

Farmstead Planning

When planning a new building or adding to an existing farmstead, you must consider such things as:

- Site drainage
- Services (lanes, power, water supply, waste disposal:
- Security
- Separation distances for snow and wind control, ventilation and disease control
- Distance separation from residences for control of noise and odours
- Municipal Regulations

Office of the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs can provide many Factsheets and other publications pertaining to the planning of farm buildings, manure storage, etc. Check with your local municipality and OMAFRA early in the planning stage. The construction of livestock facilities is usually only permitted in agricultural zones. In addition, the location of the facilities is often restricted by setback distances from roads, lot lines, neighbouring houses and land uses. Usually these setback distances are based on the Agricultural Code of Practice and take into account:

- Number of animals on the site.
- Type of livestock
- Management system
- Degree of expansion
- Manure storage