



# County Administrator's Office

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## AGRICULTURAL EXEMPTION – EXCAVATION AND OR LAND DISTURBANCE

In accordance with Code of Virginia, agricultural activity is specifically exempted from the stormwater (9VAC25-870) and erosion and sediment control regulations (9VAC25-840). As such, the Engineering Department of Wythe County requires **no permits, no inspections or fees.**

Definition of a Farm: A farm is a tract, or plot, of land devoted to agricultural activities: raising crops or raising of livestock; or a body of water devoted to the artificial cultivation of aquatic life.

This exemption specifically is for disturbance of land or excavating of land. If the disturbance is over 10,000 square feet, the county will inspect the activities. The county inspector will look for specific excavation operations to determine if the activity is an agricultural activity:

1. If the topsoil is not being removed. If the topsoil is not being removed then it is most likely an agricultural activity.
2. If the topsoil is being removed for a farm structure. The building official of Wythe County will have to be contacted for an exemption for the structure.
3. If the excavation is on an actual farm with agricultural activities. If agricultural activities are not being performed on the land where the excavation is being performed, then the exemption cannot be issued and an Erosion and Sediment Control Permit will be required and if the disturbance of land is over one acre, a Stormwater Management Permit will be required.

The owner has read and understands the above, and certifies the project as an agricultural activity.

OWNER PRINTED NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

TAX MAP # \_\_\_\_\_ ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE # \_\_\_\_\_ EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

Accepted by the Wythe County Engineer: Johnny D. Kincer

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_