

Cooke County Appraisal District
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APPLICATION YEAR _____

For Office Use Only	
Approved <input type="checkbox"/>	Disapproved <input type="checkbox"/>
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 out between January 1st and April 30th of year
 Requesting special valuation **(or)** deadline of July 15th with penalty.

Identification of Applicant (USE BLACK INK ONLY)

Owner Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Phone Numbers: Home: _____
 Work: _____

Type of Current Operation (Circle Primary)

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

*Horse operators Fill out Supplement A
 **Wildlife Mgt. Request Separate Application

Additional information available on our web site, www.cookecad.org

THIS LAND IS CURRENTLY BEING USED FOR AGRICULTURAL PURPOSES.

Yes No If No Explain: _____

Property ID #	ABST. NBR. OF SURVEY	NBR. OF ACRES IN TRACT	NUMBER OF ACRES IN:						
			ORCHARD	IRRIG CROP	DRY CROP	IMPROVED PASTURE	NATIVE PASTURE	TIMBER 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: _____

- Do you rent or lease other land from someone else adjoining this property? Yes No
- If Yes, how many acres are adjoining? _____
- 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.

**I have read the entire application before signing, verified this information and initialed each page where indicated.
 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:

LIST THE PRINCIPAL USE OF THE LAND DESCRIBED ON PAGE ONE FOR THE PAST SEVEN YEARS, 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 <i>(Homesite, Rent House etc.)</i>	ACRES
1.)				
2.)				
3.)				
4.)				
5.)				
6.)				
7.)				

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: _____

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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 (only 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.

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