

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

*Additional sources of guidance
to working with
local planning and zoning authorities:*

Your Township's Zoning Office

County Agricultural Development Board
(CADB): Located in all counties
EXCEPT- Essex, Hudson & Union

Find your local CADB here:
[nj.gov/agriculture/sadc/farmpreserve/
contacts/cadbs](https://www.nj.gov/agriculture/sadc/farmpreserve/contacts/cadbs)

Rutgers Cooperative Extension
(Rutgers NJAES)
<https://njaes.rutgers.edu/extension>

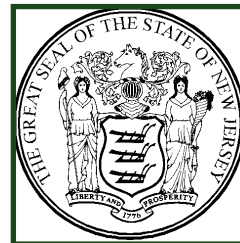


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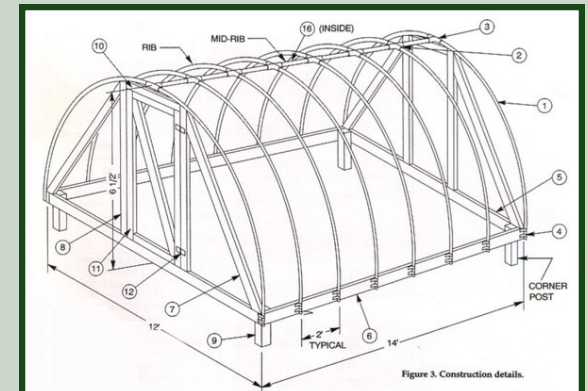
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Temporary Agricultural Structures on New Jersey Farms



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Run-In Shed

Temporary Agricultural Structures

If you are considering installing a Temporary Agricultural Structure, please review the following regulations:

- Uniform Construction Code (UCC) - *N.J.A.C. 5:23-3.2(d)* Rules concerning commercial farm buildings: Per the Highlands Water Protection and Planning Act *N.J.S.A. 13:20-1 et seq.*
<https://nj.gov/dca/divisions/codes/codreg/ucc>.
- Pinelands Protection Act *N.J.S.A. 13:18A-1 et seq.*
<https://nj.gov/pinelands>
- Highlands Protection Act *N.J.S.A. 13:20-1 et seq.*
<https://nj.gov/dep/highlands>
- NJDEP Land Use Regulations
<https://www.nj.gov/dep/landuse>

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DO'S

When considering construction of a Temporary Agricultural Structure for on-farm production, it is recommended to:

1. Review your local Municipal ordinances:
 - A. Identify parcel(s) location on Municipal zoning map, determine zoning district, and if a local permit is required.
 - B. Is agriculture a permitted use within your zone?
 - C. Are there setbacks and sizing constraints for accessory structures?
2. Identify existing environmental resources on site. These could include streams, wetlands or floodplain areas.
3. Does the structure qualify as an 'agricultural use'?
4. **Can the structure be categorized by the following, as defined under N.J.A.C. 5:23-3.2(d)?**
 - i. Temporary Greenhouse ("hoophouse, polyhouse")
 - ii. Three-sided turn out shed
 - iii. Garden-Type utility shed



Hay Storage Shelter



DONT'S

When is an agricultural structure **NOT** considered "temporary"?

- A. Structure with a foundation
- B. Permanent intact footings
- C. Existing utilities



The intent of the "Temporary Agricultural Structure" exception, is to allow for buildings that can be removed from the farm site. Temporary Agricultural Structures **DO NOT** have footings, or foundations.



Consider, if the structure is removed, can a crop be planted in its place?



Seasonal High Tunnel