

**JEFFERSON COUNTY FLORIDA
AGRICULTURAL CLASSIFICATION INFORMATION**

PARCEL ID# _____ ADDRESS _____

1. Did you purchase your land with the intent to grow or produce an agricultural product that will be sold to generate income for your family or business? Yes ___ No ___
2. Did you negotiate a purchase price based on an existing agricultural income? Yes ___ No ___ If No, how did you establish the purchase price? _____
3. Is the majority of acreage you own being used for an agricultural purpose to generate income? Yes ___ No ___ (please note if you are using any of the property for a single or multi family dwelling, this acreage cannot be considered a part of the agricultural use) If Yes, approx how many acres? _____
4. Explain or describe how you will invest resources into the land in an attempt to make it profitable? (you may submit a management plan in lieu of answering this question.)

5. If you lease your land, please attach a copy of the lease OR provide the following information:
of acres are leased: _____ Length of lease: _____ mos/years
Lease Price Per Acre _____ Who maintains leased property? _____
6. If you are growing timber, attach your management plan OR provide the following information:
For each timber type provide # Acres; # of Feet of In Row Spacing; # of Feet In Between Row Spacing; Avg # Trees per Acre and date planted. (see example below)
Loblolly Pine 50 ac 6ft In Row x 10ft Btwn Row 726 trees/ac planted 2012
Pine/Hardwood 25 ac 10ft in Row x 10ft Btwn Row 435 trees/ac planted 2017
7. Is there any equipment is being used to maintain the property? Yes ___ No ___ If yes, who owns the equipment? _____ **Be sure to file a TPP Return by April 1st.**
8. Do/will you file a Schedule F (Profit & Loss from Farming) with your IRS Tax Return? Yes ___ No ___
9. Is property listed with the Farm Service Agency? Yes ___ No ___ If yes, Do you receive cost share funds? Yes ___ No ___
10. Do you or your business keep a current business license with the County/City? Yes ___ No ___

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

Date _____ Phone Number _____

Printed Name: _____ Signature _____

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Agricultural Owners

If you are a new agricultural business land owner, Congratulations and Thank You for choosing Jefferson County in which to operate your business. If you are an existing business owner, I wish you continued success and hope you find Jefferson County a friendly place to conduct business.

The agricultural classification is available to land that meets the requirements set forth under applicable statutes, rules and regulations.

Specifically, pursuant to Florida Statute 193.461 (3)(a) “*No lands shall be classified as agricultural lands unless a return is filed on or before **March 1st of each year**, and (3) (b)...only lands which are used primarily for bona fide agricultural purposes.*” Bona fide agricultural purposes” means good faith commercial agricultural use of land.

The agricultural classification is a benefit to property owners that results in a taxable value based upon agricultural use; this value is typically less than the parcel would be valued without the classification. Once granted, the parcel is valued pursuant to Section 193.461 (6)(a) Florida Statutes.

When property receiving an agricultural classification contains a residence under the same ownership, the portion of the property consisting of the residence and curtilage must be assessed separately to be entitled to the “Save Our Homes” assessment limitation, found in Florida Statute 193.461 (3)(d). Curtilage is typically defined as the land area around the residence.

All equipment owned as of January 1st that is used to obtain an agricultural classification or business purposes must be reported on a DOR-405 Tangible Personal Property Tax Return by April 1st.

If you can honestly answer “yes” on a majority of the questions on the reverse side of this page, you “may” qualify for the classification. A majority of “no” answers may indicate that you will not qualify or will need to use this year to prepare your property to apply the following year.

If you choose to apply for Agricultural Classification by March 1st, a completed copy of this questionnaire will need to be included with your application.