QUALIFICATIONS & DEGREES OF INTENSITY FOR AGRICULTURAL, TIMBER, & WILDLIFE VALUATIONS

LAND SIZE TO QUALIFY

TYPE OF ACTIVITY	MINIMUM ACREAGE
GRAZING	5.0
CUTTING HAY	5.0
BEES	5.0 (20.0 ACRE MAXIMUM)
VINEYARD, ORCHARD, TRUCK CROPS	5.0
TIMBER PRODUCTION	10.0

QUALIFYING UNITS

CATTLE – 1 UNIT PER 5 ACRES	GOATS/SHEEP/DOMESTIC PIGS – 2 UNITS PER ACRE
HORSE / MULE / DONKEY – 1 UNIT PER 5 ACRES	ORCHARD (FRUIT / NUT TREES) 15 TREES PER ACRE
TRUCK CROPS & VINEYARD – 100 PLANTS PER ACRE	FREE RANGE POULTRY/ FOWL DO NOT QUALIFY
BEES – 6 HIVES FOR THE FIRST 5 ACRES AFTER 5 ACRES AND 6 HIVES, IT IS 1 ADDITIONAL HIVE PER 2.5 ACRES IF LESS THAN ADDITIONAL 2.5 ACRES, NO ADDITIONAL HIVE IS NEEDED (20 ACRE MAXIMUM)	

DOCUMENTS TO BE INCLUDED WITH 1-D-1 AGRICULTURAL APPLICATION

A MUST – A five out of seven-year history is required. If the property has NEVER had or has gone for more than two years without having an Agricultural / Timber Valuation, you must provide documentation for each year for the preceding five years. If documentation is not available for the history, then you must complete the 1-D-1 Ag Application with documentation (receipts, lease agreement, etc.) each year for the next six years. On the sixth year, the Valuation will be applied. The Schedule "F" from your Income Tax Return can be used in place of receipts for each year. **Ag Applications are good for the current owner of the application for 10 years once granted, UNLESS the land usage is for Bee Keeping, which is an Annual Application.**

GRAZING PASTURE
Receipts must be for the CURRENT year
A minimum of 3 receipts and/or bills
(Livestock bought/sold, feed, fertilizer, vet)

BEE KEEPING
Receipts must be for the CURRENT year
A minimum of 3 receipts and 3 pictures of the active Hives.
(Consultant, Hive, Bee Suit and/or other equipment,
Queen and/or additional bee purchase receipts)
fertilizer)

CUTTING HAY
Receipts must be for the CURRENT year
A minimum of 3 receipts and/or bills
(Fertilizer, diesel, implement parts or supplies)

VINEYARDS, ORCHARDS, TRUCK CROPS
Receipts must be for the CURRENT year
A minimum of 3 receipts and/or bills
(Seed, plant, tree, Irrigation supplies
chemical receipts such as pesticides or

IF LEASING THE PROPERTY – A current, typed or written agreement between the landowner & person operating on said land stating that the landowner is allowing for livestock and/or hay production on the property. Agreement must include who is responsible for fencing, fence maintenance, and fertilization if applicable. Must be signed & dated by both parties.

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TIMBER PRODUCTION VALUATION

Land size – minimum of 10 Acres designated to timber & a five out of seven-year history is required. If the property has NEVER had or has gone more than two years without having the Agricultural / Timber Valuation, you must provide documentation for each year for the preceding five years. A Timber Management Plan that states the age of the timber will be sufficient in providing the history required if the Timber is five or more years old. If converting from Ag to Timber (planting new timber) applicants must provide the Timber Management Plan with Timber Application the first year and just the Timber Application for the next five years. Property is subject to physical inspections at the appraiser's discretion.

You must submit a written or typed Timber Management Plan along with the Timber Application. You CANNOT use the previous owner's Timber Management Plan. Timber Application & Plans are good for the current owner of the plan for 10 years. You may contact a consultant to obtain a Timber Management Plan or you may also submit a self-managed Timber Management Plan if you are knowledgeable in preparing one.

Per Tax Code Sec. 23.72 (b) & 23.980 (d), land located in a road, right-of-way, buffer area, or firebreak will qualify as being productive timberland if the whole tract qualifies for special appraisal.

Plan Requirements – (must have all 4 requirements)

1. **Map or plat of site showing types of trees and number of acres per type**
2. **Estimation of timber volume**
3. **Past management history written in detail and dates of any timber harvested**
4. **Long-term management plan written in detail (current owners plans)**

Wildlife Valuation

Land Size – Minimum of 10 acres - The land must have had either Agricultural Use and/or Timber Use applied to the property the previous year for the land to qualify for Wildlife Management.

Your first year, the **1-D-1 Open Space Texas Parks & Wildlife Plan Application** must state you are using AT LEAST three of the following seven ways to propagate a sustaining breeding, migrating, or wintering population of indigenous wild animals for human consumption, including food, medicine or recreation.

(a) Habitat Control **(b)** Erosion Control **(c)** Predator Control **(d)** Providing supplemental supplies of water **(e)** Providing supplemental supplies of food **(f)** Providing shelter **(g)** Making census counts to determine population

The 1-D-1 Open Space Texas Parks & Wildlife Annual Report must be completed and turned in every year along with supportive evidence for each of the management practices the property owner is actively using. A minimum of 3 Receipts and 3 Pictures of each activity & no more than 10 receipts or 10 Pictures.
Each management practice must meet the degrees of intensity set forth by the Texas Parks & Wildlife Department for the Piney Woods Ecological Region detailed information, further guidelines & information from the TPWD can be found at : https://tpwd.texas.gov/landwater/land/private/agricultural_land/

ALL VALUATION APPLICATIONS ARE DUE APRIL 30TH. AS OF MAY 1ST, A LATE APPLICATION PENALTY WILL BE APPLIED. YOU CAN APPLY FOR VALUATIONS WITH PENALTY UP UNTIL MIDNIGHT THE NIGHT BEFORE THE APPRAISAL ROLL IS APPROVED. INCOMPLETE APPLICATIONS, RECEIPTS, & PLANS WILL NOT BE HELD UNTIL COMPLETE. INFORMATION WILL BE SENT BACK TO THE PROPERTY OWNER AS INCOMPLETE.

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