



USDA Matrix

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Income-Producing Buildings

The property must not include buildings designed and to be used principally for income-producing purposes. (e.g., barns, silos, greenhouses or livestock facilities used primarily for income producing agricultural, farming or commercial enterprise are ineligible). However, barns used for storage and outbuildings such as storage sheds are permitted if they are not used primarily for income producing agricultural, farming or commercial enterprise. A minimal income-producing activity, such as maintaining a garden that generates a small amount of additional income, does not violate this requirement. Home-based operations such as childcare, product sales, or craft production that do not require specific features are not restricted. A qualified property must be predominantly residential in use, character and appearance.

Income-Producing Land

The site must not have income-producing land that will be used principally for income producing purposes. Vacant land or properties used primarily for agriculture, farming or commercial enterprise are ineligible. Sites that have income-producing characteristics (e.g., large tracts of arable land ready for planting) are considered income-producing property. However, maintaining a garden for personal use is not in violation of this requirement. A minimal income-producing activity, such as a garden that could generate a small amount of additional income does not violate this requirement. A qualified property must be predominantly residential in use, character and appearance.