



## Development Services

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# Agricultural Exemption Application (Zoning)

Agricultural land, for purposes of this exemption, is defined as "a tract containing a minimum of five contiguous commercial acres (175,000 SF) which is being used for the production of farm, garden, or orchard crops, or the grazing or raising of farm animals, including feeding pens that are incidental and subordinate to a grazing operation." An agricultural zoning exemption allows for land to be used without being subject to use regulations and safety codes. Applicants must demonstrate eligibility for an agricultural exemption by producing verifiable evidence of active commercial agricultural status. In addition, a reasonable operating profit must be possible from its agricultural use. Physical inspections may be conducted to substantiate the use as agricultural.

### Property Info

Parcel number(s) (APN):

Property zoning designation:

Total size of property:

Amount of land devoted to commercial agriculture (**must exceed 175,000 SF**):

### Property Owner Info

Name:

Mailing Address:

Subject Property Address (if different):

Phone Number:

Email:

**Processing Fee**

\$50. Applicants may pay online with a credit card or mail a check to the Development Services Department at 1415 W Melody Ln, Building F, Bisbee, AZ 85603, payable to the Cochise County Treasurer.

**Required Submittals**

This application

Evidence of commercial agriculture (upload to permitting portal)

A non-refundable processing fee

**Project Info**

1. How many months or years has the property been in active production?

2. Describe how the subject parcel is used for commercial production of a *general agricultural* crop or commodity (cropland, grazing, etc.):

3. Describe any proposed structures and their proposed use(s) for which you are seeking a zoning exemption from.

4. Describe the proof of commercial viability that is submitted with this application. Acceptable examples include: brand inspection certificates, a business plan (for new operations), an IRS Form Schedule F, Profit and Loss Statement (or equivalent), a livestock grazing plan, sales invoices of agricultural products or livestock sold, receipts for services rendered or items purchased relevant to the agricultural operation.

**Acknowledgment**

By typing their name below, the applicant hereby certifies that information contained in this application and accompanying plans and documents is true and correct. The applicant understands that if any of this information is false, it may be grounds for denial or future revocation.

Signature:

Date: