



Agricultural Use Questionnaire for 1-d-1 Agricultural Land

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To assist us in timely verifying your eligibility for agricultural productivity valuation, please complete and return this questionnaire along with your application (Form 50-129). If you have any questions concerning the requested information, please contact the Matagorda County Appraisal District at the phone number listed above.

<http://www.matagorda-cad.org>

STEP 1: Fencing and livestock.

If used for grazing, was the land fenced on January 1st?..... ☐ YES ☐ NO

Is the land fenced now? ☐ YES ☐ NO

List the type of livestock grazed: Number of cattle: _____ Number of horses: _____

Number of goats/sheep: _____ Other (specify): _____

STEP 2: Pasture type.

How many acres are: Improved pasture: _____

Native pasture: _____

Type of grass: _____

STEP 3: If you produce one of the following, please provide the information requested in the space(s) below.

Hay..... Number of acres: _____ ➡ **Complete the "Hay Supplement" at the end of this form.**

Turf grass..... Number of acres: _____

Corn..... Number of acres: _____ ➡ Average yield per acre in bushels: _____

Cotton..... Number of acres: _____ ➡ Average yield per acre in bales: _____

Rice..... Number of acres: _____ ➡ Average yield per acre in CWT: _____

Soybeans..... Number of acres: _____ ➡ Average yield per acre in bushels: _____

Milo..... Number of acres: _____ ➡ Average yield per acre in CWT: _____

Nuts, Fruits, etc..... Number of acres: _____ ➡ Average yield per acre: _____

Aquaculture..... Number of acres: _____

Other (as listed on application)..... Number of acres: _____ ➡ Average yield per acre: _____

STEP 4: FSA program participation.

Is this land currently in a FSA program, or do you plan to participate in a FSA program during the next 12 months? ☐ YES ☐ NO

If your answer is "YES," indicate your FSA farm number: _____

STEP 5: Residency.

Do you live on the property? ☐ YES ☐ NO

STEP 6: Property access.

What type of access road does the property have? ☐ COUNTY ROAD ☐ FARM ROAD ☐ PRIVATE ROAD ☐ OTHER

Road name: _____

STEP 7: Land use.

Do you use your land yourself or lease it to a tenant? ☐ SELF ☐ LEASE ☐ HAY PRODUCER

If your answer is "**LEASE** or **HAY PRODUCER**," please provide the following information. Also, attach a copy of the lease (if available).

This property is leased to: _____

Address: _____

City, State & ZIP code: _____

Telephone number: _____

STEP 8: Lease agreements.

If there is no written lease, what are the lease agreements?

(SKIP THIS QUESTION if you are submitting or have already submitted a copy of your current lease agreement(s).)

A. Cash: _____ (Amount per acre: _____)

B. Number of years: _____

C. Other terms: _____

STEP 9: Hunting use.

Is the property leased for hunting? ☐ YES ☐ NO

If your answer is "**YES**," please provide a copy of the lease or lease agreement.

STEP 10: Additional acreage.

Do you or your tenant lease or use additional acreage for the same agricultural purpose? ☐ YES ☐ NO

If your answer is "**YES**," please provide the size, location, and property owner's name of this additional acreage.

Property size: _____

Property location: _____

Property owner's name: _____

STEP 11: Land sales activity.

Have you sold or purchased any land in the past year? ☐ YES ☐ NO

If your answer is "**YES**," please provide the following information:

Acres sold: _____ Sales price: _____ Purchaser's name: _____

Acres purchased: _____ Sales price: _____

STEP 12: Signature and affirmation.

ANY PERSON WHO MAKES A FALSE ENTRY UPON THE FOREGOING RECORD SHALL BE SUBJECT TO THE PENALTIES SET FORTH IN SECTION 10 OF THE TEXAS PENAL CODE.

I CERTIFY THAT THE INFORMATION GIVEN ON THIS QUESTIONNAIRE IS TRUE AND CORRECT.

Applicant's Signature

Date

Printed Name

Telephone Number (including area code)



Application for 1-d-1 (Open – Space) Agricultural Use Appraisal

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Hay Production Supplement

If you are applying to qualify land for open-space agricultural appraisal on the basis of hay production, you must complete this supplement. Generally, your haying operation must meet these standards for degree of intensity:

- A. Minimum Level of Production:** A minimum of 3000 pounds of dry forage per cutting per acre must be cut and baled annually. This is roughly equivalent to two 1,500 pound bales or fifty 60 pound square bales per acre.
- B. Weed & Brush Control:** For all forage species, both native and introduced, the producer must be engaging in weed and brush control practices sufficient to prevent an economic infestation of non-palatable plants including weeds, vines, and woody brush. If our inspection of the tract finds it to be relatively free of invader species, your weed and brush control practices will be deemed sufficient for the year of inspection. Tract on which weed and brush control are insufficient will not be approved for agricultural productivity valuation.
- C. Frequency of Harvest:** If native grasses are the predominant forage, the producer must cut and bale hay at least once each year. If the predominant forage species is an introduced grass, including Bahia or Bermuda grass, hay must be cut and baled at least twice each year unless the producer can establish to the district's satisfaction that growing conditions prevented a second cutting. Regardless of forage type, if the hay field is also being used to graze cattle with the stock removed only during the hay season, only one annual cutting is required.
- D. Fertilization:** Hay fields require periodic fertilization. An appropriate amount of fertilizer must be applied to the hay field at least once each spring. If hay fields are also used for livestock grazing and management practices are used to recycle nutrients, no fertilization is required. Receipts for the purchase and application of fertilizer should be available for inspection if requested by the appraisal district. Hay fertilization suggestions may be obtained from the Texas Agricultural Extension Service.

SUPPLEMENTAL QUESTIONS: Please answer all that apply.

1.) What is the predominant type of forage grass on this tract? _____

2.) How many times was hay cut and baled on this tract last year? _____

If only one (1) cutting was made, please explain why:

3.) How many pounds of dry hay were produced on this tract last year? _____

This production consisted of _____ Round Bales and/or _____ Square Bales

4.) Do you certify compliance with the above listed standards for weed & brush control and fertilization? ☐ YES ☐ NO

If your answer is "NO", please explain why:

5.) Do you produce hay on any other property? ☐ YES ☐ NO

If your answer is "YES", please give the location(s):



Application for 1-d-1 (Open – Space) Agricultural Use Appraisal Bee Supplement

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If you are applying to qualify land for open-space agricultural appraisal on the basis of bee production, you must complete this supplement. Generally, your bee operation must meet these standards for degree of intensity:

- A. Minimum/Maximum Acreage Requirements:** A minimum of 5 acres and a maximum of 20 acres is required for the bee agricultural special use. If improvements are located on the property you will need to have more than 5 acres to qualify. Any questions about minimum and maximum acreage should be address with the appraisal district.
- B. Minimum Level of Production:** A minimum of 6 colonies is required for 5 acres then 1 additional colony for each additional 2 1/2 acres. For example 12 acres would require 8 colonies and 13 acres would require 9 colonies etc... If a colony dies or swarms it is expected that the colony will be replaced as soon as possible. Having bee boxes without active colonies does not constitute an agricultural use.
- C. Minimum Frequency of Harvest:** At a minimum each colony should be harvested once a year when the last major nectar flow of the season is complete. A record of all harvesting activities should be kept and a copy provided for any applications submitted for bees. Use as a food source or other tangible products is a requirement to get the agricultural use designation.
- D. Bee Boxes:** All bee boxes should be accessible with the area around the boxes mowed regularly. A new picture of the bee boxes should be turned in whenever an application is submitted. All bee boxes should be maintained in good working order.
- E. Map:** All applications should include a map of the property (Google map is acceptable) showing the location of the bee boxes. If the boxes are moved the map should be updated and turned into the appraisal district.

SUPPLEMENTAL QUESTIONS: Please answer all that apply.

1.) How many acres in bees are you currently applying for? _____

2.) How many colonies do you currently have on the property? _____

If you have less colonies than required, please explain why:

3.) How many times were the frames harvested in the last year? _____

This production consisted of _____ Pounds of Honey _____ # Frames

4.) Besides honey is their other tangible products that were harvested during this season? ☐ YES ☐ NO

If your answer is "YES", please give examples including quantities:

5.) Do you have bee hives on another property? ☐ YES ☐ NO

If your answer is "YES", please give the location(s):
