

Clay County Appraisal District

Beekeeping Qualification & Intensity Guide



This guide acts as a supplement to our agricultural use qualification & intensity guide. Inside you will find information regarding how to qualify for ag use based on beekeeping only. Please note, you must fill out the ag application along with the beekeeping annual report.

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Clay County Appraisal District Beekeeping Guidelines

Sec. 23.51(2) "Agricultural use" includes the use of land to raise or keep bees for pollination or for the production of human food or other tangible products having a commercial value, provided that the land used is not less than 5 or more than 20 acres.

Our degree of intensity standard is set at a minimum of six colonies (hives) and 5 acres. The minimum degree of intensity was established using Section 131.001 Texas Agriculture Code's definition on apiary, which is a place where six or more colonies of bees or nuclei of bees are kept. A colony is the hive and its equipment and appurtenances including bees, honey, pollen, and brood.

The Clay County Appraisal District's degree of intensity is 6 hives on the first 5 acres with one hive per additional 2.5 acres up to 20 acres. If additional acreage is less than 2.5 acres, no additional hive is required.

ACRES	HIVES
5	6
7.5	7
10	8
12.5	9
15	10
17.5	11
20	12

The productivity value for beekeeping will be based upon the Orchard productivity value. The hives must be maintained and kept alive. Hives must be located on the property at least 7 months of the year and must be active and maintained. Hives should be situated up off of the ground. Flowering plants should be planted to support hives if the hives are in areas where there is limited vegetation that requires pollination. Provide a copy of a map with the vegetation and hive placement on it.

Beekeeping Annual Report

Property Owner Name: _____

Property ID #: _____

Acreage Requirement: The State of Texas has set a minimum of 5 acres and a maximum of 20 acres to qualify beekeeping as an agricultural use.

Number of acres on this application is _____

When did you receive your bees? _____

Attach a copy of the apiary receipt from your purchase.

When did you obtain your equipment for the bees? _____

What type of bees are you raising? _____

How long have you been raising bees? _____

How many hives do you have on the property now? _____

Who will be managing the bee colony? _____

Is there a hired bee wrangler? If yes, who? _____

Describe any beekeeping education obtained: _____

DESCRIBE THE PRODUCTS YOU EXPECT TO HARVEST:

- Honey - [Extracted, Comb, Chunk, Creamed or Whipped Honey]
- Beeswax
- Propolis
- Royal Jelly
- Pollen
- Bees themselves

Expected pounds of production per hive is _____

How do you plan to market your products? _____

DESCRIBE ANY POLLINATION PLANS FOR YOUR PROPERTY:

i.e.: What plants are on your property now? Do you have clover? Have you planted specific flowers for the bees?

Inspections

How often? _____

When / times of year? _____

Queen Replacement

How often? _____

Last one? _____

Africanized bee prevention _____

Fire ant prevention _____

Are bees active now? _____

Winter - electric light with box around? _____

Winter - inactive / hibernate? _____

Describe prevention / control of diseases, parasites, fungal & bacterial growth:

You are REQUIRED to provide recent evidence of use. Evidence can be any or all of the suggested following documentation:

1. Export, import or intra-state permits, required by the Texas Apiary Inspection Service to transport hives (if any)
2. Receipts for purchase of hives, bees, supplies, pesticides, medication, equipment, etc.
3. Written agreements with operators or wranglers (if any)
4. Recently dated pictures of the hives, production, equipment, operation, etc.
5. Marketing materials, price listings, pamphlets, fliers, etc. (if any)
6. Sampling of sales receipts for your product

BEES MUST BE (1) ALIVE; (2) MAINTAINED; (3) ACTIVE; (4) PRODUCING; AND (5) LOCATED ON LAND RECEIVING THE AG APPRAISAL. FAILURE TO MEET THESE REQUIREMENTS WILL RESULT IN LOSS OF THE AGRICULTURAL SPECIAL VALUATION APPRAISAL.

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

OWNER SIGNATURE & DATE

The owner's signature is required for the application to be a valid submission. If the signature is omitted, the application is incomplete.

Print Name: _____ Date: _____

Owner Signature: _____