



2026 BEEKEEPING ANNUAL REPORT

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IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR OWNERS: Article 8, Sec. 1-d-1, Texas Constitution, and Chapter 23m 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/or the appraisal district staff.

You must complete this annual report in full and file it no later than April 30th of every year in order to continue receiving the agricultural appraisal. Failure to turn in the annual report as required can result in the loss of the agricultural valuation and a possible rollback of taxes.

DEGREE OF INTENSITY

ACRES	HIVES
5.00	6
7.50	7
10.00	8
12.50	9
15.00	10
17.50	11
20.00	12

Our degree of intensity standard is set at a minimum of six colonies (hives) and 5 acres. The minimum degree of intensity was established using Section 131.001 Texas Agriculture Code's definition of an apiary, which is a place where six or more colonies of bees or nuclei of bees are kept. A colony is the hive and its equipment and appurtenances including bees, comb, honey, pollen, and brood. For each additional 2.5 acres one additional hive is required is less than 2.5 acres, no additional hive is required. For example: if a property owner has 16.3 acres of land used for beekeeping a minimum of 10 hives would be needed to qualify (first 5 acres six hives, additional 10 acres 4 hives, remaining 1.3 acres no hives). The productivity value for beekeeping will be based upon the dry cropland productivity value. The hives must be maintained and kept alive. The Montague County Appraisal District will approve the agricultural productivity appraisal on the total acreage, not just the area where the hives sit.
The Montague Appraisal District degree of intensity is 6 hives on the first 5 acres with 1 hive per additional 2.5 acres up to 20 acres. This will give a range of 6-12 hives.

OWNER INFORMATION

PROPERTY ID#:	TOTAL ACREAGE:	PRIMARY PHONE:		
OWNER NAME:		EMAIL:		
MAILING ADDRESS:		CITY:	STATE:	ZIP:

PROPERTY DESCRIPTION

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PROPERTY ID#:	GEO ID#:	ACREAGE:
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BEEKEEPING OPERATION QUESTIONS

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When did you first receive bees on this property? <small>***Please attach a copy of the apiary receipt from your purchase***</small>	
When did you obtain your equipment for beekeeping?	
What type of bees are you raising?	
How many hives do you have on the property?	
Who manages the bee colony?	
Do you use a third-party bee wrangler? If yes, list their name:	
Describe your beekeeping training or education:	
Describe your queen replacement:	
Describe your Africanized bee prevention:	

BEEKEEPING OPERATION QUESTIONS - CONTINUED

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Describe your fire ant prevention:	
Describe your pollination sources/location(s):	
Describe planting for your pollination plan:	
Describe relocation or movement of hives (if any):	
Describe your winterization technique(s):	
Describe the products you expect to harvest:	
Describe your expected production yield for the current year:	
Describe how you are making your product:	
Describe prevention/control of diseases, parasites, fungal and bacterial growth:	

You are REQUIRED to provide recent evidence of use. Evidence can be any or all of the suggested following documentation:

1. Export, import or intra-state permits, required by the Texas Apiary Inspection Service to transport hives (if any)
2. Receipts for purchase of hives, bees, supplies, pesticides, mediation, equipment, etc.
3. Written agreements with operators or wranglers (if any)
4. Recently dated pictures of the hives, production, equipment, operation, etc.
5. Marketing materials, price listings, pamphlets, flies, etc. (if any)
6. Sample of receipts of your products

Bees must be (1) alive; (2) maintained; (3) active; (4) producing; and (5) located on land receiving the agricultural appraisal. Failure to meet these requirements will result in loss of the agricultural special valuation appraisal.

OWNER SIGNATURE & DATE

The owner's signature is required for the form to be a valid submission. If the signature is omitted, the form is incomplete.

Under Section 37.10, Texas Penal Code, if you make a false statement on this form, you could receive a jail term of up to 1 year and a fine of up to \$2,000, or a prison term of 2 to 10 years and a fine of up to \$5,000

PRINT NAME:	
OWNER SIGNATURE:	DATE:

If you have any questions or need any assistance in completing the annual update, please contact our office directly to ensure your form is completed in full.

Submit your annual update and any additional documents through one of the following methods:

- **Mail:** You can send the documents by mail to our office Montague County Appraisal District, PO Box 121, Montague, TX 76251.
- **In-Person:** If you prefer, you are welcome to visit our office during business hours and provide the documents in person.
- **E-Mail:** mctad@windstream.net