

CONVERTING TO WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR APPLICANTS

Article 8. Sec. 1-d-1, Texas Constitution, and Chapter 23, Sub-chapter D, Tax Code, provide for appraisal of agricultural land based on the land's ability to produce agricultural product. Land qualifies for 1-d-1 appraisal if it has been used for agriculture in the past 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 your appraisal district staff.

You must complete this application in full and file it by 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 the day before the Appraisal Review Board approves appraisal records for the year. Approval usually occurs in July. If you do 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: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Home #: _____

Work #: _____

1. Last year, were you or the owner of record allowed 1-d-1 appraisal on this property by the chief appraiser of this county appraisal district?
 Yes _____ No _____
2. Do you have 20 or more acres?
 Yes _____ No _____
3. Is your management plan included with this form?
 Yes _____ No _____
4. Is this property owned by a non-resident alien or by a foreign government, corporation, partnership, trust or other legal entity which a non-resident alien or foreign government owns a majority interest?
 Yes _____ No _____

STEP 2:

PARCEL ID #	ABST. NBR. OF SURVEY	NBR. OF ACRES IN TRACT	NUMBER OF ACRES IN:						
			ORCHARD	IRRIG CROP	DRY CROP	IMPROVED PASTURE	NATIVE PASTURE	TIMBER	NON-AG USE

STEP 3: List the principle use of the land for the past seven years; include both agricultural use and non-agricultural use of the land.

YEARS	AGRICULTURAL USE* <i>SPECIFY: (ROW CROP, HAY, COWS, PIGS, GOATS, HORSES ETC)</i>	ACRES	NON-AGRICULTURAL USE (Homesite, Rent House etc.)	ACRES
1.)				
2.)				
3.)				
4.)				
5.)				
6.)				
7.)				

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 and is currently 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 making census counts to determine population.

At any time in the future, The Appraisal District may request an inspection of the property to verify what progress is being made. You should keep and maintain your receipts, any documentation where you are working with the Texas Parks & Wildlife, all schooling and/or courses pertaining to this specific wildlife that you have attended, census counts and updates of the accomplishments for your animals.

STEP 4.

1. What are your target animals? _____

2. How often do you take census counts? _____

3. Briefly summarize at least 3 activities for each target animal that are currently being done? _____

4. Is the land fenced on all sides of the property? _____

5. Do you also utilize some agriculture on the property? Y/N explain _____

6. You will need to file a wildlife management plan showing the qualifying ways in which you manage wildlife, including future plans. (Check the one applicable)

Is land leased, or used by others for wildlife? Yes _____ No _____ What type of wildlife? _____

Leased: _____ Amount per year: \$ _____ Used by Others: _____

NAME of Lessee: _____ PHONE: _____

ADDRESS: _____

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 \$2000, or a prison term of 2 to 10 years and a fine of up to \$5000. I certify that the information given on this form is true and correct.

Owner Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

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 post 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); enter, leave or change governmental programs (e.g., you put 100 acres in CPR); 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 of 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.