

RETURN TO:
WILLIAMSON CENTRAL APPRAISAL DISTRICT
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Application for 1-d-1 (Open Space) Agricultural Appraisal for 2017

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 April 30 of the year you are applying for agricultural appraisal. If your application is granted you do not need to file again in later years unless the chief appraiser requests a new application. You may file a late application up to midnight 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 name and address

Owner's Name	
Current mailing address (number and street):	Phone Number:
City or post office, state, ZIP code:	Date of Birth:

Step 2: Describe the property

Give legal description, abstract numbers, field numbers or plat numbers. (You may attach last year's tax statement or notice of appraised value or other correspondence identifying the property.)

Quick Ref ID (if known)

Number of acres for which application is made: _____

Was the property purchased during the past 12 months? _____ If so, 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
2017			2013		
2016			2012		
2015			2011		
2014			2010		

*Agricultural use includes but is not limited to the following activities: cultivating the soil, producing crops for human food, animal feed, planting seed or for the production of fiber, floriculture, viticulture and horticulture, raising or keeping livestock; raising or keeping exotic animals or fowl for the production of human food or program or normal crop or livestock rotation procedure and wildlife management.

Wildlife management means actively using the land that at the time the wildlife management use began was appraised as qualified open-space land under the 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, predator control, providing supplemental supplies of water or of food, providing shelters or making census counts to determine population. Wildlife management is also actively using land to protect federally listed endangered species under a federal permit if the land is in a habitat preserve subject to a conservation easement or part of a conservation development under a federally approved habitat conservation plan restricting the use of the land. Actively using land for a conservation or restoration project under certain federal and state statutes is also wildlife management.

Agriculture land use categories include: irrigated cropland, orchard, improved, 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.**

If you raise livestock, exotic animals, exotics fowl 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 the 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 use. You may attach a list if the space is not sufficient.

NON-AGRICULTURAL USE	ACRES	RESIDENTIAL USE	ACRES

ALL QUESTIONS MUST BE ANSWERED

Step 4: Sign the application

Owner's Signature:	Date:
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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.

OTHER IMPORTANT INFORMATION

After you file this application, your 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.

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 or you switch from pasture to wildlife management); enter, leave or change the governmental programs (e.g., you put 100 acres in CRP); or if you begin using your land for something other than agricultural (e.g., you build a shopping center on your land). You must deliver this notice of change in primary use to the Chief Appraiser, no later than 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 tax) if you stop using all, or part, of the property for agriculture.

Si usted necesita ayuda en español, por favor llame al numero 930-3787; y nuestro personal de habla hispana se comunicara con usted.
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HAY PRODUCTION SUPPLEMENT

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 cutting was made, please explain why in the space below:

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

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 why not.

E. Does this tract receive fertilization/herbicide? **YES** **NO** How often? _____

If no, explain why not.

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

Year purchased _____ # of acres _____ Amount Paid _____

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

Applicant Signature

Date Mailed