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AGRICULTURAL CLASSIFICATION APPLICATION INFORMATION

Application for Agricultural Classification must be made on or before March 1st

Agricultural Classification of Land is granted subject to the restrictions set out in ***F.S. 193.461 (3)(b)***

> "…only lands that are used primarily for **bona fide agricultural purposes** shall be classified agricultural. The term **"bona fide agricultural purposes"** means **good faith commercial agricultural use** of the land.
> 1. In determining whether the use of the land for agricultural purposes is bona fide, the following factors may be taken into consideration:
> a. The length of time the land has been so used.
> b. Whether the use has been continuous.
> c. The purchase price paid.
> d. Size, as it relates to specific agricultural use, but a minimum acreage may not be required for agricultural assessment.
> e. 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, reforesting, and other accepted agricultural practices.
> f. Whether the land is under lease and, if so, the effective length, terms, and conditions of the lease.
> g. Such other factors as may become applicable."

A DR-482 Application Form AND the **Agricultural Classification Supplement Form** included in this packet **must be completed, signed, dated and returned to our office.**

You may apply in person at either our Main Office in downtown Pensacola, or at our Molino Branch Office location; or you can mail in your information to our Main Office in Pensacola.
A receipt will be given or mailed to you following the processing of your application.
You will be notified if any additional information is required.
Approval or Denial of your application will be made prior to July 1st

Main Office Location & Mailing Address	**Molino Branch Office Location**
Gary "Bubba" Peters, CFA **Escambia County Property Appraiser** **Attn: Land Department** **221 Palafox Place, Suite 300** **Pensacola, FL 32502** **Phone (850) 434-2735** **Hours: Mon-Fri 8:00 AM – 5:00 PM**	**Gary "Bubba" Peters, CFA** **Escambia County Property Appraiser** **6440 Highway 95-A North, Suite B** **Molino, FL 32577** **Phone (850) 434-2735** **Hours: Mon-Fri 8:00 AM – 4:30 PM**

Please contact us if you have any questions or if we may assist you in the application process.

Kevin Smith
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Phone: 850-434-2735

For additional information on "Agricultural lands; classification and assessment" see The Florida Statute **193.461**. A link to the Florida Statute has been created on our website for your convenience under the General Information tab Agricultural Classification topic.

ESCAMBIA COUNTY PROPERTY APPRAISER
AGRICULTURAL CLASSIFICATION SUPPLEMENT

THIS COMPLETED QUESTIONNAIRE, WITH ATTACHMENTS REQUESTED, MUST ACCOMPANY YOUR DR-482 APPLICATION TO ENSURE CONSIDERATION FOR AGRICULTURAL CLASSIFICATION. LEAVE NO SPACES BLANK. A FIELD INSPECTION WILL BE MADE AND NOTIFICATION OF CLASSIFICATION GRANTED OR DENIED WILL BE MAILED PRIOR TO JULY 1st (F.S. 193.461)

APPLICANT NAME:_____PARCEL I.D. NO.:_____

MAILING ADDR: _____

TOTAL ACRES:_____Do you reside on this parcel of land?____Yes_____No _____No. of Home Site Acres.

Are there any structures, mobile homes, dwellings, etc. leased out or not related to agricultural use located on this parcel?

___Yes____No_____No. of Acres. Do you own or lease other parcels of land related to this agricultural use?____Yes___No.

(**If yes, give parcel I.D. # for this/these parcel(s).**) _____

Do you claim farm status with the Internal Revenue Service?___Yes___No
(**If yes, attach a copy of the most recent Schedule F or T**)

Are you currently participating in the FSA Program (available through the Farm Bureau) with this property?____Yes____No.

(**If yes, name the type or areas.**) _____

Is product marketed?_____Yes_____No.

If Timber Use; do you have a timber management plan?_____Yes_____No.
(**If yes, attach copy of plan; If no, a copy may be obtained through a County Forester, Professional Forester, or by completing the Forest Service's Management Plan packet available on our website**)

Number of Animals or Hives? POULTRY_____ BEE HIVES_____ HORSES_____ SWINE_____

SHEEP/GOATS_____COWS_____OTHER _____

Is Property Leased?___Yes___No **If Leased, attach a copy of the DR-546 Agricultural Income & Information Form**

What are your future agricultural plans, including estimated starting dates for this parcel?_____

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(Please Attach Additional Sheet if Needed to explain future plans.)

FILING DEADLINE: MARCH 1st (F.S. 193.461)

I, the undersigned, do hereby certify that the statements contained herein are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

_____ _____
Signature Date

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Daytime Phone

ATTACH THIS FORM TO YOUR APPLICATION FOR AGRICULTURAL CLASSIFICATION (FORM DR-482) AND RETURN TO:
GARY "BUBBA" PETERS, ESCAMBIA COUNTY PROPERTY APPRAISER, ATTN: Kevin Smith
221 PALAFOX PLACE, SUITE 300, PENSACOLA, FL 32502

Other appropriate documentation

The Following information may be submitted with your application for support

- Proof of crop/tree loss insurance.
- Proof of non-insured assistance coverage.
- Application and Certificate of Registration from Florida Dept. of Agriculture Div. of Plant Industry.
- Application and Certificate of Registration for aquaculture from Florida Dept. of Agriculture.
- Application and Certificate of Registration for beekeeping from Florida Dept. of Agriculture.
- An executed agricultural services contract with a recognized service provider.
- An executed grower's agreement with crop purchaser.
- Proof of registration with a USDA Marketing Order Administrative Committee.
- Proof of grower's production sold to a registered handler/packer of a USDA Marketing Order Administrative Committee.
- Proof of membership in a recognized agricultural cooperative.
- Proof of Organic Growers Certification from an appropriate State and/or Federal Agency.
- Proof of application for disaster and/or financial assistance from USDA, FSA or other similar provider.
- Proof of Liability Insurance indemnifying the land owner for claims resulting from a lessee's use of the land for agricultural purposes.
- Bills of Sale to packing houses, farmer's markets, produce handlers, etc. may be acceptable insufficient quantities if submitted with other appropriate documentation reflecting the "good faith commercial agricultural use" of a particular property or group of properties.

Additional clarification related to leased property:

- When lands are subleased for agricultural purposes, copies of the master lease and sublease are required with a completed copy of the DR-546 Agricultural Income and Information form to be submitted along with the lessee's proofs indicating the "good faith commercial use of the land".

Typical income tax returns include, but are not limited to, form 1040 with a Schedule F Supplemental Profit and Loss from Farming or Schedule C Profit or Loss from Business (Sole Proprietorship), form 1120S, or form 1065.