cannot be used as an agricultural warehouse. Buildings in this occupancy class include but are not limited to the following:

Cold or controlled atmosphere storage

Storage of packaged agricultural product

Storage of processed agricultural product which has been treated, shelled, sized, graded, sorted, packaged or processed.

Note: S-2 occupancy buildings are used to store noncombustible products on wood pallets or in paper cartons or wrappings with not more than one layer of packaging, and a negligible amount of plastic. Buildings not classified as an S-2 occupancy are classified as an S-1 occupancy.

☐ **Agricultural Processing:** These buildings are classified as Group F-1 or F-2 occupancies and must use Risk Category II or higher design standards. Buildings designed using Risk Category I cannot be used for agricultural processing. Buildings in these occupancy classifications include but are not limited to the following:

Group F-1:

Fumigation

Drying

Group F-2:

Hulling, shelling, treating, sizing, grading, sorting and/or packaging of agricultural products

☐ **Other:** If the proposed use of the building is not included in the descriptions above, please provide a detailed description of the building use.

Storage Height: Will the agricultural product stored in the building be on racks or in bins higher than 12' above the finished floor? ☐ **Yes** ☐ **No**

Storage Container: If a storage container is used, please indicate the type that will be used.

☐ **Wood** ☐ **Plastic** ☐ **Cardboard**

☐ **Other:** If the storage container is not a wood, plastic or cardboard container, please specify.

Owner's Name (Print) _____

Owner's Signature _____