



**HENDERSON COUNTY APPRAISAL DISTRICT  
P. O. BOX 430, ATHENS, TX 75751  
(903) 675-9296**

**OPEN-SPACE LAND APPLICATION FOR YEAR \_\_\_\_\_**

In order to claim open-space land valuation, this application must be timely filed **BETWEEN JANUARY 1ST, AND APRIL 30TH**, of this year.

**IDENTIFICATION OF APPLICANT:**

DEED OWNERS NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

CURRENT MAILING ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

NUMBER/POST OFFICE BOX

STREET

CITY

STATE

ZIP CODE

HOME PHONE NO: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ WORK PHONE NO: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ DATE OF BIRTH: \_\_\_\_\_

PREVIOUS OWNER: \_\_\_\_\_

**IDENTIFICATION OF LAND:**

Our account number: \_\_\_\_\_ Legal Description: \_\_\_\_\_

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**TOTAL ACREAGE COVERED BY THIS APPLICATION:\*** \_\_\_\_\_

1. List the principal use of the land describe above for the past seven (7) years. Include both agricultural (see \*\* below) and nonagricultural uses of the land. Indicate below the number of acres in each category. This should total the number of acres that is the subject of this application (same as \* above)

\_\_\_\_\_ ACS. HOMESITE

\_\_\_\_\_ ACS. UNIMPROVED PASTURE  
(native grasses; i.e. common bermuda, dallis, johnson, sparsely wooded)

\_\_\_\_\_ ACS. IMPROVED PASTURE  
(coastal bermuda, bahia, rye grass)

\_\_\_\_\_ ACS. NOT USED AGRICULTURALLY  
(other than homesite)

\_\_\_\_\_ ACS. DRYLAND/CROPLAND

\_\_\_\_\_ ACS. ORCHARDS/HORTICULTURE

= \_\_\_\_\_ TOTAL ACREAGE\*

\*\* "AGRICULTURAL USE" includes, but is not limited to the following activities: cultivating the soil, producing crops for human food, animal feed, planting seed, and for the production of fibers; floriculture, viticulture, and horticulture; raising or keeping livestock; and planting cover crops or leaving land idle for the purpose of participating in any governmental program, or normal crop or livestock rotation procedure.

2. Is the land subject to this application CURRENTLY devoted principally to an agricultural use as defined above? \_\_\_\_\_ yes \_\_\_\_\_ no

3. Is the land subject to this application located within the corporate limits of a city or town? \_\_\_\_\_ yes \_\_\_\_\_ no

4. Is the land subject to this application owned by a non-resident alien, a foreign government, or a corporation, partnership, trust, or other legal entity in which a non-resident alien or foreign government owns a majority interest in the entity and which is required by federal law or federal rules to register its ownership or acquisition of this land? \_\_\_\_\_ yes \_\_\_\_\_ no

**NOTE: VERY IMPORTANT**

**DOCUMENTATION SHOWING THE HISTORY OF AGRICULTURAL USE OF THIS LAND FOR FIVE (5) OF THE LAST (7) YEARS MUST BE ATTACHED TO THIS APPLICATION WHEN IT IS RETURNED TO THE APPRAISAL DISTRICT. IF THE DOCUMENTATION IS NOT FURNISHED, THE APPLICATION WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.** (receipts for fertilizer, feed, bill of sale, copies of leases, etc.)

An application for open-space valuation does not have to be filed annually once such valuation is granted. However, the chief appraiser may require a new application to be filed to confirm that the land is currently eligible for open-space land valuation.

If the use on all or part of qualifying land changes to a non -qualifying use, the land which changes use will be subject to a rollback in taxes for each of the preceding five (5) years in which the special land valuation has been granted.

In addition, a penalty will be imposed if the owner fails to notify the chief appraiser in writing before May 1st after eligibility for the open-space land valuation ends or after a change in the category of the agricultural use. This penalty will be equal to 10% of the difference between the taxes imposed on the property in each year that the property was erroneously allowed the special valuation and the taxes that would otherwise have been imposed.

If the application is granted after being filed late, the owner is liable for a penalty of 10% of the difference in the amount of tax imposed on the property and the amount that would be imposed if the property were taxed at market value.

ANY PERSON WHO MAKES A FALSE ENTRY UPON THE FOREGOING RECORD SHALL BE SUBJECT TO ONE OF THE FOLLOWING PENALTIES:

1. Imprisonment of not more than 10 years nor less than 2 years and/or a fine of not more than \$5,000 or both such fine and imprisonment.
2. Confinement in jail for a term up to 1 year or a fine not to exceed \$2,000 or both such fine and imprisonment as set forth in Section 37.10 of the Penal Code.

The signature below certifies that the information contained in this application is true and correct. The signature below authorizes the Henderson County Appraisal District to enter my property for inspection of agricultural land described in the application.

Applicant signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Texas Constitution, Article VIII  
Property Tax Code, Ch. 23, Subch. D  
State Property Tax Board  
Special Use Application 23.54 (9/8) Ir

IN THE SPACE BELOW, PLEASE PROVIDE A MAP SHOWING THE EXACT PHYSICAL LOCATION OF YOUR PROPERTY FOR THE PURPOSE OF AN ON-SITE INSPECTION. INCLUDE ROAD NAMES AND NUMBERS.

**SUPPLEMENT TO OPEN-SPACE LAND APPLICATION**  
**(1-D-1 agricultural land)**

Account No. \_\_\_\_\_

Account No. \_\_\_\_\_

**This additional information is necessary in order to determine if your property qualifies for this special valuation. The appraisal district cannot make an eligibility determination unless this information is provided with the application.**

**Please return the completed supplement questionnaire to our office with the main application. If you have any questions concerning the information requested, please contact the HENDERSON CAD at (903) 675-9296.**

1. If you use this property for raising livestock, how many head of livestock do you raise **(Please give # of yearly average)**?

Cattle	_____	Goats	_____
Calves	_____	Horses	_____
Bulls	_____	Sheep	_____
Other	_____		

Is raising livestock the principal use of this property? \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No

How many acres do you devote to raising livestock \_\_\_\_\_?

2. Is this property devoted to hay production? \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No

3. If crops are grown on this property, list the principal crop grown and the average yield per acre.

Crop	_____	Average yield per acre	_____
Crop	_____	Average yield per acre	_____

Is growing crops the principal use of this property? \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No

4. If you are using this property to participate in a government program, what is the name of the program in which you participate?

Agency/Program \_\_\_\_\_

How many acres are devoted to this program? \_\_\_\_\_ acres

Are you planting cover crops \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No

Is participating in a government program the principal use of this property? \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No

How long has the land been idle? \_\_\_\_\_ Months \_\_\_\_\_ Years

Is livestock or crop rotation currently the principal use of this property? \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No

5. Do you use this land to raise or keep exotic animals? \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No

If so, how many head of exotics do you raise on this property?

Axis deer \_\_\_\_\_

Nilga antelope \_\_\_\_\_

Red sheep \_\_\_\_\_

Other(explain) \_\_\_\_\_

6. Is this property used for any of the following?

a. floriculture(flowering) \_\_\_\_\_Y\_\_\_\_N

b. viticulture(grapes) \_\_\_\_\_Y\_\_\_\_N

c. horticulture(ornamental)\_\_\_\_\_Y\_\_\_\_N

7. Are you currently cultivating the soil on this property to PREPARE for an agricultural use? \_\_\_\_\_Y\_\_\_\_N

If so, how long have these preparations taken place? \_\_\_\_\_

Is cultivating the soil currently the principal use of this property? \_\_\_\_\_Y\_\_\_\_N

8. If you lease this property to another party for agricultural purposes, please furnish the following information:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone no. \_\_\_\_\_

9. If you are currently leasing another property for your own agricultural usage, please furnish the following information:

Name of Owner : \_\_\_\_\_ Phone no. \_\_\_\_\_

Number of acres you lease: \_\_\_\_\_ acres

Lease amount \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of applicant \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_