

## Pole Barn Work Sheet to Provide Building Estimate

Please complete this work sheet to the best of your ability. Then, either scan/email to: [Damon@PrecisionBarnBuilders.com](mailto:Damon@PrecisionBarnBuilders.com) or fax to: (404) 506-9477. To prevent unknown fax transmission error, please either email us a quick note so we make sure it arrived: [Damon@PrecisionBarnBuilders.com](mailto:Damon@PrecisionBarnBuilders.com) or call and leave us a message with your contact phone number: (706) 308-BARN.

The intention of this questionnaire is to provide information to formulate your barn design and give you a realistic estimate about the price to build your structure.

### Contact Information

First Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_  
Helpful hints if your name has any unusual pronunciation: \_\_\_\_\_  
Best contact number: \_\_\_\_\_ Preferred time to contact: \_\_\_\_\_  
Email address *clearly written*: \_\_\_\_\_  
County in which you plan to build: \_\_\_\_\_  
Complete Address of building site (Street, Town, Zip): \_\_\_\_\_

*(Your address and contact information is never shared with outside parties.)*

Is there anyone we can thank for referring you to our company? If yes, who? \_\_\_\_\_

Do you currently own the land upon which your barn will be built:  YES  No  
What is your time-frame for building?:  0-3 Months  3 - 6 months  6 - 12 months  
 At some unknown point in future

### What kind of pole barn will you build? (please check all that apply)

- Equipment Barn or Equipment Shed
- Back yard family horse barn
- Back yard family non-horse storage barn / work shop / man cave
- Boarding Facility / Horse Training / Breeding Facility
- Storage barn for commercial use
- RV Shed or Pavilion
- Garage or Auto-Carport  Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Will there be an apartment or living quarters within your barn?  YES  No

Will your barn be built to esthetically coordinate with your home?  YES  No

*If yes, please send us pictures of the exterior of your home with helpful notes about which features of your home you desire to esthetically complement.*

### What do you estimate to be the overall size of your barn?

When you consider the overall "foot print" of your barn (length x width not including any side sheds/wings or loft or overhangs) what do you project as the square footage of your barn?

YES  No  I really have no clue.

If yes or guess, please provide barn dimensions: Length: \_\_\_\_\_ x Width \_\_\_\_\_

*For example, a 36' x 36' barn with two side sheds that are each 12' wide, has a footprint of 1296 square feet (36x36).*

Is there a particular barn you have identified on our website that is similar to what you believe you want to have? YES No If yes, what is the name of the barn on our site?

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Are you concerned about zoning or set-backs required by your county possibly affecting your ability to build? YES No

## Scope of Work

Which statement best describes your wishes:

- I want my barn builder to build and be responsible for all aspects of my project which includes the structure as well as interior finish.
- I want my barn builder to build “the outside shell”. I will finish the interior rooms myself or at a later date.
- I want my barn builder to build the shell and a few specific areas - but, I intend to handle many of the finish areas myself. Please note those areas you wish for us to build as you answer the survey questions. Our quote will exclude “do it yourself” areas.
- I am not sure. I can do a lot of the work myself, but I may not have the time. So, my decision depends on price. Please note those areas you wish for us to build as you answer the survey questions. Our quote will exclude “do it yourself” areas.

## Sketching and Designing Options

Do you have detailed architectural drawings of your barn - interior and exterior? YES No

Do you have any sketches or rough renderings of your barn or barn footprint? YES No

**If “yes” to either of the above, please send a copy with this questionnaire.**

If “no”, will you eventually need us to sketch your barn (exterior elevations and floor plan) to help you better visualize your final barn? YES\* No Maybe\*

\*If you checked “yes” or “maybe” please carefully read the next paragraph.

Sketches are desired by many barn customers to help them visualize their thoughts and ideas for their “back yard” barn/garage/man cave/storage barn. If you direct us to sketch the floor plan or any exterior elevations of your barn, prior to signing an agreement that confirms Precision Barn Builders, LLC as your selected barn builder, there is a fee to cover our design time and handling of \$100. If you change your design and desire a new set of sketches, the fee will apply again. Please initial here to acknowledge you have read this statement: \_\_\_\_\_.

If directed to draw, the fee to sketch a wedding venue, boarding facility or house that look like barn is a minimum fee of \$400.

Comprehensive design services are available to out-of-area customers. Email us for information and pricing.

**Which of the following best describes your location and grading needs? Check all that apply.**

- I have not yet decided on the placement of my barn.
- I have a general idea where I intend to have my barn built.
- My land is thickly wooded and will require some tree removal.
- The area where the barn will be built is relatively open and flat.
- The area where the barn will be built is presently sloped.
- I will need my barn builder to grade / prepare the barn site.

I have a separate relationship with a grader and the site will be already prepared for my barn builder.

**Permitting and Utilities** (Please check all that apply. Options continue to the next page.)

- I will save money and obtain my own permit (I know you will help me with questions about the process.)
- I would like for you to go to the permit office and obtain the permit
- My barn plans are “primitive” and permitting will not be required.
- There is what appears to be “easy power access” to the building site
- There will need to be a temporary power pole installed
- The house is close by and you can pull power off of it until the temp meter is installed
- I am unfamiliar with power issues and will need you to evaluate this matter for me
- I will have water at the barn and there is a well nearby for access
- Water will be at the barn, but I am not certain how we will access it. Please evaluate.

**What “barn style” do you have in mind for your barn?** (see examples below)

- I don't care- the least expensive that functions for my needs is fine.
- Gable  Monitor  Gambrel  Open-Aisle  Shed Style (“shed sides” is on next page)



This is an example of a Gable Style Roof with steep pitch for a loft or upstairs apartment.



This is an example of Gable Style Roof also, but the less steep roof pitch has no loft.



This is an example of a Monitor Style Roof also called “Split Roof”.



This is an example of a Gambrel Style Roof also excellent for lofts and apartments.



This is an “Exposed Aisle” barn which, depending on other preferences, will have a gable-like style or shed style roof.



This roof design is called a “shed roof”.

Will you be using your barn to store equipment such as a tractor or horse camper?

YES  No

If yes, what is the height of your tallest storage item? \_\_\_\_\_ (This determines the eave height.)

Reference pictures provided below. Shed sides (also called “wings” or “lean tos”) can be built on the sides of gambrel, monitor and gable-styled barns. Shed sides can be “open” or “enclosed” depending on the function of your barn.



This is a steep pitched gable barn with one shed side that is enclosed.



This is a steep pitched gable barn with two enclosed shed sides. These shed sides are often built in an “open” style when customers want to store horse trailers, tractors or round bales under the open “wings”.

Do you want your barn to have “shed sides”?  YES  No

If yes, how many?  1  2 (Examples provided above)

If yes, the shed side(s) be:  OPEN or  ENCLOSED  ONE OF EACH

Do you desire the front of your barn to have a covered area by building an extended roof line?

YES  No

Do you desire a “concrete apron” (extension of concrete pad) at the main entrance(s) to your barn to prevent tracking dirt inside your barn?  YES  No

If yes, how many entrances to your barn will have an apron? \_\_\_1 \_\_\_2

### **Barn Exterior Coverage and Features - see our website for many ideas.**

Barns are covered with various siding options. Please check all that interest you.

Painted metal (29 gauge painted metal comes in a variety of attractive colors. This is a very low maintenance option and is about the same cost as wood. You are committed to your color since metal is not to be painted later.)

Old-fashioned “Rough Sawn Board and Batt” (You will want to eventually paint or stain this treatment to preserve the wood. And, colors can be changed by repainting.)

Smooth board siding

Hardy Plank with wood grain look (Beautiful look of wood, requires paint for color, very strong and durable, undesirable to bugs and, of course, is more expensive than most siding options.)

Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Uncertain, depends on budget.

**Do you want your barn to have a: (check all that apply)**

- Weathervane
- Cupola - for looks only
- Cupola - for ventilation by a functional fan inside cupola structure.
- More than one Cupola? If yes, how many: \_\_\_\_\_ How many will be functional? \_\_\_\_\_

**Does your barn have a front door? If yes, what kind:**

- Sliding Doors
- Garage Style Door (Traditional, Common)
- Garage Style Door with a “Carriage House look”
- Cased-opening
- Cased-opening with a functional cattle gate to close off animal access to the barn

**If applicable: What doors do you desire in the back of your barn?**

- Same as I noted above
- Sliding Doors
- Garage Style Door
- Garage Style Door with a “Carriage House look”
- Cased-opening
- Cased-opening that will be secured with a cattle gate
- Standard 3'0 entry door

**Roofing Material Preference:**

- Galvalume (unpainted metal, silver - doesn't rust and requires no insulation)
- Painted metal. If yes, do you want your roof insulated to reduce heat?  YES  No
- I would like some clear strips placed in my metal roof to function to let light in (no addl cost to customer)
- Shingles
- Eco- Friendly Grass roof manicured by farm goats. (Don't check that! We are joking!!)

**Please check all other features, rooms and options you desire in your barn:**

- I want my entire barn built on a full concrete pad.
- I want my entire barn built with a dirt floor.
- I want some areas to be poured with concrete and some areas without concrete.

Barn Aisle

If yes, how wide:

- 12' (common)
- 14'
- 16' (excellent in a busy barn; instructional barn)

Other? \_\_\_\_\_

- Office or “Bunk room”
- Small kitchen area (not as part of an apartment)
- Toilet. How many? \_\_\_\_\_
- Bathtub/Shower unit
- Utility tub / Deep sink If checked, please note below:
  - I want the tub/sink to have hot and cold water
  - I would like the tub/sink located in the \_\_\_\_\_.

Hot Water in the barn. If you are opting for hot water in any area of your barn, you will need a water heater. Where do you want your water heater?  enclosed  placed in a non-conspicuous corner of the \_\_\_\_\_ (name your preferred room).

Do you want a water spigot located at the front of your barn?  YES  No

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If your barn is not for horses, are there any other rooms desired in the lower level of your barn (not including an apartment) that are not described above? (For Example - we've built "dog kennels", workshops, work benches, and equipment storage areas.) If yes, please describe:

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**Does your barn have a loft?**  YES  No

If yes, is it:

Partial for storage (such as for hay)

Full for ample storage

Full loft and I desire the future option to finish as an apartment (opting for future apartment space directs framing method.)

**Does your barn have loft doors or upper windows?**  YES  NO

If yes, please check all that apply:

I don't have a loft, but want a pair of loft doors on the front of the barn for esthetics

I don't have a loft, but I would like window(s) for light.

I want a pair of loft doors on the front of the barn.

I want a pair of loft doors on the back of the barn.

### **Barn with Apartment**

Do you want your barn to also have a living quarters or apartment?  YES  No

If yes, please provide a brief description below:

Located on upper level

Located on ground floor

Very small one-bedroom, bath, small efficiency kitchen and small living area

One comfortable bedroom, full kitchen, bath and comfortable living area

Two bedrooms, full kitchen, bath and comfortable living area

Other: \_\_\_\_\_

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**If your barn is not for horses, please skip now to page #9.**

Once built, how many horses will consider this barn their home (regardless of stalling or pasture living)? \_\_\_\_\_

Approximately how many acres will accompany this barn? \_\_\_\_\_

## HORSE BARN ROOMS, CONVENIENCES AND OPTIONS: Please indicate your preferences:

If your horse barn has an aisle, what is the flooring of your aisle?

- Horse-safe lightly texture-brushed sealed concrete
  - Smooth, sealed concrete.
  - M-10 (coarse gray sand)
  - Dirt
  - Pavers
  - Other: \_\_\_\_\_
- Tack Room (separate)
  - Feed Room (separate)
  - Combined Tack-Feed Room
  - Wash Rack. Please note desired features below:
    - Warming light
    - Exit door in addition to entry door
    - Window
    - Dutch door exit
    - Metal walls
    - Varnished T&G wood walls
    - Hot and Cold Water spigots
    - Washing wand
    - Your wash rack will be located:  Inside barn  Outside as poured pad with hitching post

## STALLS FRONTS, WALLS and OTHER FEATURES - see our website for pictures

How many stalls do you want in your barn?

1  2  3  4  5  6  7  8  9  10  11  12 If more, #\_\_\_\_

Do you want all of your stalls to be standard size, 12' x 12'?  YES  No

If no, please specify desired sizes: \_\_\_\_\_

Do you want any of your stalls to have an easy-to-remove "foaling stall wall"?  YES  No

If yes, how many foaling stall walls do you desire? \_\_\_\_\_

Which below describes your stall front preference?

- Old fashioned "half-wall" with swing in or out half door. (no grills, but metal crib guard)
- Grilled stall fronts (Brand preference? \_\_\_\_\_)
  - Grills with lots of wood
  - Grills with less wood
  - European Style (more pricey, but beautiful!)

If grilled, which describes your preference:

- I will rarely use my stalls, so a low end front (like Northern Tool or Tractor Supply line) will be fine.
- I want a stall front that is of medium quality, sturdy and reliable.
- I want a top of the line stall front that will look brand new 10 years from now, win awards for standing up against the pressure of an impatient horse and never jump the tracks.

If grilled, will your stall front have swing out feeders? YES No

If grilled or open half walled, will your stalls have a “drop down” hay chute from an above loft?  
YES No

**Which describes your preference in a stall divider wall:**

- Wood boards all the way to the top
- Wood boards tall enough to keep the horses from getting to each other
- Grills to coordinate with my stall fronts
- Cinderblocks (we advise against this, but if it is your preference, we will build what you want!)

**Which describes your preference for finishing the rear walls of your stalls:**

- Rough sawn boards placed “end to end” (most economical)
- 1 x 6 Tongue and Groove
- Other? Please specify: \_\_\_\_\_

**STALL FLOORING**

Please check your preference: (it is assumed that horse shavings will be placed on top of your preferred stall floor)

- Thick precisely cut butted mats over poured concrete
- Interlocking fitted mats over gravel and M-10
- Interlocking fitted mats over dirt
- Bare dirt floors, no mats
- Other? Please describe: \_\_\_\_\_

**REAR OF STALL - if your stalls are not all identical, specify the number of each you desire.**

- Solid Wall (#\_\_\_\_)
- Cased opening to allow a view for horses (#\_\_\_\_)
- Cased opening with working shutters (#\_\_\_\_)
- Dutch doors (also called “up and down doors” or “in and out” doors). (#\_\_\_\_)



Dutch doors can be hand-built or pre-manufactured.

**How will you water your horses in the barn:**

- Automatic waterers (More pricey and will require periodic maintenance)
- Gravity fed water flow system (series of PVC pipe with hose at end, out of reach of horse, suspended over bucket and is operated by a valve)
- We will take a hose over to the bucket and fill them up
- Other, please describe: \_\_\_\_\_

**STALL FANS:** Do you desire stall fans in each of your stalls? YES No

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## Budget for Your Pole Barn Project - Let Us Help You Get What You Want:

There are common misconceptions about the cost of building “just a barn”. Few persons wince when hearing the price of a small, modest stick built home on a slab. Yet when someone unfamiliar with building costs, learns how much it costs to build “just a barn”, they often gasp in disbelief. Don’t let the pre-fab barns outside of Home Depot mislead you. The Grimm’s Fairy Tale Wolf can huff, puff and blow that barn down after you’ve paid the additional costs of transport, permitting, grading, electricity, plumbing and interior finish.

Compare the cost of a house for humans with a barn for horses. There is similarity. The same grader grades, the same wood frames; the same metal roofs; the same lathing lathes, the same electrician wires, the same plumber plumbs, the same labor crew measures twice, cuts once, climbs and nails, the same foundation concrete for a home is mixed, poured and finished for a barn slab. Of course, there are less fancy outlets, faucets and no carpet. But, if it’s a home for horses add stall fronts, stalls, water heater, an upper level, huge custom built barn doors, etc.... all features adds to the cost of your barn.

By knowing your “wants”, “needs” and “budget”, we can often build a barn perfectly suited to you and within your budget. When the needs exceed the budget, there are times we can stage the work so that, over time, you add features to your barn. For example, big wooden doors at the front of a barn can be added later, if cost is prohibitive and cattle gates can be used in the meantime. If we learn you have Rolls Royce taste on a mid-level budget, we can guide you with design options that find that comfortable place of compromise. If your project description is not close to your budget, we will contact you prior to initiating efforts to assemble your bid.

Our company philosophy includes building quality barns for fair prices. We seriously doubt you can find our quality for a cheaper price because we price fairly and our building team is efficient. We encourage you to call an extensive customer reference list to learn about our kept promises, clean building site and on-time delivery.

If we can provide you with a realistic estimate under your budget, we will do so. Knowing your budget does not affect our pricing. However, knowing your realistic budget helps us help you get the right barn for the right price. It is against our company policy to “low ball” or quote unrealistic estimates to customers. It is against our company policy to surprise a customer with an unexpected bill.

### Please check your realistic budget:

△I have no budget - I am going to pay a competitive fair price to get my dream barn.

△ Under \$10,000	△45,000 - 50,000	△80,000 - 85,000
△10,000 - 15,000	△50,000 - 55,000	△85,000 - 90,000
△15,000 - 20,000	△55,000 - 60,000	△90,000 - 95,000
△20,000 - 25,000	△60,000 - 65,000	△95,000 - 100,000
△25,000 - 30,000	△65,000 - 70,000	△100,000 - 110,000
△35,000 - 40,000	△70,000 - 75,000	△110,000 - 120,000
△40,000 - 45,000	△75,000 - 80,000	△120,000+    △150,000+    △200,000+
		△250,000+    △300,000+

**Do You Need Fence Work?**     YES     NO

If yes, please check all that apply and provide (if you know it) estimated lineal footage (ELF) in the line provided.

- Traditional 4 board “horse fencing” ELF: \_\_\_\_\_
- Traditional 3 board “horse fencing” ELF: \_\_\_\_\_
- I would like a “hot top” on my horse fencing. ELF: \_\_\_\_\_
- Horse-safe twisted (not welded) field wire (won’t catch and hang up hooves) ELF: \_\_\_\_\_
- High tinsel (electric) wire.     3 strands     4 strands     5 strands    \_\_\_\_\_ ELF: \_\_\_\_\_
- ElectroBraid Wire     Black     White     3 strands     4 strands     5 strands    ELF: \_\_\_\_\_
- Dog fencing ELF: \_\_\_\_\_
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_ ELF: \_\_\_\_\_

Gates are priced separately and price is determined by quantity, style and size.

**Will you be in need of any of the following? (please check those that apply):**

- Standard Round Pen for horse training
- Horse arena
- Hitching posts outside of barn
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_

These items will not be included in the barn quote, but will be discussed during the site visit and priced separately.

All price estimates are provided by Damon Hunt. Since every barn we build is custom built, this requires our review of your survey and often contacting vendors for updated prices. Pricing estimates are assembled on rainy-weather days or during a pre-scheduled administrative day.

We will confirm receipt of your survey by email 1 - 2 days after receipt.

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