



YEAR  
2010

**APPLICATION FOR 1-d-1 (OPEN - SPACE) AGRICULTURAL APPRAISAL**

Appraisal district name <b>Webb County Appraisal District</b>	Phone (area code and number) <b>956-718-4091</b>
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Address  
**3302 Clark Blvd, Laredo, Texas 78043**

**IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR APPLICANTS**

Article 8, Sec. 1-d-1, Texas Constitution, and Chapter 23, Subchapter D, Tax Code, provide for appraisal of agricultural land based on the land's ability to produce agricultural products.

Land qualifies for 1-d-1 appraisal if it has been used for agriculture in the past, used to protect federally listed endangered species under a federal permit or used for conservation or restitution projects provided for under certain federal and state statutes and is currently used for agriculture at the same level as typical prudent producers in your area.

If you have questions on completing this application or on the information concerning additional taxes and penalties, you may want to consult the State Comptroller's *Manual for the Appraisal of Agricultural Land* and your appraisal district staff.

You must complete this application in full and file it no later than April 30 of the year you are applying for agricultural appraisal. If your application is granted, you do not need to file again in later years unless the chief appraiser requests a new application.

You may file a late application up to midnight the day before the appraisal review board approves appraisal records for the year. Approval usually occurs in July. If you do file a late application and your application is approved, you must pay a penalty equal to 10% of the tax savings resulting from agricultural appraisal.

<b>Step 1: Owner's name and address</b>	Owner's name	
	Current mailing address (number and street)	
	City, town or post office, state, ZIP code	Phone (area code and number)

<b>Step 2: Describe the property</b>	Give legal description, abstract numbers, field numbers or plat numbers. (You may attach last year's tax statement or notice of appraised value, or other correspondence identifying the property.)	
	Account number (if known)	Number of acres for which application is made
	Owner	

Last year, were you allowed 1-d-1 appraisal on this property by the chief appraiser of this county appraisal district? .....  Yes  No

*If yes, you need only complete those parts of steps 3 and 4 that have changed since your earlier application, or any information in steps 3 and 4 requested by the chief appraiser. If no, you must complete all of steps 3 and 4.*

Is the property described above a part of a larger tract of land qualified for 1-d-1 appraisal on January 1 of the previous year and ownership of the tract is different from ownership on January 1 of the previous year? .....  Yes  No

Is any part of the property described above managed through a wildlife management property association? .....  Yes  No

If yes, please attach a written agreement obligating the owner to perform activities necessary to qualify wildlife management land for 1-d-1 appraisal. ....  Yes  No

Is any part of the property described above managed in an area designated by the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department as a habitat for an endangered species, a threatened species, or a candidate species for listing by Texas Parks and Wildlife Department as a threatened or endangered species? .....  Yes  No

Is the property described above subject to a federal endangered species permit? .....  Yes  No

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

*If yes, you do not need to show a previous history of agricultural use in step 4, question 1.*

Is the property described above actively used for a conservation or restoration project providing compensation for natural resources damage under:

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

Chapter 40, Texas Natural Resources Code? .....  Yes  No

*If yes to any of the above, you do not need to show a previous history of agricultural use in step 4, question 1.*

<b>Step 3: Conversion to timber production</b>	<p>1. Did you convert this land to timber production after September 1, 1997? ..... <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p>2. Do you wish to have this land continue to be appraised as open-space land agricultural land? ..... <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p><i>If yes, complete question 1 in step 4 and all other questions in that step that describe the previous agricultural use of this land.</i></p>																																																																																										
<b>Step 4: Describe the property's use</b>	<p>1. Describe the current and past 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.</p> <table border="1" style="width:100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <thead> <tr> <th style="width:10%;">Year</th> <th style="width:40%;">Agricultural use*</th> <th style="width:10%;">Acres</th> <th style="width:10%;">Year</th> <th style="width:40%;">Agricultural use*</th> <th style="width:10%;">Acres</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>current</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td>4</td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>1</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td>5</td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>2</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td>6</td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>3</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td>7</td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p><small>*Agricultural use includes but is not limited to the following activities: cultivating the soil, producing crops for human food, animal feed, or planting seed or for the production of fibers; floriculture, viticulture and horticulture; raising or keeping livestock; 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; planting cover crops; leaving land idle for the purpose of participating in any governmental program or normal crop or livestock rotation procedure; and wildlife management.</small></p> <p><small>Wildlife management means actively using land that at the time the wildlife-management use began was appraised as qualified open-space land under this subchapter in at least three of the following ways: to propagate a sustaining breeding, migrating or wintering population of indigenous wild animals for human use, including food, medicine or recreation; habitat control; erosion control; predator control; providing supplemental supplies of water or food; providing shelters; or making census counts to determine population. Wildlife management is also actively using land to protect federally listed endangered species under a federal permit if the land is in a habitat preserve subject to a conservation easement or part of a conservation development under a federally approved habitat conservation plan restricting the use of the land. Actively using land for a conservation or restoration project under certain federal and state statutes is also wildlife management.</small></p> <p><small>Agricultural land use categories include: irrigated cropland, orchard, improved pastureland, native pastureland and other classes typical in your area.</small></p> <p>2. (a) If you raise livestock, exotic animals, exotic fowl or manage wildlife on the property, list the livestock or exotics raised or the type of wildlife managed and the number of acres used for this activity. 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<b>Step 4: (continued) Describe the property's use</b>	7. (a) Is this property owned by a nonresident alien? ..... <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
	(b) Is the owner described in question 7(a) required by federal law or federal rules to register the person's ownership or acquisition of this property? ..... <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
	8. If you are using the land to manage wildlife, list the three or more ways in which you manage wildlife. .... <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <i>Example: Conduct census counts</i> A. B. C.
	Please indicate the property's agricultural land use category for the tax year preceding the property's conversion to wildlife management use. <i>Example: native pastureland</i>  _____
	Please attach a wildlife management plan completed on a form prescribed by the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department for the property described in Step 2.
9. If the land is under a federal endangered species permit and included in a habitat preserve subject to a conservation easement or part of a conservation development under a federally approved habitat conservation plan, please provide evidence of the permit and conservation easement or habitat conservation plan.	
10. If the land is actively used for a conservation or restoration project to provide compensation for natural resources damages under the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act, Oil Pollution Act, Federal Water Pollution Control Act, or Chapter 40 of the Texas Natural Resources Code. Please provide evidence of the conservation easement, deed restriction or settlement agreement with the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality.	

<b>Step 5: Sign the application</b>	If you make a false statement on this application, you could be found guilty of a Class A misdemeanor or a state jail felony under Texas Penal Code Section 37.10.	
	I certify that the information given on this form is true and correct.	
<b>sign here</b> ➔	Authorized signature	Title

**OTHER IMPORTANT INFORMATION**

After you file this application, your chief appraiser may require additional information from you before qualifying your land. The additional information may only relate to your current and past agricultural use or to the level at which you use your land for agriculture.

You must notify the chief appraiser in writing if you: stop using your property for agriculture (e.g., you voluntarily decide to stop farming); change the category of your use (e.g., you change from dry cropland to irrigated cropland); change the level of your use (e.g., you substantially increase or decrease the number of cattle you raise); change the nature of your use (e.g., you switch from growing corn to growing ornamental plants); enter, leave or change governmental programs (e.g., you put 100 acres in CRP); or if you begin using your land for something other than agriculture (e.g., you build a shopping center on most of your land). You must deliver this notice no later than the April 30 following the change in use or eligibility.

If your land receives agricultural appraisal and you fail to notify the chief appraiser of a change in agricultural use, you may be required to pay a penalty. You will be required to pay a substantial additional tax plus interest (a rollback tax) if you stop using all or part of the property for agriculture.

The Texas Supreme Court has ruled that §23.56(3), Tax Code, is unconstitutional. While the Court's reasoning would apply to §23.56(2), which is reflected in Question #7, that subsection has not specifically been ruled unconstitutional.

PLEASE PROVIDE ALL INFORMATION REQUESTED BELOW:

I. All information being requested is to be provided by the land owner(s).

1. What is the name of your ranch (if any) \_\_\_\_\_
2. How many acres do you own in Webb? \_\_\_\_\_
3. Check property category type that you own and the amount of acres for each category?

<u>Property category type</u>	<u>Amount of Acres</u>
_____ A1 Native Pasture (No Improvements to Limited Improvements to the Land)	_____
_____ A3 Native Pasture (Improvements to the Land)	_____
_____ A5 Irrigated Land	_____

II. Property Expense:

Please list 2009 expenses:

1. Did you incur any repair / maintenance costs to your fence(s)? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_  
 If yes, how many miles \_\_\_\_\_ or feet \_\_\_\_\_ and what was your expense for 2009? \_\_\_\_\_
2. Have you replaced any part of your fencing? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_ If yes, list amount replaced:  
 All \_\_\_\_\_ miles \_\_\_\_\_ or feet \_\_\_\_\_ what was your expense \_\_\_\_\_
3. What type of fence do you have? Please circle the type(s) that is applicable.  
 Metal Tee Posts, Treated Fence Posts, Barbed Wire, High Fence. Other \_\_\_\_\_

4. Do you have Insurance? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_ If yes, what type of coverage?

<u>Type</u>	<u>Acreage Covered</u>	<u>Cost</u>
General Liability	_____	_____
Crop	_____	_____
Other _____	_____	_____

5. What is your yearly cost for Ranch Operation Management? Example: foreman cost and / or owner's labor expense \_\_\_\_\_

6. Did you perform any activities for brush management? Exp: aerating, strip clearing, disking and shredding Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_  
 If yes, how many acres: \_\_\_\_\_ what type of activity: \_\_\_\_\_ what was the cost incurred: \_\_\_\_\_

7. Does the property have a water source(s)? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_  
 If yes, what type of water source(s)? \_\_\_\_\_

8. Did you incur any repair / maintenance costs for your water source(s)?

<u>Water source</u>	<u>Maintenances Cost for 2009</u>
Wells	_____
Water Tanks / Ponds	_____
Windmills	_____
Other (sources)	_____

9. Did you construct a new water source?

<u>Water source</u>	<u>Cost for 2009</u>
Well	_____
Water Tanks / Ponds	_____
Irrigation System	_____
Other (sources)	_____

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**III Property Lease Information**

1. Are you leasing your property to someone else for Agricultural use?

Yes \_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_ If yes, how many acres? \_\_\_\_\_

2. Are you leasing property from someone else for Agricultural use?

Yes \_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_ If yes, how many acres? \_\_\_\_\_

If you answered yes to question one or two, continue with questions three thru five. If you answered no to questions one and two, continue with section IV property use.

3. Name of Lessee / Lessor \_\_\_\_\_ Ph. # \_\_\_\_\_

4. Date of lease \_\_\_\_\_ Length of lease \_\_\_\_\_

5. What is the lease cost per acre?

- Grazing \_\_\_\_\_ Hunting \_\_\_\_\_ Grazing/Hunting \_\_\_\_\_ Crop \_\_\_\_\_

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**IV Property Use:**

1. Is the property currently used for agricultural use or is it currently idle? \_\_\_\_\_

2. What is the primary use of the property?

- Grazing \_\_\_\_\_ Wildlife Management (WLM) \_\_\_\_\_ Crops \_\_\_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_

3. How many acres are devoted to the following:

- Grazing \_\_\_\_\_ Crops \_\_\_\_\_ Residential \_\_\_\_\_ WLM \_\_\_\_\_
- Hunting \_\_\_\_\_ Hunting Camp \_\_\_\_\_ other (*describe*) \_\_\_\_\_

4. List the number of animals you had in 2009.

- Cattle \_\_\_\_\_ Horses \_\_\_\_\_ Goats \_\_\_\_\_ Sheep \_\_\_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_

5. List the number of animals you sold in 2009.

- Cattle \_\_\_\_\_ Horses \_\_\_\_\_ Goats \_\_\_\_\_ Sheep \_\_\_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_

6. If you are growing crops, list the type(s) and the number of acres that you have designated for crops.

- Crops: \_\_\_\_\_ number of acres \_\_\_\_\_
- Dry Crops: \_\_\_\_\_ number of acres \_\_\_\_\_
- Irrigated: \_\_\_\_\_ number of acres \_\_\_\_\_

7. Is there a secondary use for the property?

For example, wildlife management, horse breeding farm, and / or crops?

- Yes \_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_ If yes, what? \_\_\_\_\_

8. List any factors affecting agricultural production on your property? \_\_\_\_\_

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I certify that the information provided by me on this form is true and correct.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

**If you are applying for Wildlife Management a 1-d-1 Agricultural application must be completed and you must attach a detail Wildlife Management Plan.**



**WEBB COUNTY APPRAISAL DISTRICT**  
**3302 CLARK BOULEVARD**  
**LAREDO, TEXAS 78043-3346**  
**PHONE: (956)718-4091 FAX: (956)718-4052**

**STATEMENT OF INTENDED USE OF AGRICULTURAL LAND**

OWNER

LEGAL DESCRIPTION

\_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS:

ACCOUNT #

\_\_\_\_\_  
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\_\_\_\_\_  
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TELEPHONE NUMBER:

ACREAGE AMOUNT:

\_\_\_\_\_  
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\_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

**PLEASE CHECK ONE:**

\_\_\_\_\_ It is my intent to use all of the above described property for agricultural purposes, I understand that in order to continue the agricultural or special valuation for the upcoming tax year, I must submit a valid Ag application to the Webb County Appraisal District between January 1<sup>st</sup> and April 30<sup>th</sup>, and qualification will be determined at that time. I understand that failure to submit an Ag application will result in removal of the special valuation.

\_\_\_\_\_ It is my intent to discontinue agricultural use on all of the above described property effective \_\_\_\_\_. I understand that the property on which a change occurs may be subject to a "rollback tax" as mandated by Sec. 23.55 of the Texas Property Tax Code.

Effective date of change to non-agricultural use: \_\_\_\_\_ Acreage Amt.: \_\_\_\_\_

**Form must be notarized**

STATE OF TEXAS }  
 COUNTY OF WEBB }

BEFORE ME, the undersigned authority, on this day personally appeared \_\_\_\_\_, known to me to be the person whose name is subscribed to the foregoing instrument and, upon oath declared that the Statement of Intended Use Form is true and correct.

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Title

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Date

Subscribed and sworn to before me, \_\_\_\_\_ this day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_ A.D., to certify which witness my hand and seal of office:

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Notary Public, State of Texas

\_\_\_\_\_  
 My Commission Expires