

AG APPRAISAL

Property owners may qualify for agricultural appraisal if land meets the following criteria:

- The land must be currently devoted principally to agricultural use.
 - Agricultural use includes but is not limited to the following activities: cultivating the soil, producing crops, raising or keeping livestock, poultry, fish or planting cover crops. It also can include leaving the land idle while participating in a government program or for normal crop or livestock rotation.
 - Land used for raising certain exotic animals (including exotic birds) to produce human food or other items of commercial value qualifies.
 - Cutting wood for use in fences or structures on adjacent agricultural land also qualifies.
 - Using land for wildlife management is an agricultural use, if such land was previously qualified open-space land or timberland and is actively used for wildlife management. Wildlife management land must be used in at least three of seven specific ways to propagate a sustaining breeding, migrating or wintering population of indigenous wild animals for human use.
- Agricultural land must be currently devoted principally to agricultural use to the degree of intensity generally accepted in the area.
- The land must have been devoted to agricultural or timber production for at least five of the past seven years. However, land within an incorporated city or town must meet not only the criteria applicable to 1-d-1 land but also must meet one of the following additional criteria:
 - The city or town must not provide the land with general services comparable to those provided in other parts of the city or town having similar features and population.
 - The land must have been devoted principally to agricultural use continuously for the preceding five years.
 - The land has been devoted principally to agricultural use or to the production of timber or forest products continuously for the preceding five years and the land is used for wildlife management.

The application for special appraisal as land qualified open-space agricultural use is [Form 50-129, Application for 1-d-1 \(Open-Space\) Agricultural Use](#) (PDF). The application for special appraisal of land based on its capacity to produce agricultural products is [Form 50-165, Application for 1-d Agricultural Appraisal](#) (PDF). The application for special appraisal for ecological laboratories is [Form 50-166, Application for Open Space Land Appraisal for Ecological Laboratories](#) (PDF).