



GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF  
GENERAL COUNSEL

OFFICE OF CHIEF COUNSEL  
10<sup>TH</sup> FLOOR, LABOR & INDUSTRY BUILDING  
SEVENTH AND FORSTER STREETS  
HARRISBURG, PA 17120

717-787-4186

Fax: 717-787-1303

www.dli.state.pa.us



DEPARTMENT OF  
**LABOR & INDUSTRY**  
COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA

April 14, 2005

Jeff Grove  
Local Affairs Director  
Pennsylvania Farm Bureau  
510 South 31<sup>st</sup> Street  
P.O. Box 8736  
Camp Hill, PA 17001-8736

**Re: Agricultural Building Permits under the Uniform Construction Code**

Dear Mr. Grove:

This is in response to your letter of March 23, 2005 to Jon Balson, UCC Administrator, concerning municipal building permit fees for agricultural buildings. You have requested a letter from the Department stating that agricultural buildings are exempt from the provisions of the Pennsylvania Construction Code Act (Act), the Act of November 11, 1999, P.L.491, No. 45, as amended 35 P.S. § 7210.101 et. seq and the regulations promulgated under the Act known as the "Uniform Construction Code (UCC)," 34 Pa. Code. Chapters 401-405.

Agricultural buildings cannot be regulated under the UCC. The Act at 35 P.S. § 7210.104 (b) provides that the Act "shall not apply to...any agricultural building. Municipalities that have opted to enforce the UCC cannot regulate agricultural buildings under the UCC. This includes requiring a permit application or a permit fee.

I trust this answers your inquiry. If you have additional questions, please contact me.

Sincerely,

Karen L. Galli  
Assistant Counsel

C: Jon Balson, UCC Administrator