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Date ____/____/____	_____
Appraiser: _____	_____

**Open-Space Land in Agricultural Use Appraisal Special Valuation Application**

Texas Constitution, Article VIII, Sec. 1-D-1

This Application must be filed with the CCAD between January 1<sup>st</sup> and April 30<sup>th</sup> of the year requesting special valuation.  
 If filed after April 30<sup>th</sup> a penalty will be added. The final deadline to file for the year is July 15<sup>th</sup>

**Identification of Applicant** (USE BLACK INK ONLY)

Owner Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Numbers: Home or Cell: \_\_\_\_\_

Work: \_\_\_\_\_

**Type of Current Operation (Circle Primary)**

- |             |                    |
|-------------|--------------------|
| A. Cow/Calf | B. Feeder/Calf     |
| C. Horses*  | D. Exotic Game     |
| E. Row Crop | F. Wildlife Mgmt** |
| G. Orchard  | H. Hay             |
| I. Other    |                    |

\* Horse operations Fill out Supplement A

\*\* Wildlife Mgt. Request Separate Application

**Additional information available on our web site, [www.cookecad.org](http://www.cookecad.org)**

THIS LAND IS CURRENTLY BEING USED FOR AN AGRICULTURAL PURPOSES

Yes  No  If No Explain: \_\_\_\_\_

Property ID #	ABST. NBR. OF SURVEY	NBR. OF ACRES IN TRACT	DO NOT WRITE IN SHADED AREA FOR OFFICE USE ONLY						
			ORCHARD	IRRIG CROP	DRY CROP	IMPROVED PASTURE	NATIVE PASTURE	WOODED PASTURE	NON-AG USE

**YOU MAY CONTINUE THIS LISTING ON A MULTI-ACCOUNT FORM AVAILABLE AT THE CCAD OFFICE**

**TOTAL ACRES SUBJECT TO THIS APPLICATION:** \_\_\_\_\_

1. Do you rent or lease other land from someone else adjoining this property? Yes  No

2. If Yes, how many acres are adjoining? \_\_\_\_\_

3. Please describe anything else about your operation that should be considered in approving this application.  
 \_\_\_\_\_

**ANY PERSON WHO MAKES A FALSE ENTRY UPON THE FORGOING RECORD SHALL BE SUBJECT TO ONE OF THE FOLLOWING PENALTIES: (1) IMPRISONMENT OF NOT MORE THAN 10 YEARS NOR LESS THAN 2 YEARS. (2) A FINE OF NOT MORE THAT \$5,000 OR BOTH SUCH FINE NOT TO EXCEED \$2,000 OR BOTH SUCH FINE AND IMPRISONMENT AS SET FORTH IN SECTION 37.10 OF THE PENAL CODE.**

**By signing this page I have read the entire application and have also signed page 3 titled Important Information.  
 IF NOT COMPLETED IN FULL, THE APPLICATION WILL BE DENIED.**

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Signature of Applicant

\_\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_  
 Date

**PRIOR AGRICULTURAL USAGE:**

Is this the first application by you on this land? Yes  No  If No  
What year? \_\_\_\_\_

Has Open Space been denied to you on this Land? Yes  No  If Yes  
What year? \_\_\_\_\_

Has Open Space been granted to previous owners on this Land? Yes  No

**HISTORY OF AGRICULTURAL USAGE: (The History is required regardless of, if you owned the property or not)**

LIST SEPARATELY BY YEAR FOR EACH **OF THE PAST SEVEN YEARS** THE PRINCIPAL USE OF THE LAND DESCRIBED ON PAGE ONE; INCLUDE BOTH AGRICULTURAL AND NON-AGRICULTURAL USE OF THE LAND.

AGRICULTURAL USE – Includes, but is not limited to, the following activities: cultivating the soil, producing crops for human food, animal feed, planting seed, and for the production of fibers; floriculture (cultivation of ornamental and flowering plants), viticulture (cultivation of grapes), and horticulture (cultivation of fruits, vegetables, shrubs and cut flowers); raising and keeping livestock and planting cover crops or leaving the land idle for the purpose of participating in any governmental program, or normal crops of or livestock rotation procedure.

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

**OPERATIONAL QUESTIONNAIRE FOR CURRENT AG USE:**

**Livestock** Principal Operation: Yes  No

1. How many head of Domestic Livestock do you raise on this property? Year Average: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Cattle \_\_\_\_\_ Horses \_\_\_\_\_ Goats/Sheep \_\_\_\_\_ Hogs \_\_\_\_\_  
 Other \_\_\_\_\_

2. Is the property listed on this application fenced (perimeter)? Yes  No

3. If the land shown on this application is less than 10 acres, is its use in conjunction with an adjoining larger operation of ten acres or more of vacant land?

Yes  No  If Yes, please explain: \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

**Cropland** Principal Operation: Yes  No

1. List the Principal crop grown. \_\_\_\_\_

2. List any secondary crop grown. \_\_\_\_\_

3. In an average year, what is your yield per acre? Principal \_\_\_\_\_ Secondary \_\_\_\_\_

4. What is your cost per acre to produce this yield? Principal \_\_\_\_\_ Secondary \_\_\_\_\_

5. If the land shown on this application is less than 15 acres (Hay Crop) or 20 acres (Row Crop), is its use in conjunction with an adjoining larger operation?

Yes  No  If Yes, please explain: \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

# IMPORTANT INFORMATION

An application for open-space special valuation does not have to be filed annually once such valuation is granted; however, the Chief Appraiser may require a new application to be filed to confirm that the land is currently eligible for agricultural use special valuation. If not completed in full, the application **WILL BE DENIED**.

**The property subject to open space valuation must show a history of five years out of the last seven years of agricultural use, if not inside an incorporated city or town. If the property falls into an incorporated city or town it must show a five-year history of continuous agricultural use out of the past five years in order to qualify for special valuation.**

If the application is granted after being filed late (until certification), the owner is liable for a penalty of 10% of the difference in the amount of the tax imposed on the property and the amount that would have been imposed if the property were taxed at market value.

**You must notify the Chief Appraiser in writing if you: stop using your property for agricultural use (e.g., you voluntarily decide to stop farming); change the category of your use (e.g., you change from dry cropland to irrigated cropland); you change the level of your use (e.g., you substantially increase or decrease the number of cattle you raise); you change the nature of your use (e.g., you switch from growing corn to growing ornamental plants); you 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 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. In addition, a penalty will be imposed if the owner fails to notify the Chief Appraiser in writing before May 1, after the eligibility for agricultural use land valuation ends or after a change in category of agricultural use. This penalty will be equal to 10% of the difference between the taxes imposed on the property in each year that the property was erroneously allowed special valuation and the taxes that would otherwise been imposed.**

*Please sign to acknowledge that you have read and understood the Important Information above*

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Applicant

\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_  
Date

**LEASE INFORMATION**  
**To be filled out only if land is leased**

Do you rent or lease this land to another person?      YES       NO

Leasee Name: \_\_\_\_\_      Leasee Telephone:      Home: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_      Work: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_      Cell: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

1. Is your property for:      Grazing \_\_\_\_\_      Crops \_\_\_\_\_
2. What type of lease agreement do you have?      Share Lease \_\_\_\_\_      Cash Lease \_\_\_\_\_
3. If the type of lease is Share, what is your Percentage? \_\_\_\_\_
4. If the type is Cash, what is your annual rent? \_\_\_\_\_
5. What are some of your other considerations? (explain) \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

1. Is your land leased for hunting?      Yes       No
2. How do you charge to hunt?      Per acre \_\_\_\_\_      Per Gun \_\_\_\_\_      Per Person \_\_\_\_\_  
   Daily Fee \_\_\_\_\_      Other \_\_\_\_\_
3. How much do you receive annually? \_\_\_\_\_

**HORSE BREEDERS ONLY**

**Horse Qualifications:** Land used primarily to raise or keep horses qualifies for agricultural appraisal. Land used primarily to train, show, race horses, to raise horses for recreation, or to keep horses in some other manner that is not incidental to breeding horses does not qualify. Similarly, land used as a stable where horse are kept, fed and cared for, is not being used primarily for an agricultural purpose, unless the stable is incidental to breeding and raising horses.

**BY ANSWERING THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS ABOUT YOUR OPERATION YOU WILL HELP THIS OFFICE TO BETTER QUALIFY YOU FOR OPEN SPACE APPLICATION.**

1. The predominant breed of horses raised is. \_\_\_\_\_
2. How many horses do you have grazing on this tract? \_\_\_\_\_
3. How many head of breeding mares do you have? \_\_\_\_\_
4. How many breeding stallions do you have? \_\_\_\_\_
5. Do you operate a stud service of A/1 service?      Yes       No
6. If Yes, how many acres devoted to principally to such a service? \_\_\_\_\_
7. How are the foals sold?      Trained       Untrained
8. If Trained, how many acres are devoted principally to this portion of the operation? \_\_\_\_\_
9. How many acres of this tract is improved pasture? \_\_\_\_\_
10. Upon sale of the stock what is the average price per animal sold? \_\_\_\_\_
11. Describe the principal use of your horses? \_\_\_\_\_

**Note!** IN ORDER TO PROCESS THIS APPLICATION, COPIES OF BREEDING CERTIFICATES AND OR REGISTRATION PAPERS ON ALL BROOD STOCK MUST BE SUBMITTED ALONG WITH THIS APPLICATION.