

Orange County Appraisal District  
 PO Box 457  
 Orange, Texas 77630  
 (409) 745-4777

**APPLICATION FOR 1-d-1 (OPEN SPACE)  
 Agricultural Appraisal  
 Tax Year \_\_\_\_\_**

**IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR APPLICANTS**

Article 8, Sec. 1-d-1, Texas Constitution, and Chapter 23, Subchapter D, Tax Code, provide for appraisal of agricultural land based on the land's ability to produce agricultural products. Land qualifies for 1-d-1 appraisal if it has been used for agriculture in the past, used to protect federally listed endangered species under a federal permit or used for conservation or restitution projects provided for under certain federal and state statutes and is currently used for agriculture at the same level as typical prudent producers in your area. If you have questions on completing this application or on the information concerning additional taxes and penalties, you may want to consult the State Comptroller's Manual for the Appraisal of Agricultural Land and/or the appraisal district staff.  
**You must complete this application in full and file it no later than May 1st of the year you are applying for agricultural appraisal.** You may file a late application up to the day before the appraisal review board approves appraisal records for the year. Approval usually occurs in July. If you file a late application and your application is approved, you must pay a penalty equal to 10% of the tax savings resulting from agricultural appraisal.

**STEP 1: OWNER'S INFORMATION**

Owner's Name	
Address:	Phone:
	Date of Birth:

**STEP 2: DESCRIBE THE PROPERTY** (Give legal description, abstract numbers, or plat numbers. You may attach last year's tax statement or notice of appraised value or other correspondence identifying the property.)

Property ID:	Number of Acres for which application is made:
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Legal:

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Was the property purchased during the past 12 months?  
 If yes, please list the name of the seller and the date of purchase.

**STEP 3: DESCRIBE THE PROPERTY'S PRIMARY USE**

Describe the primary use of this property, starting with the current year and working back 5 years, or until you have shown 5 out of 7 years of agricultural use. \*

Year	Agricultural Use*	Acres	Year	Agricultural Use*	Acres
2020			2016		
2019			2015		
2018			2014		
2017			2013		

\*Agricultural use includes but is not limited to the following activities: cultivating the soil, producing crops for human food, animal feed, or planting seed, or for the production of fibers; floriculture, viticulture, and horticulture; raising or keeping livestock; raising or keeping exotic animals for the production of human food or fiber; leather, pelts, or other tangible products having a commercial value; and planting cover crops or leaving land idle for the purpose of participation in any governmental program or normal crop or livestock rotation procedure and wildlife management.

Wildlife management means actively using land that at the time the wildlife management use began was appraised as qualified open-space land under this subchapter in at least three of the following ways to propagate a sustaining breeding, migrating or wintering population of indigenous wild animals for human use, including food, medicine or recreation, habitat control, erosion control, predator control, providing supplemental supplies of water or of food, providing shelters, or matting census counts to determine population.

Agricultural land use categories include: irrigated cropland, dry land cropland, orchard, improved pastureland, native pastureland, and other classes typical in your area.

**Wildlife Management Use:** If you are using land to manage wildlife, you must complete and attach a five-year Wildlife Management Use Plan on the form prescribed by the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, and documentation of the activities performed. **No exceptions.**

**PLEASE COMPLETE OTHER SIDE**

If you raise livestock or exotic animals or manage wildlife on the property, list the livestock or exotics raised or the type of wildlife managed and the number of acres used for this activity. You may attach a list if the space is not sufficient.

LIVESTOCK / EXOTICS / WILDLIFE	ACRES	LIVESTOCK / EXOTICS / WILDLIFE	ACRES

If you use less than 50 acres for raising livestock, exotics, or managing wildlife, how many head (average per year) do you raise?

LIVESTOCK / EXOTICS / WILDLIFE	ACRES	LIVESTOCK / EXOTICS / WILDLIFE	ACRES

If you grow crops (including ornamental plants, flowers, or grapevines) list the crops grown and the number of acres devoted to each crop. You may attach a list if the space is not sufficient.

CROP	ACRES	CROP	ACRES

If your land is lying idle because you are participating in a governmental program, please list these programs and the number of acres devoted to each program. You may attach a list if this space is not sufficient. You must attach a copy of the current contract / agreement.

PROGRAM	ACRES	PROGRAM	ACRES

Is this property now used for any non-agricultural activities? List all non-agricultural uses and the number of acres devoted to the use. You may attach a list if this space is not sufficient.

NON-AGRICULTURAL USE	ACRES	RESIDENTIAL USE	ACRES

**ALL QUESTIONS MUST BE ANSWERED**

**STEP 4: SIGN APPLICATION**

Under Section 37.10, Texas Penal Code, if you make a false statement on this application, you could receive a jail term of up to 1 year and a fine of up to \$2,000, or a prison term of 2 to 10 years and a fine of up to \$5,000.

**I certify that the information on this form is true and correct.**

Sign here	Date
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**OTHER IMPORTANT INFORMATION**

After you file this application, the chief appraiser may require additional information from you before qualifying your land. The additional information may only relate to your current and past agricultural use or to the level at which you use your land for agriculture. The Orange County Appraisal District requests that you complete and file OCAD questionnaire AGF-003. Your responses in the questionnaire help us evaluate your eligibility in a timelier manner.

**You must notify the chief appraiser in writing if you: stop using your property for agriculture (e.g., you voluntarily decide to stop farming); change the category of your use (e.g., you change from dry cropland to irrigated cropland); change the level of your use (e.g., you substantially increase or decrease the number of cattle you raise); change the nature of your use (e.g., you switch from growing corn to growing ornamental plants); enter, leave, or change governmental programs (e.g., you put 100 acres in CRP); or if you begin using your land for something other than agriculture (e.g., you build a shopping center on most of your land). You must deliver this notice no later than the April 30 following the change in use or eligibility.**

If your land receives agricultural appraisal and you fail to notify the chief appraiser of a change in agricultural use, you may be required to pay a penalty. You will be required to pay a substantial additional tax plus interest (a rollback) if you stop using all or part of the property for agriculture.

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<b>AGRICULTURAL USE QUESTIONNAIRE</b> <b>Agricultural Appraisal</b> <b>Tax Year _____</b>
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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 BY APRIL 30<sup>TH</sup>. IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS CONCERNING THE INFORMATION REQUESTED, PLEASE CONTACT THE ORANGE COUNTY APPRAISAL DISTRICT AT (409) 745-4777.

Owner's Name:	Property ID:
Address:	Phone:
Legal	

1. If used for grazing, was the land fenced on January 1<sup>st</sup>? YES  NO  Is the land fenced now? YES  NO

List types of livestock grazed: Number of Cattle \_\_\_\_\_ Number of Goats/Sheep \_\_\_\_\_  
 Number of Horses \_\_\_\_\_ Other/Specify \_\_\_\_\_

2. How many acres are: Improved Pasture \_\_\_\_\_ Native Pasture \_\_\_\_\_  
 Type of Grass \_\_\_\_\_

3. Is the land currently in a FSA program, or do you plan to participate in a FSA program during the next 12 months? YES  NO   
**(NOTE: Wooded pastures without a sufficient forage base do not qualify as pasture land.)**

If yes, indicate your FSA farm number: \_\_\_\_\_

4. If you produce one of the following please provide the information requested in the appropriate space below:

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|-----------------------------------|-----------------------|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hay      | Number of Acres _____ | <b>Complete the Hay Supplement on the back of this form</b> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Corn     | Number of Acres _____ | Average yield per acre in bushels: _____                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Peanuts  | Number of Acres _____ | Average yield per acre in pounds: _____                     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Rice     | Number of Acres _____ | Average yield per acre in CWT: _____                        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Soybeans | Number of Acres _____ | Average yield per acre in bushels: _____                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Milo     | Number of Acres _____ | Average yield per acre in CWT: _____                        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other    | Number of Acres _____ | Average yield per acre: _____                               |

5. Is this property leased for hunting? YES  NO

6. Do you lease this property for agricultural purposes? YES  NO

If yes, please provide the following: \_\_\_\_\_

This property is leased to: \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Phone ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

**PLEASE COMPLETE OTHER SIDE**

**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:

- 1. **Minimum Level of Production.** A minimum of 2,400 pounds of dry forage per cutting per acre must be cut and baled annually. This is roughly equivalent to two 1,200 pound round bales or forty 60 pound square bales per acre.
- 2. **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 invader 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. Tracts on which weed and brush control are insufficient will not be approved for agricultural productivity valuation.
- 3. **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.
- 4. **Fertilization.** Hay fields require periodic fertilization and/or liming to be productive. An appropriate amount of fertilizer and/or lime 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 and nutrient recycling suggestions may be obtained from the Texas Agricultural Extension Service.

A. What is the predominant type of forage species on this tract? \_\_\_\_\_

B. How many times was hay cut and baled on the tract last year? \_\_\_\_\_

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

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

C. How many pounds of dry hay was produced on the tract last year? \_\_\_\_\_ Pounds

This production consisted of: \_\_\_\_\_ Round Bales \_\_\_\_\_ Square Bales

D. Are weed and brush control practices carried out on the tract? YES  NO  If no, explain below.

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

E. Does this tract receive fertilization/herbicide? YES  NO  How often? \_\_\_\_\_

F. If you purchased this property in the last five years, please provide the following information:

Year Purchased \_\_\_\_\_ Number of Acres \_\_\_\_\_ Amount Paid \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Any person who makes a false entry upon the foregoing record shall be subject to the penalties set forth in Section 37.10, Penal code.

**I certify that the information submitted on or attached to this form is true and correct.**

Sign Here

Date

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