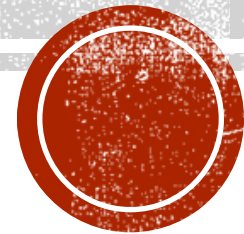


HOW TO FILE YOUR AG APPLICATION!!

Application form: 50-129 application for
1-d-1 (open-space) Agricultural Appraisal



IMPORTANT REMINDERS!!!

You must file a new ag application if there has been....

- An ownership change
- Change of use to the land
- If you receive a letter requesting a new application

If you get a letter requesting a new application to be filed, you must always fill it out!

Be sure to have good contact information and verify the mailing address

If an ag application is not completed entirely, the application will get denied and Ag will not be considered for the year.

Ag is NOT guaranteed!!



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

Form 50-129

Appraisal District's Name

Tax Year

Appraisal District Account Number (if known)

GENERAL INFORMATION: Texas Constitution, Article VIII, Section 1-d-1, and Tax Code, Chapter 23, Subchapter D, provide for appraisal of open-space land.

FILING INSTRUCTIONS: This form must be filed with the appraisal district office in each county in which the property is located. **Do not file this document with the Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts.**

SECTION 1: Property Owner/Applicant

The applicant is the following type of property owner:

Individual Partnership Corporation Other (specify):

Name of Property Owner

Date of Birth

Physical Address, City, State, ZIP Code

Primary Phone Number (area code and number)

Email Address*

Mailing Address, City, State, ZIP Code (if different from the physical address provided above)

SECTION 2: Authorized Representative

If you are an individual property owner filing this application on your own behalf, skip to Section 3; all other applicants are required to complete Section 2.

Please indicate the basis for your authority to represent the property owner in filing this application:

Officer of the company General Partner of the company Attorney for property owner

Agent for tax matters appointed under Tax Code Section 1.111 with completed and signed Form 50-162

Other and explain basis:

Name of Authorized Representative

Title of Authorized Representative

Primary Phone Number (area code and number)

Email Address*

Mailing Address, City, State, ZIP Code

SECTION 3: Property Description and Information

Provide the descriptive information requested below for the property that is the subject of this application or attach last year's tax statement, notice of appraised value or other correspondence identifying the property.

Number of Acres (subject to this application)

Legal Description, abstract numbers, field numbers and/or plat numbers:

STEP 1, MAKE SURE YOU
HAVE THE CORRECT
APPLICATION...



SECTION 3: Property Description and Information (concluded)

Select the appropriate box in response to each question below.

1. Has the property's ownership changed since Jan. 1 of last year or since the last application was submitted? Yes No
If yes, the new owner must complete all applicable questions in Section 4 and, if the land is used to manage wildlife, complete Section 5.
2. Has the former owner passed away? Yes No
If yes, are you the surviving spouse of the former owner? Yes No
3. Last year, was 1-d-1 appraisal allowed on this property by this appraisal district's chief appraiser? Yes No
If no, you must complete all applicable questions in Section 4 and, if the land is used to manage wildlife, complete Section 5.
If yes, complete only those parts of sections 4 and 5 that have changed since the earlier application or any information in sections 4 and 5 requested by the chief appraiser.
4. Is this property located within the corporate limits of a city or town? Yes No

SECTION 4: Property Use

1. Describe this property's current and past agricultural uses as described in Section 3, starting with the current year and working back five years or until five out of seven years of agricultural use is shown. Use the agricultural land categories listed in the Important Information section of this form. Divide the total acreage according to individual uses to which the land is principally devoted. Five years of continuous agricultural use may be required if the land is located within the corporate limits of a city or town.

Year	Agricultural Use Category of Land (List all that apply)	Acres Principally Devoted to Agricultural Use
Current		
1		
2		
3		
4		
5		
6		
7		

2. (a) List the livestock, exotic animals or exotic fowl raised or kept or the type of wildlife managed on the property and the number of acres used for each activity. Attach a list if the space is not sufficient.

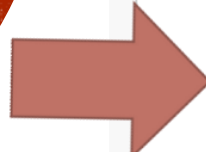
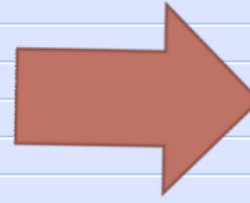
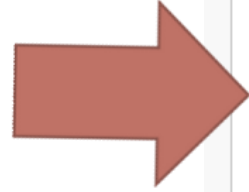
Livestock, Exotic or Wildlife	Number of Acres

- (b) List the number of head of livestock or exotic animals raised or kept on the property (average over the year). Attach a list if the space is not sufficient.

Livestock or Exotics	Number of Head

3. List the crops grown (including ornamental plants, flowers or grapevines) and the number of acres devoted to each crop. Attach a list if the space is not sufficient.

Type of Crop	Number of Acres



Important Information

GENERAL INFORMATION

Agricultural use includes, but is not limited to, the following activities: (1) cultivating the soil; (2) producing crops for human food, animal feed, or planting seed or for the production of fibers; (3) floriculture, viticulture and horticulture; (4) raising or keeping livestock; (5) raising or keeping exotic animals or fowl for the production of human food or fiber, leather, pelts or other tangible products having a commercial value; (6) planting cover crops or leaving land idle for the purpose of participating in a governmental program provided the land is not used for residential purposes or a purpose inconsistent with agricultural use or leaving the land idle in conjunction with normal crop or livestock rotation procedures; (7) producing or harvesting logs and posts used for construction or repair of fences, pens, barns or other agricultural improvements on adjacent open-space land having the same owner and devoted to a different agricultural use; (8) wildlife management; and (9) beekeeping.

Wildlife management is defined as actively using land that at the time the wildlife-management use began, was appraised as qualified open-space or timberland under Tax Code, Chapter 23, Subchapter D or E, to propagate a sustaining breeding, migrating or wintering population of indigenous wild animals for human use, including food, medicine or recreation, in at least three of the following ways: (1) habitat control; (2) erosion control; (3) predator control; (4) providing supplemental supplies of water; (5) providing supplement supplies of food; (6) providing shelters; and (7) making census counts to determine population.

Wildlife management is also defined as actively using land to protect federally listed endangered species under a federal permit if the land is included in a habitat preserve subject to a conservation easement created under Natural Resources Code Chapter 183 or part of a conservation development under a federally approved habitat conservation plan restricting the land's use to protect federally listed endangered species or actively using land for a conservation or restoration project under certain federal and state statutes. These two types of wildlife management uses do not require showing a history of agricultural use but do require evidence identified in Section 5, questions 7 and 8.

Agricultural land use categories include: (1) irrigated cropland; (2) dry cropland; (3) improved pastureland; (4) native pastureland; (5) orchard; (6) wasteland; (7) timber production; (8) wildlife management; and (9) other categories of land that are typical in the area.

APPLICATION DEADLINES

The completed application must be filed with the chief appraiser before May 1 of the year for which agricultural appraisal is requested. If the application is approved, a new application is not required in later years unless the land ownership changes, eligibility ends or the chief appraiser requests a new application.

Starting Jan. 1, 2024, if a landowner passes away and the land's ownership transfers from the deceased owner to the deceased owner's surviving spouse; the land's ownership is not considered to have changed. Under this provision, the land is still eligible for special valuation even if the surviving spouse did not timely file a valid application.

A late application may be filed up to midnight the day before the appraisal review board (ARB) approves appraisal records for the year, which usually occurs in July. If a late application is approved, a penalty will be applied to

An application can be filed after the deadline if:

- the land that is the subject of the application was previously open-space land under Subchapter D (open-space);
- the land's ownership changed during the landowner's lifetime in the preceding tax year; and
- the application is filed not later than the delinquency date of the taxes on the land for the year for which the application is filed:
 - the decedent's surviving spouse or surviving child;
 - the executor or administrator of the decedent's estate;
 - a fiduciary acting on behalf of the decedent's surviving spouse or a surviving child.

CHIEF APPRAISER ACTIONS

The chief appraiser shall, as soon as practicable but not later than 90 days after the later of the following two dates: date the application and is first eligible for 1-d-1 appraisal; or the date the applicant provides the information necessary, make one of the following decisions:

- approve the application and grant agricultural appraisal;
- disapprove it and ask for more information; or
- deny the application.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION REQUEST

The chief appraiser may disapprove the application and request additional information to evaluate this application. This request must be delivered in a written notice to the applicant as soon as practicable but not later than the 30th day after the application was filed with the appraisal district. The notice must specify the additional information the applicant must provide so the chief appraiser can make a determination. The applicant must provide the additional information not later than the 30th day after the request date or the application will be denied. The chief appraiser may extend this deadline for a single period not to exceed 15 days for good cause shown.

DENIED APPLICATIONS

The chief appraiser may deny an application. He or she must notify the applicant in writing not later than the fifth day after the determination by certified mail. It must state and fully explain each reason for the denial. The landowner can file a protest of the denial with the ARB.

DUTY TO NOTIFY AND PENALTIES

The property owner must notify the chief appraiser no later than the April 30 following the change in use or eligibility. A change of land use for all or part of the property will trigger substantial additional tax, commonly called a rollback tax. Payment of a penalty may also be required for failure to notify the chief appraiser of a change in agricultural use or qualification. Notice must be delivered to the chief appraiser if:

- the property stops being used for agriculture (e.g., voluntarily stopped farming);
- category of land use changes (e.g., from dry cropland to irrigated cropland);
- level of use changes (e.g., a substantial increase or decrease in the number of cattle raised);
- nature of use changes (e.g., a switch from growing corn to

AGRICULTURAL LAND USE! THESE ARE THE ANSWERS I AM LOOKING FOR ON THAT SECTION OF THE APPLICATION.

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Year	Agricultural Use Category of Land <i>(List all that apply)</i>	Acreage Principally Devoted to Agricultural Use
Current	Native / improved pastureland	49 / 50
1	Native / improved pastureland	49 / 50
2	Native / improved pastureland	49 / 50
3	Native / improved pastureland	49 / 50
4	Native / improved pastureland	49 / 50
5	Native / improved pastureland	49 / 50
6	Native / improved pastureland	49 / 50
7	Native / improved pastureland	49 / 50

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Livestock, Exotic or Wildlife	Number of Acres
Cattle	49

- (b) List the number of head of livestock or exotic animals raised or kept on the property (average over the year). Attach a list if the space is not sufficient.

Livestock or Exotics	Number of Head
Bull	1
COWS	15-20

- List the crops grown (including ornamental plants, flowers or grapevines) and the number of acres devoted to each crop. Attach a list if the space is not sufficient.

Type of Crop	Number of Acres
Hay	50

THIS IS WHAT IT SHOULD LOOK LIKE....



SECTION 4: Property Use (concluded)

4. List the participation in any government programs for planting cover crops or land lying idle and the number of acres devoted to each program. Attach a list if the space is not sufficient.

Program Name	Number of Acres

5. If the property is now used for any nonagricultural activities, list all nonagricultural uses and the number of acres devoted to each use. Attach a list if the space is not sufficient.

Nonagricultural Use	Number of Acres

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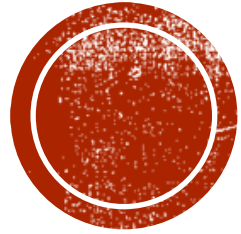
A.

B.

C.

**NON-AGRICULTURAL USE:
YOUR HOMESITE AND ANY OTHER BUILDINGS OR
IMPROVEMENTS NOT USED FOR AGRICULTURE.**





WHEN COMPLETED....

- You can drop your completed form at our office, fax, mail or email.
- Applications are due no later than April 30th. Anything submitted after will receive a 10% penalty, deadline is no later than certification (JULY).

Contact our office if you have any additional questions:

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