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Guidelines for Qualifying Land For Agricultural Use Through Beekeeping For 2026

1. The land must have been devoted principally to agricultural use or to production of timber or forest products or to beekeeping for five of the preceding seven years (2019 - 2025).

2. The land must currently devoted principally to raising or keeping bees for (1) pollination or (2) the production of human food or other tangible products having a commercial value.

3. The land devoted to beekeeping must be at least 5.00 acres (6.00 acres if there is a home located on the property) in size and not more than 20.00 acres in size.

4. A minimum degree of intensity standard is six colonies and 5.00 acres. For each additional 2.50 acres, one additional hive is required as shown in the table below. However, if the additional acreage increment is less than 2.50 acres, no additional hive is required.

Number of Acres	Number of Hives
5.00	6
7.50	7
10.00	8
12.50	9
15.00	10
17.50	11
20.00	12

5. The hives must be maintained, and the bees must be kept alive on an on-going basis according to generally accepted management practices.

6. These guidelines are general in nature and each tract will be considered on the basis of its own merits.

7. The property must pass a physical inspection by an appraiser.

8. An application for agricultural use valuation must be filed with the appraisal district between January 1st and April 30th.

9. The productivity value for beekeeping is substantially higher than the value for conventional agricultural uses such as grazing livestock but is much lower than the non-agricultural value would be.