

AGRICULTURAL GUIDELINES FOR DUVAL COUNTY

Only those lands upon which an Application for the Agricultural Classification (Greenbelt) is filed with the Property Appraiser's Office and are used primarily for "Bona fide agricultural purposes" shall be classified agricultural. "Bona fide agricultural purposes" means good faith commercial agricultural use of the land. In determining whether the use of the land for agricultural purposes is bona fide under Florida Statutes 193.461 section (3) (b), the Property Appraiser may consider the following factors:

1. The length of time the land has been so utilized;
2. Whether the use has been continuous;
3. The purchase price paid;
4. Size, as it relates to specific agricultural uses;
5. Whether an indicated effort has been made to care sufficiently and adequately for the land in accordance with accepted commercial agricultural practices, including without limitation, fertilizing, liming, tilling, mowing, reforestation, fencing and other accepted practices;
6. Whether such lands is under lease and, if so, the effective length, terms and conditions of the lease;
7. Other factors as may, from time to time, become applicable under Rule 12D-5.004 of the Florida Administrative Code,

Property Tax Rules.

- (a) Opinions of appropriate experts in the fields;
- (b) Business or occupation of owner;
- (c) The nature of the terrain of the property;
- (d) Economic merchantability of the agricultural product; and
- (e) The reasonable economic salability of the product within a reasonable future time for the particular agricultural product;
- (f) Other factors that are recommended to be considered are
 - (1) Zoning
 - (2) Amount of harvest of each crop.
 - (3) Gross sales from the agricultural operation.

The minimum acreage and minimum levels of operation will be used as a guideline for determining use. (The minimum acreage does not apply to contiguous or close adjoining parcels that are additional parcels added to the existing bonafide agricultural operation.)

THE LAND MUST BE FULLY STOCKED AND CONDUCTING BUSINESS AS OF JANUARY 1 FOR THE YEAR THE APPLICATION IS MADE, UNLESS THE PROPERTY WAS AGRICULTURAL CLASSIFIED LAST YEAR AND IS BEING CONVERTED TO ANOTHER USE. SUCH AS THE CONVERSION OF A PINE PLANTATION TO GRAZING LANDS.

ANY LAND THAT IS USED FOR RECREATIONAL PURPOSES OR PERSONAL USE WILL NOT QUALIFY, SUCH AS HORSE BOARDING OPERATIONS AND CROPS OR LIVESTOCK GROWN FOR PERSONAL CONSUMPTION.

ANY LANDS UNDER A DUAL USE, THE RECREATIONAL OR PERSONAL USE MUST BE SECONDARY IN NATURE.

ALL APPLICANTS MUST SUPPLY EITHER A TIMBER MANAGEMENT OR FARM PLAN WITH A SITE MAP.

Minimum Size and Production Guidelines

TIMBERLAND

Planted Pines
 Natural Pines
 Christmas Trees

Minimum Acres

10 Acres
 10 Acres
 5 Acres

Minimum Stocking Rates

400 Trees per acre
 450 Trees per acre
 435 Trees per acre

IMPROVED PASTURE

Cow/calve
 Feeder Calves
 Horses
 Goats/Sheeps
 Swine
 Hay

10 Acres
 10 Acres
 10 Acres
 10 Acres
 5 Acres
 10 Acres

5 Cows/ 1 Bull
 10 Calves
 4 Mares/ 1 Stud or AI
 30 Goats or Sheep/ 1 Billy
 10 Sows
 2 Cuttings per year

ROW CROPS

Field/Grains
 Vegetable

10 Acres
 5 Acres

NURSERY

Mixed Field
 Containers
 Greenhouse
 Sod

5 Acres
 5 Acres
 1/2 Acre
 10 Acres

750 Trees per acre
 750 Trees per acre

FRUIT/NUT/BERRY ORCHARDS

Fruit
 Nuts
 Berry Blueberries
 Grapes

2 Acres
 5 Acre
 1 Acre
 1 Acre

10 X 15 Spacing- 170 trees/ac
 60 X 60 Spacing 12 trees/ac
 6 X 12 Spacing 600 bushes/ac
 15 x 10 Spacing 170 plants/ac

AQUACULTURE

Fish
 Others

2 Acre
 2 Acre