

Agricultural Exemption Form 1-d-1 (Open Space) Completion Assistance

Top of Application:

1. **Tax Year:** Enter the tax year you wish to apply for ag-use.
2. **Appraisal District Name:** Enter HOUSTON COUNTY APPRAISAL DISTRICT
3. **Appraisal District Account Number (if known):** If you know your Parcel ID, you can enter it here

SECTION 1: PROPERTY OWNER/APPLICANT:

1. Check the corresponding box depending on your association to the property.
2. Fill out all contact information including name, date of birth, physical address, primary phone number, email address, and mailing address if it is different from the physical address.
 - a. This information is vital as an appraiser may need to make contact with you in regarding your application or property.

SECTION 2: AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE:

1. Check the corresponding box and fill out the pertinent information **IF** you are filling out this application on behalf of the property owner. **IF YOU ARE AN INDIVIDUAL PROPERTY OWNER FILING THIS APPLICATION ON YOUR OWN BEHALF, SKIP TO SECTION 3.**

SECTION 3: PROPERTY DESCRIPTION AND INFORMATION:

1. **Number of acres:** Enter the entire amount of acreage that you wish to be considered for the agricultural evaluation. This can be multiple accounts/parcels.
2. **Legal Description, abstract numbers, field numbers and/or plat numbers:** Enter Parcel ID(s) for property or properties. These Parcel IDs are unique to your property and can be found via the Houston County Appraisal District Website using the "Property Search" section.

SECTION 3: PROPERTY DESCRIPTION AND INFORMATION (CONCLUDED)

1. Read questions 1 through 3 thoroughly and answer them to the best of your ability. These questions are fairly self-explanatory, and are general information needed for the property.

SECTION 4: PROPERTY USE

1. **Describe the current and Past property use:**
 - a. **Current:** Enter the current agricultural use or how you, as the property owner/agent, plan on using the property, and how many acres agricultural use will be on.

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- b. **Section 1: Year 1-7:** Enter what the agricultural use of the property was for each of the last 7 years. Typically, new property owners may not know what the previous owner applied for, or what agricultural use was on the property. Please use your best judgment/knowledge of the property. The appraisal district staff can help with the history portion of the application if necessary.
- c. **Section 2(a):** List the type of livestock or animals and the number of acres the livestock will be on.
- d. **Section 2(b):** List the type of livestock or animals and the head count that will be raised on the property (average per year).
- e. **Section 3:** List any crops grown and the number of acres devoted to each crop.

SECTION 4: PROPERTY USE (CONCLUDED)

1. **Section 4:** If the property is in any government programs for planting cover crops or land laying idle, list the program name and how many acres are devoted to each program. If the property is not being utilized for such programs, skip to Section 5.
2. **Section 5:** If there is an area on the property that is not used principally for agricultural use, please list it's use here with the amount of acreage associated with the non-agricultural use.
 - a. Typically, this area is used if there is a homesite, where a house/dwelling sits, as homesites are not eligible for agricultural evaluation.
 - b. If all property is used for agricultural use, skip to next section.

SECTION 5: WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT USE

1. If you plan on using the property for wildlife management, we advise property owners to use the actual wildlife management form for that evaluation. This form and information is accessible at the following link: [TPWD: Private Lands Publications and Forms \(texas.gov\)](#)
 - a. **Wildlife Evaluation needs special criteria not spelled out in this application. Guidelines for wildlife evaluation can be found on our website and other information regarding wildlife tax evaluation can be found at the following link: TPWD:Tax Valuation for Wildlife Management FAQ (texas.gov)**

SECTION 6: CONVERSION TO TIMBER PRODUCTION

1. Read questions 1 and 2 thoroughly and answer to the best of your ability. If you do not know the answer, or if the question is not relevant to your property, please move to the next section.

SECTION 7: CERTIFICATION AND SIGNATURE:

1. Please print, sign, and date the application.

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GENERAL NOTES:

*****DEADLINE TO FILE AGRICULTURAL USE APPLICATION
IS MAY 1ST*****

***The appraisal district only sends out denial letters. If you do not receive any correspondence from the appraisal district your application more than likely has been approved. The agricultural use evaluation will show up on your Notice of Appraised Value that is typically sent out in April.

If you have any other questions or concerns please contact the Houston County Appraisal District.