

# **Agricultural Exemption Statement & Affidavit**

The Jo Daviess County Zoning Ordinance allows for the permitting of agricultural structures on land zoned Ag-1 General Agriculture.

**An Agricultural Use structure will only be permitted if it is determined to be used primarily as an accessory to the agricultural purpose as defined herein:**

**An Agricultural Residence will be permitted only if it qualifies under the definition herein:**

**Agriculture:** Includes land, building and structures used for agricultural purposes as herein defined, unless defined differently by 55 ILCS 5/5-12001 et seq. as determined by a court of competent jurisdiction and in such case, the later definition will apply.

**Agricultural Purposes:** Land, buildings or structures including the erection, maintenance, repair, alteration, remodeling or extension of said buildings or structures, whose principal activity includes the growing of farm crops, truck garden crops, animal and poultry husbandry, apiculture, aquaculture, dairying, floriculture, horticulture, nurseries, tree farms, sod farms, pasturage, viticulture, and wholesale greenhouses and the growing, developing, processing, conditioning, or selling of hybrid seed corn, seed beans, seed oats, or other farm seeds. *“Agriculture purpose” does not include the extraction of sand, gravel or limestone even when such activities are related to an agricultural purpose. In determining whether an activity involving use of the land has an agricultural purpose, the nature of the activity itself, rather than the property owner’s ultimate business objectives, determines whether or not the land, building or structure is used for agricultural purposes.*

**Agricultural Residence:** A residence occupied by persons whose principal activity is to be engaged in agricultural purposes, as herein defined, on the land (including buildings and structures thereon) which comprises the same zoning lot as the residence

**Please complete the application on the reverse side. In addition please provide one of the following documents to show current involvement with the farming process.**

- **Tax return (Schedule F)**
- **Grain receipts**
- **Livestock receipts**

Once the application is completed and notarized, please submit to the Planning & Development Department at 1 Commercial Drive Suite 1, Hanover, IL 61041, Phone: (815) 591-3810, Fax (815) 591-2728.

