

# Montague CAD Beekeeping Supplement



**This packet acts as a supplement to our ag use packet. Inside you will find information regarding how to qualify for ag use based on beekeeping only. Please note, you must fill out the ag application along with the supplemental beekeeping questionnaire attached.**

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## Montague County Appraisal District Beekeeping Guidelines

**Sec. 23.51(2)** "Agricultural use" includes the use of land to raise or keep bees for pollination or for the production of human food or other tangible products having a commercial value, provided that the land used is not less than 5 or more than 20 acres.

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 on 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, honey, pollen, and brood.

The Montague County Appraisal District's degree of intensity is 6 hives on the first 5 acres with one hive per additional 2.5 acres up to 20 acres. This will give a range of 6-12 hives for a minimum requirement or an average of 0.6 hives per acre (12/20). Example below for 16.3

ACRES	HIVES
5	6
7.5	7
10	8
12.5	9
15	10
17.5	11
20	12

The productivity value for beekeeping will be based upon the Orchard productivity value. The hives must be maintained and kept alive. Hives must be located on the property at least 7 months of the year and must be active and maintained. Hives should be situated up off of the ground. Flowering plants should be planted to support hives if the hives are in areas where there is limited vegetation that requires pollination. Provide a copy of a map with the vegetation and hive placement on it.

When property owners initially qualify for agricultural appraisal they must show proof of history for agricultural use/beekeeping for any of the five out of seven preceding years. One way to do this is to ask for export, import or intra-state permits, which are required by the Texas Apiary Inspection Service to transport hives.

## Supplemental Beekeeping Questionnaire

Property Owner Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Property ID #'s \_\_\_\_\_

**Acres Requirement:** The State of Texas has set a minimum of 5 acres and a maximum of 20 acres to qualify beekeeping as an agricultural use.

Number of acres on this application is \_\_\_\_\_

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When did you obtain your equipment for the bees? \_\_\_\_\_

What type of bees are you raising? \_\_\_\_\_

How long have you been raising bees? \_\_\_\_\_

How many hives do you have on the property now? \_\_\_\_\_

Who will be managing the bee colony? \_\_\_\_\_

Is there a hired bee wrangler? If yes, who? \_\_\_\_\_

Describe any beekeeping education obtained: \_\_\_\_\_

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### DESCRIBE THE PRODUCTS YOU EXPECT TO HARVEST:

- \_\_\_\_ Honey – [Extracted, Comb, Chunk, Creamed or Whipped Honey]
- \_\_\_\_ Beeswax
- \_\_\_\_ Propolis
- \_\_\_\_ Royal Jelly
- \_\_\_\_ Pollen
- \_\_\_\_ Bees themselves

Expected pound of production per hive is \_\_\_\_\_

How do you plan to market your products? \_\_\_\_\_

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### DESCRIBE ANY POLLINATION PLANS FOR YOUR PROPERTY:

- I.e.: What plants are on your property now? Do you have clover?
- Have you planted specific flowers for the bees?

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**PLEASE NOTE:** The bees must be alive, active & producing to qualify & are subject to annual verification.

**SIGNATURE:** \_\_\_\_\_ **DATE:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Printed Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

## Bee 2 Year Check List

NAME:

PROP ID #'S:

TOTAL # OF ACRES:

TOTAL # OF HIVES:

(INCLUDE LAND MAP WITH LOCATION OF HIVES)

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Inspections

How often?

When / times of year?

Queen Replacement

How often?

Last one?

Products produced – details

Africanized bees – prevention

Fire ants – prevention

Supplement by planting clover?

Do they feed them? How much? What? When?

Active now?

Winter – electric light with box around?

Winter – inactive / hibernate?

Texas Apiary Inspection Service

**Intrastate Application**

Section 131.043

Name:	
Business Name:	
Mailing Address:	
City:	Primary phone #:
State:	Alternate phone #:
Zip Code:	E-mail Address:

To obtain your permit, please send \$35.00 along with the completed application. Make checks payable to Texas Apiary Inspection Service and mail to:

**Texas Apiary Inspection Service  
2475 TAMU  
College Station, TX 77843-2475**

Date colonies will be moved:	
Total number of colonies to be moved:	
Total number of equipment to be moved:	

**List of Counties:**

COUNTY	# OF COLONIES

The beekeeper endorses that his/her hives and equipment are in compliance with Chapter 131 of the Texas Agriculture Code.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

This application may be signed electronically and emailed or faxed to TAIS, however the permit will not be officially filed until payment is received by mail.



Texas Apiary  
Inspection Service

TEXAS A&M AGRILIFE RESEARCH

Office of the Chief Apiary Inspector  
2475 TAMU  
Janice and John G. Thomas '59 Honey Bee Facility  
College Station, TX 77843-2475  
Tel. 979.845.9713 | Fax. 979.845.0983  
E-mail: tais@tamu.edu  
<https://txbeeinspection.tamu.edu>

Texas Apiary Inspection Service

# Importation Application

Section 131.041

Name:	
Business Name:	
Mailing Address:	
City:	Primary phone #:
State:	Alternate phone #:
Zip Code:	E-mail Address:

To obtain your permit please send \$100.00 along with the completed application. Separate applications are required for each state you import from. Make checks payable to Texas Apiary Inspection Service and mail to:

**Texas Apiary Inspection Service  
2475 TAMU  
College Station, TX 77843-2475**

Date colonies will be moved:	State of origin of shipment:
Total number of colonies to be moved:	
Total number of empty equipment to be moved:	

**Shipment Destination (list counties):**

COUNTY	# OF COLONIES

**Please arrange a health certificate to be sent to the Texas Apiary Inspection Service prior to shipment. NOTE: If no current health certificate has been sent to TAIS, then the shipment will enter Texas under quarantine and must be inspected at TAIS's earliest convenience.**

The beekeeper endorses that his/her hives and equipment are in compliance with Chapter 131 of the Texas Agriculture Code.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

This application may be signed electronically and emailed or faxed to TAIS, however the permit will not be officially filed until payment is received by mail.



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**Montague County Tax Appraisal District**

**PO Box 121**

**Montague, TX 76251**

Phone: (940) 894-6011 Fax (940) 894-6599

**APPLICATION YEAR**

*For Office Use Only*

Approved \_\_\_\_\_ Disapproved \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_

Appraiser: \_\_\_\_\_

**Open-Space Land In Agricultural Use Appraisal Special Valuation Application**

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

This Application must be filed out between January 1<sup>st</sup> and April 30<sup>th</sup> of year

Requesting special valuation (or) deadline of July 15<sup>th</sup> with penalty.

**Step 1:**

**Identification of Applicant (USE BLACK INK ONLY)**

**Owner Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Mailing Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone Numbers: Home:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Work:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Birth Date\*:** \_\_\_\_\_

\*(if owned by an individual)

**Type of Current Operation (Circle Primary)**

- A. Cow/Calf
- B. Feeder/Calf
- C. Horses\*
- D. Exotic Game
- E. Row Crop
- F. Wildlife Mgmt \*\*
- G Orchard
- H. Hay
- I. Other

\*Horse operators - Fill out Supplement B

\*\*Wildlife Mgt. Request Separate Application

**Additional information available on our website, [www.isouthwestdata.com](http://www.isouthwestdata.com)**

THIS LAND IS CURRENTLY BEING USED FOR AGRICULTURAL PURPOSES.

Yes\* \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_ If No Explain: \_\_\_\_\_

\*If leased - complete Supplement A

**Step 2: Describe the Property**

Property ID #	ABST. NBR. OF SURVEY	NBR. OF ACRES IN TRACT	NUMBER OF ACRES IN:					NON-AG USE	
			ORCHARD	IRRIG CROP	DRY CROP	IMPROVED PASTURE	NATIVE PASTURE		TIMBER

**YOU MAY CONTINUE THIS LISTING ON A MULTI-ACCOUNT FORM AVAILABLE AT THE MCAD OFFICE**

**TOTAL ACRES SUBJECT TO THIS APPLICATION:** \_\_\_\_\_

1. Do you rent or lease other land from someone else adjoining this property? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_
2. If Yes, how many acres adjoining? \_\_\_\_\_
3. Please describe anything else about your operation that should be considered in approving this application.  
\_\_\_\_\_

ANY PERSON WHO MAKES A FALSE ENTRY UPON THE FORGOING RECORD SHALL BE SUBJECT TO ONE OF THE FOLLOWING PENALTIES: (1) IMPRISONMENT OF NOT MORE THAN 10 YEARS NOR LESS THAN 2 YEARS. (2) A FINE OF NOT MORE THAT \$5,000 OR BOTH SUCH FINE NOT TO EXCEED \$2,000 OR BOTH SUCH FINE AND IMPRISONMENT AS SET FORTH IN SECTION 37.10 OF THE PENAL CODE.

**I have read the entire application before signing, verified this information and initialed each page where indicated.  
IF NOT COMPLETED IN FULL, THE APPLICATION WILL BE DENIED.**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Applicant

\_\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

**PRIOR AGRICULTURAL USAGE:**

- Is this the first application by you on this land? Yes\_\_\_ No\_\_\_ (If No, what year? \_\_\_\_\_)
- Has Open Space been denied to you on this land? Yes\_\_\_ No\_\_\_ (If Yes, what year? \_\_\_\_\_)
- Has Open Space been granted to previous owners on this land? Yes\_\_\_ No\_\_\_

**HISTORY OF AGRICULTURAL USEAGE:**

LIST THE PRINCIPAL USE OF THE LAND DESCRIBED ON PAGE ONE FOR THE PAST SEVEN YEARS, INCLUDE BOTH AGRICULTURAL AND NON-AGRICULTURAL USE OF THE LAND.

YEARS	AGRICULTURAL USE* <i>SPECIFY: (ROW CROP, HAY, COWS, PIGS, GOATS, HORSES ETC)</i>	ACRES	NON-AGRICULTURAL-USE (Homesite, Rent House etc.)	ACRES
1.)				
2.)				
3.)				
4.)				
5.)				
6.)				
7.)				

AGRICULTURAL USE – Includes, but is not limited to, the following activities: (1) cultivating the soil; (2) producing crops for human food, animal feed, planting seed, or for the production of fibers; (3) floriculture (cultivation of ornamental and flowering plants), viticulture (cultivation of grapes), and horticulture (cultivation of fruits, vegetables, shrubs and cut flowers);(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) wildlife management; and (8) beekeeping.

**OPERATIONAL QUESTIONNAIRE FOR CURRENT AG USE:**

**Livestock**

Principal Operation: Yes\_\_\_ No\_\_\_

1. How many head of Domestic Livestock do you raise on this Property? Year Average: \_\_\_\_\_

Cattle \_\_\_\_\_ Horses \_\_\_\_\_ \*\*\*Goats/Sheep \_\_\_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_

2. Is the property listed on this application fenced (perimeter)? Yes\_\_\_ No\_\_\_

3. If the land shown on this applicaiton is less than 10 acres, is its use in conjunction with an adjoining larger operation of ten acres or more of vacant land? Yes \_\_\_\* No\_\_\_

\*If Yes, please explain: \_\_\_\_\_

\*\*\*Goats/Sheep - 3 to 4 required per acre (minimum) with a 10 acre minimum

**Cropland**

Principal Operation: Yes\_\_\_ No\_\_\_

1. List the Principal crop grown. \_\_\_\_\_

2. List any secondary crop grown. \_\_\_\_\_

3. In an average year, what is your yield per acre? Principal \_\_\_\_\_ Secondary \_\_\_\_\_

4. What is your cost per acre to product this yield? Principal \_\_\_\_\_ Secondary \_\_\_\_\_

5. If the land shown on this application is less than 15 acres (Hay Crop) or 20 acres (RowCrop), is its use in conjunction with an adjoining larger operation? Yes\_\_\_\* No\_\_\_ \*If Yes, please explain: \_\_\_\_\_

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## IMPORTANT INFORMATION

An application for open-space special 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 agricultural use special valuation. If not completed in full, the application **WILL BE DENIED**.

**The property subject to open space valuation must show a history of five years out of the last seven years of agricultural use, if not inside an incorporated city or town. If the property falls into an incorporated city or town it must show a five-year history of continuous agricultural use out of the past five years in order to qualify for special valuation.**

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

**You must notify the Chief Appraiser in writing if you: stop using your property for agricultural use (e.g., you voluntarily decide to stop farming); change the category of your use (e.g., you change from dry cropland to improved pasture); you change the level of your use (e.g., you substantially increase or decrease the number of cattle you raise); you change the nature of your use (e.g., you switch from growing corn to growing ornamental plants); you 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 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. In addition, a penalty will be imposed if the owner fails to notify the Chief Appraiser in writing before May 1, after the eligibility for agricultural use land valuation ends or after a change in category of 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 special valuation and the taxes that would otherwise have been imposed.**

### BEEKEEPING

The State of Texas has set a minimum of 5 acres and a maximum of 20 acres to qualify beekeeping as an agricultural use.

The applicant must provide a plan specifying the following: - Type of Bees; - Number of hives; - Map with location of hives and plant life; - List of vegetation for hive's food source (all plant life intended to support hives); - Marketing plan for production; - Size of property to be used for beekeeping; - Information about bee migratory habits.

Our degree of intensity standard is set at a minimum of six colonies (hives) on the first 5 acres with 1 hive per additional 2.5 acres up to 20 acres. The productivity value for beekeeping will be based upon the Dry Cropland productivity value. The hives must be maintained and kept alive. The agricultural productivity appraisal will be on the total acreage, not just the area where the hives sit.

Texas Apiary Inspection Service application and Supplemental Questionnaire are available upon request.

*Please initial **ALL** pages to acknowledge that you have read and understood each page.*

***ALL** pages must be initialed and returned to MCAD before your application will be considered.*

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**SUPPLEMENT A**

**LEASE INFORMATION**

To be filled out only if land is leased

Do you rent or lease this land to another person? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Lessee Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Lessee Telephone: Home: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Work: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Cell: \_\_\_\_\_

1. Is your property for: Grazing \_\_\_\_\_ Crops \_\_\_\_\_
2. What type of lease agreement do you have? Share Lease \_\_\_\_\_ Cash Lease \_\_\_\_\_
3. If the type of lease is Share, what is your Percentage? \_\_\_\_\_
4. If the type is Cash, what is your annual rent? \_\_\_\_\_
5. What are some of your other considerations? (explain) \_\_\_\_\_

1. Is your land leased for hunting? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_
2. How do you charge to hunt? Per acre \_\_\_\_\_ Per Gun \_\_\_\_\_ Per Person \_\_\_\_\_  
Daily Fee \_\_\_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_
3. How much do you receive annually? \_\_\_\_\_

**SUPPLEMENT B**

**HORSE BREEDERS ONLY**

**Horse Qualifications:** Land used primarily to raise or keep horses qualifies for agricultural appraisal. Land used primarily to train, show, race horses, to raise horses for recreation, or to keep horses in some other manner that is not incidental to breeding horses does **not** qualify. Similarly, land used as a stable where horses are kept, fed and cared for, is not being used primarily for an agricultural purpose, unless the stable is incidental to breeding and raising horses.

BY ANSWERING THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS ABOUT YOUR OPERATION YOU WILL HELP THIS OFFICE TO BETTER QUALIFY YOU FOR OPEN SPACE APPLICATION.

1. The predominate breed of horses raised is. \_\_\_\_\_
2. How many horses do you have grazing on this tract? \_\_\_\_\_
3. How many head of breeding mares do you have? \_\_\_\_\_
4. How many breeding stallions do you have? \_\_\_\_\_
5. Do you operate a stud service of A/I service? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_
6. If Yes, how many acres are devoted principally to such a service? \_\_\_\_\_
7. How are the foals sold? Trained \_\_\_\_\_ Untrained \_\_\_\_\_
8. If trained, how many acres are devoted principally to this portion of the operation? \_\_\_\_\_
9. How many acres of this tract is improved pasture? \_\_\_\_\_
10. Upon sale of the stock what is the average price per animal sold? \_\_\_\_\_
11. Describe the principal use of your horses. \_\_\_\_\_

**Note!** IN ORDER TO PROCESS THIS APPLICATION, COPIES OF BREEDING CERTIFICATES AND/OR REGISTRATION PAPERS ON ALL BROOD STOCK MUST BE SUBMITTED ALONG WITH THIS APPLICATION.

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