

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 which 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 are 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 considered as a factor along with the other factors under Florida Statute 193.461 for determining use. (The minimum acreage does not apply to contiguous or close adjoining parcels that are additional parcels added to the existing bona fide 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 LAND.)

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.) FOR 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.

Agricultural Guidelines

TIMBERLAND

Planted Pines	10 Acres	400 Trees per acre
Natural Pines	10 Acres	450 Trees per acre
Christmas Trees	5 Acres	435 Trees per acre

IMPROVED PASTURE

Cows/calves	10 Acres	5 Cows/ 1 Bull
Feeder Calves	10 Acres	10 Calves
Horses	10 Acres	4 Mares/ 1 Stud or AI
Goats/Sheep	10 Acres	30 Goats or Sheep/ 1 Billy
Swine	5 Acres	10 Sows
Hay	10 Acres	2 Cuttings per year

ROW CROPS

Field/Grains	10 Acres
Vegetable	5 Acres

NURSERY

Mixed Field	5 Acres	750 Trees per acre
Containers	5 Acres	750 Trees per acre
Greenhouse	1/2 Acre	
Sod	10 Acres	

FRUIT/NUT/BERRY ORCHARDS

Fruit	2 Acres	10 X 15 Spacing - 170 trees/ac
Nuts	5 Acres	60 X 60 Spacing - 12 trees/ac
Berry	1 Acre	6 X 12 Spacing 600 bushes/ac
Blueberries	1 Acre	15 x 10 Spacing 170 plants/ac
Grapes	1 Acre	

AQUACULTURE

Fish	2 Acres
Others	2 Acres