



APPLICATION YEAR 2023

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

This application must be filed with MCAD between January 1st and April 30th of the year for which agricultural appraisal is requested.

If filed after April 30th a penalty will be added.

The final deadline is the date the roll is certified. MCAD suggests filing by July 1st.

THE APPLICATION WILL BE DENIED IF IT IS NOT COMPLETED IN FULL.

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STEP 1: PROPERTY OWNER/APPLICANT

Name _____

Date of Birth (Failure to provide date of birth does not affect your eligibility for special appraisal) _____

Address _____

Email Address _____

Phone Number _____

STEP 2: AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE

If you are an individual property owner filing this application on your own behalf, skip to step 3; all other applicants are required to complete step 2.

Please indicate the basis for your authority to represent the property owner in filing this application:

____ Officer of the company ____ General Partner of the company ____ Attorney for the property owner

____ Agent for tax matters appointed under Tax Code Section 1.111 with completed and signed form 50-162

____ Other and explain basis _____

Provide the following information for the individual with the legal authority to act for the property owner in this matter:

Name of Authorized Representative _____

Title of Authorized Representative _____ Primary Phone Number _____ Email Address* _____

Mailing Address, City, State, ZIP Code _____

STEP 3: PROPERTY DESCRIPTION

Provide the descriptive information requested below or attach last year's tax statement, notice of appraised value, or other correspondence identifying the property. Legal description, GEO ID, and physical address:

Property ID: (List additional Property IDs on page 4)

Legal Description:

GEO ID:

Total number of Acres (subject to this application) _____

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY:

APPROVED: _____ # OF ACRES: _____

DATE: _____

NOTES: _____

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY:

DENIED: _____ # OF ACRES: _____

DATE: _____

REASON DENIED: ____ Degree of Intensity

____ Other ____ History ____ Homesite

NOTES: _____

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY:

DISAPPROVED: _____ # OF ACRES _____

DATE: _____

NOTES: _____

STEP 4: WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT

WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT: YES _____ NO _____

Complete the remainder of this page **only** if the land is used for wildlife management. If the land is not used for wildlife management, go to page 3.

You must attach a detailed Wildlife Management Plan. You can find the form at www.medinacad.org or call the appraisal district.

Do you have 50 acres or more? Yes _____ No _____ How many acres are devoted to Wildlife Management? _____

Was the land subject to wildlife management a part of a larger tract of land qualified for 1-d-1 or timberland appraisal on Jan. 1 of the previous year? Yes _____ No _____

Wildlife Management properties must practice a minimum of three out of seven activities to qualify for open-space valuation.

CHECK ALL OF THE CATEGORIES THAT APPLY TO YOUR OPERATION:

Habitat Control: The basic element of most wildlife management operations. The management of the environment to a particular species or group of species of wildlife. _____

Erosion Control: The protection of native cover, especially along natural waterways, to prevent soil loss to erosion. _____

Predator Control: The protection of wildlife from their natural predators. Beneficial in protecting certain species, primarily upland game birds and turkey during early spring. _____

Supplemental Food: The distribution of pre-processed food supplements (deer pellets, rabbit pellets, etc.) or the planting of crops to be naturally grazed (clover, rye, peas). _____

Supplemental Shelter: The provision of either permanent or temporary structures to shelter wildlife from the elements (windbreaks constructed of fallen timbers or lean-to constructed structures). _____

Supplemental Water: The provision of supplemental sources of water specifically for wildlife in habitats where water is limited. Wildlife water developments are in addition to those sources already available to livestock and may require protection from livestock. _____

Census: This activity provides an estimate of species numbers, population trends, population density, age structure, or sex ratio using accepted survey techniques. _____

Indicate the property's agricultural land use category for the tax year preceding the land's conversion to wildlife management use. For example, if the land was categorized as native pasture before conversion to wildlife management, native pasture would be the response to this request as it is the category of use prior to conversion. _____

Is any part of the land subject to wildlife management managed through a wildlife management property association? Yes _____ No _____

If yes, attach a written agreement obligating the owners in the association to perform wildlife management practices necessary to qualify wildlife management land for 1-d-1 appraisal.

Is any part of the land located in an area designated by Texas Parks and Wildlife Department as a habitat for an endangered species, a threatened species or a candidate species for listing by as threatened or endangered? Yes _____ No _____

Is the land that is the subject of this application subject to a permit issued under Federal Endangered Species Act Section 7 or 10(a)? Yes _____ No _____

If yes, is the land included in a habitat preserve and subject to a conservation easement created under Texas Natural Resources Code Chapter 183 or part of a conservation development under a federally approved habitat conservation plan? Yes _____ No _____

If yes to above two questions, provide evidence of the permit and of the conservation easement or habitat conservation plan. Your application cannot be approved without this evidence.

Is the land that is the subject of this application actively used for a conservation or restoration project providing compensation for natural resources damage under one or more of the following laws:

Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (42 U.S.C. Section 9601 et seq.) Yes _____ No _____

Oil Pollution Act (33 U.S.C. Section 2701 et seq.) Yes _____ No _____

Federal Water Pollution Control Act (33 U.S.C. Section 1251 et seq.) Yes _____ No _____

Texas Natural Resources Code Chapter 40 Yes _____ No _____

If yes to any of the above, provide evidence of the conservation easement, deed restriction or settlement agreement with the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality. Applications without this evidence cannot be approved.

STEP 5: PROPERTY USE

THE CHIEF APPRAISER IS REQUIRING ALL APPLICANTS TO COMPLETE STEP 5. Do not leave any parts of this step blank.

If you are a new owner and are not familiar with the history of use go back to the seller, realtor or perhaps a neighbor for this information.

Describe the current and past agricultural uses of this property, starting with the current year and working back 5 years or until you have shown **5 out of 7 years of agricultural use**. You will need to describe each years' use.

YEARS	AGRICULTURAL USE <i>(ROW CROP, HAY, CATTLE, GOATS, WILDLIFE MGMT, ETC)</i>	ACRES	NON-AGRICULTURAL-USE <i>(Homesite, Rent House, Etc.)</i>	ACRES
2023				
2022				
2021				
2020				
2019				
2018				
2017				
2016				

CURRENT USE FOR 2023:

LIVESTOCK: YES _____ NO _____

AVERAGE HEAD PER YEAR:

Cow/Calf _____ Feeder calves _____ Sheep _____ Goats _____ Exotics _____ Horses _____ Other (Specify) _____

Is the perimeter of the property listed on this application fenced? YES _____ NO _____

CROPLAND: YES _____ NO _____

AVERAGE YIELD:

Corn	Number of acres: _____	Average yield per acre in bushels: _____
Sorghum	Number of acres: _____	Average yield per acre in CWT: _____
Wheat	Number of acres: _____	Average yield per acre in bushels: _____
Cotton	Number of acres: _____	Average yield per acre in bales: _____
Hay	Number of acres: _____	Average yield per acre in tons: _____
	Number of round bales: _____	Number of square bales: _____

If not baled twice a year explain: _____

Orchard Number of acres: _____ Number of trees/grapes per acre: _____

Specify variety of trees/grapes: _____

Other (specify) Number of acres: _____ Average yield per acre: _____

HORSES: YES _____ NO _____

How many acres are devoted to horses? _____

How many horses are on the property? _____ Is it a breeding operation, renting stalls, or for training? _____

BEEKEEPING: YES _____ NO _____

You must attach a copy of the Bee Supplement and 3-5-year plan. You can find the supplement at www.medinacad.org or call the appraisal district.

How many acres are devoted to Bees? _____ How many active hives are you operating? _____

NON-AGRICULTURAL USE: YES _____ NO _____

State the number of acres in a non-agricultural use: Homesite _____ Lying Idle _____ Quarry _____ Other _____

GOVERNMENT PROGRAM: YES _____ NO _____

If in a government program, state the number of acres: _____

List the program(s) and attach a copy of the document(s): _____

STEP 6: PROPERTY INFORMATION

Property ID #s	NBR. OF ACRES IN TRACT	AGRICULTURAL LAND USE CLASSIFICATIONS – INDICATE NUMBER OF ACRES IF KNOW									
		ORCHARD/ VINEYARD	IRRIG CROP	DRY CROP	IMPROVED PASTURE	IRRIGATED IMPROVED PASTURE	NATIVE PASTURE	RANGELAND BRUSH	HIGH INTENSITY	WASTELAND	NON-AG USE

1) Has the ownership of the property changed since January 1 of last year or since the last application was submitted? Yes _____ No _____

If yes, the new owner must complete all applicable questions and, if the land is used to manage wildlife, steps 4 and 5 must be completed. **The chief appraiser is requiring the application to be completed in full. Do not leave any parts of the application blank.**

2) Last year, was 1-d-1 appraisal (agricultural use) allowed on this property by the chief appraiser of this appraisal district? Yes _____ No _____

If no, all applicable questions must be completed and, if the land is used to manage wildlife, steps 4 and 5 must be completed.

If yes, complete only those parts of sections 4 and 5 that have changed since the earlier application **OR** any information in steps 4 and 5 requested by the chief appraiser. **The chief appraiser is requiring the application to be completed in full. Do not leave any parts of the application blank.**

3) Is this property located within the city limits (or corporate limits of a city or town?) Yes _____ No _____

4) Does your property have a working water well? Yes _____ No _____

If there is not a working well on the property, how does the livestock get their drinking water? _____

5) Do you rent or lease land from someone else in this county? Yes _____ No _____

Please list the name, address, and acreage of the person(s) you lease from. Attach an additional sheet if needed.

Name (and Acreage)

Name (and Acreage)

Address

Address

6) Please describe anything about your operation that should be considered with this application: _____

STEP 7: CERTIFICATION AND SIGNATURE

NOTICE REGARDING PENALTIES FOR MAKING OR FILING AN APPLICATION CONTAINING A FALSE STATEMENT: If you make a false statement on this form, you could be found guilty of a Class A misdemeanor or a state jail felony under Penal Code Section 37.10.

print here → "I, _____, swear or affirm the following:
Printed Name of Property Owner or Authorized Representative

1. that each fact contained in this application is true and correct.
2. that the property described in this application meets the qualifications under Texas law for the special appraisal claimed.
3. that I have read and understand the *Notice Regarding Penalties for Making or Filing an Application Containing a False Statement.*"

sign here → _____
Signature of Property Owner or Authorized Representative

Date

If agent for tax matters appointed under Tax Code Section 1.111 attach completed and signed Form 50-16

*May be confidential under Government Code §552.137; however, by including the email address on this form, you are affirmatively consenting to its release under the Public Information Act.

CROP/PASTURE OR HUNTING LEASE INFORMATION

TO BE COMPLETED IN FULL IF LAND IS USED OR LEASED BY ANOTHER INDIVIDUAL FOR AGRICULTURAL USE OR FOR HUNTING

Please attach a copy of the lease agreement to this form.

Do you use the land yourself or lease it to a tenant? Self: Cattle _____ Crops _____ Lease: Cattle _____ Crops _____

Lessee Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

What are the lease agreements? Share _____ Cash _____ Amount per acre _____ Number of years _____

What are some of your other considerations? _____

If you allow **HUNTING**, how do you charge for the hunting lease? Per Acre \$ _____ Per Gun \$ _____ Per Person \$ _____

Daily Fee \$ _____ Annual Fee \$ _____ Other \$ _____

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

GENERAL INFORMATION: Agricultural use includes, but is not limited to, the following activities: (1) cultivating the soil; (2) producing crops for human food, animal feed, or planting seed or for the production of fibers; (3) floriculture, viticulture and horticulture; (4) raising or keeping livestock; (5) raising or keeping exotic animals or fowl for the production of human food or fiber, leather, pelts or other tangible products having a commercial value; (6) planting cover crops or leaving land idle for the purpose of participating in a governmental program provided the land is not used for residential purposes or a purpose inconsistent with agricultural use or leaving the land idle in conjunction with normal crop or livestock rotation procedures; (7) producing or harvesting logs and posts used for construction or repair of fences, pens, barns or other agricultural improvements on adjacent open-space land having the same owner and devoted to a different agricultural use; (8) wildlife management; and (9) beekeeping.

Wildlife management is defined as actively using land that at the time the wildlife-management use began, was appraised as qualified open-space or timberland under Tax Code, Chapter 23, Subchapter D or E, to propagate a sustaining breeding, migrating or wintering population of indigenous wild animals for human use, including food, medicine or recreation, in at least three of the following ways: (1) habitat control; (2) erosion control; (3) predator control; (4) providing supplemental supplies of water; (5) providing supplement supplies of food; (6) providing shelters; and (7) making census counts to determine population.

Wildlife management is defined as actively using land to protect federally listed endangered species under a federal permit if the land is included in a habitat preserve subject to a conservation easement created under Natural Resources Code Chapter 183 or part of a conservation development under a federally approved habitat conservation plan restricting the use of the land to protect federally listed endangered species or actively using land for a conservation or restoration project under certain federal and state statutes. These two types of wildlife management uses do not require showing a history of agricultural use but do require evidence identified in section 6, questions 7 and 8.

Agricultural land use categories include: (1) irrigated cropland; (2) dry cropland; (3) improved pastureland; (4) native pastureland; (5) orchard; (6) wasteland; (7) timber production; (8) wildlife management; and (9) other categories of land that are typical in the area.

APPLICATION DEADLINES: The completed application must be filed with the chief appraiser **before May 1** of the year for which agricultural appraisal is requested. If the application is approved, a new application is not required in later years unless the land ownership changes, eligibility ends, or the chief appraiser requests a new application.

A late application may be filed up to midnight the day before the appraisal review board approves appraisal records for the year, which usually occurs in July. If a late application is approved, a penalty will be applied in an amount equal to 10 percent of the difference between the amount of tax imposed on the property and the amount that would be imposed if the property were taxed at market value.

DUTY TO NOTIFY AND PENALTIES: The property owner must notify the chief appraiser no later than the April 30 following the change in use or

eligibility. A change of land use for all or part of the property will trigger substantial additional tax plus interest (a rollback tax). Payment of a penalty may also be required for failure to notify the chief appraiser of a change in agricultural use or qualification. Notice must be delivered to the chief appraiser if:

- the property stops being used for agriculture (e.g., voluntarily stopped farming);
- category of land use changes (e.g., from dry cropland to irrigated cropland);
- level of use changes (e.g., a substantial increase or decrease the number of cattle raised);
- nature of use changes (e.g., a switch from growing corn to growing ornamental plants);
- property owner enters, leaves, or changes governmental programs (e.g., 100 acres placed in a conservation reserve program); or
- the land is used for something other than agriculture (e.g., to build a shopping center on most of the land).

DUTY TO NOTIFY FOR CERTAIN LANDOWNERS: If land ceases to be devoted principally to agricultural use to the degree of intensity generally accepted in the area, open-space appraisal may be retained if the chief appraiser is notified as required and the property owner:

- is a member of the armed services who is deployed or stationed outside of Texas who intends to return the land to the manner and to the degree of intensity that is generally accepted in the area not later than the 180th day after being deployed or stationed outside this state ceases;
- owns land that has previously been under open-space appraisal primarily based on its citrus production; the land is located in a pest management zone; and an agreement was executed to destroy, remove or treat all the citrus trees located on the land that are or could become infested with pests with one of the following: Texas Citrus Pest and Disease Management Corporation, Inc., the Texas Commissioner of Agriculture or the U.S. Department of Agriculture; or
- owns land that has previously been under open-space appraisal primarily on the basis of livestock; the land is located in a temporary quarantine area established during the tax year by the Texas Animal Health Commission for the purpose of regulating the handling of livestock and eradicating ticks or exposure to ticks under Chapter 167, Agriculture Code.

OTHER IMPORTANT INFORMATION: If the initial application form does not contain all essential information, the chief appraiser may request additional information that is necessary to determine whether the land qualifies for 1-d-1 appraisal. The chief appraiser may disapprove the application and request additional information. The chief appraiser may deny the application and that determination may be protested to the county appraisal review board in a timely manner. If the chief appraiser requests additional information from an applicant, the information must be furnished within 30 days after the date of the request, or the application is denied. For good cause shown, the chief appraiser may extend the deadline for furnishing the information by written order for a single 15-day period.

Definitions of Land Use Classifications

Dry Cropland — Land that is dedicated to crop production (hay production or row crops) that is not irrigated.

Improved Pasture — Land planted or sprigged with grasses (Bluestem, Kline, Bermuda) that are not native to Medina County. These grasses are used to grow forage that is typically baled for later use by livestock. Also called introduced grasslands or haylands.

Irrigated Cropland — Land planted in row crops, broadcast crops, or improved grasses then watered on a regular basis.

High Intensity - Land that is used for intensive type agricultural operations such as beekeeping, swine/poultry production, vegetable truck farms, plant nurseries, etc.

Native Pasture — Land that has been partially cleared of brush and trees with native grasses and is primarily for grazing livestock. Native pasture can be used to grow forage that is baled for later use by livestock.

Non-Ag Use — Land that is not being utilized for agriculture (providing food or fiber). An example is the one acre used to support a house.

Orchard— Trees planted in an orchard method setting for the specific purpose of producing fruit or nut crops for commercial sale.

Rangeland Brush — Land that is serving as a pasture for some type of livestock, but is heavy brush and trees, so grass production is minimal. The land will not support any type of crop.

Vineyard — Grapevines planted for a specific purpose of producing grapes for the production of wine.

Wasteland — Land that the typical operator would not use. It is normally restricted to less than 20% of the total tract of land. It consists of creeks, draws or other areas that are not financially feasible to utilize. This can also apply to small tracts that are split by roads. It is extremely poor quality due to erosion or soil type. It is land that is severely restricted in its ability to support domestic livestock. It must be an integral part of one or more of the listed land types.