

Agricultural Questionnaire

Name _____

Address _____

Phone(s): _____

E-mail address: _____

Account #: _____ Parcel number _____ Acres _____

Physical location: _____

The following questionnaire will be used to determine whether or not you qualify for AG Classification. Failure to fill out and file this form may result in losing your AG Classification and being assessed at a non- agricultural rate.

Per Colorado Statute 39-1-102 (3.5) "Farm" means, a parcel of land which is used to produce agricultural products that originate from the land's productivity for the primary purpose of obtaining a monetary profit. To meet the farming criteria the products must be grown in the ground and sold in their raw unprocessed state.

Per Colorado Statute 39-1-102 (13.5) "Ranch" means a parcel of land which is used for grazing livestock for the primary purpose of obtaining a monetary profit. For the purpose of this subsection (13.5) "livestock" means domestic animals which are used for food for human or animal consumption, breeding, draft, or profit. The animals should be identified by brands or tags and should be adequately confined to the property (fencing). The owner of the horses must be using them for breeding, draft, profit or consumption.

1. How is the above described property currently being used? Farm _____, Ranch _____,
Land rental _____, Orchard/vineyard _____, Residential _____, Recreational _____,
Other (explain) _____?

2. Is your primary purpose of owning this property that of obtaining a **monetary profit** from an agricultural endeavor? Yes _____ No _____

3. Has this property been continuously engaged in an agricultural endeavor for the previous two years and presently being used as such? Yes _____ No _____

4. Is your property being used by another person engaged in an agricultural endeavor? Yes ____ No ____
(i.e. custom farming for owner, or leasing land from owner)

If yes, please specify terms of lease, or agreement with the person who is using your property? _____

If the property is leased with a residential improvement, does the occupant of the residence contribute to the agricultural operation? Yes ____ No ____

5. If this land is being used as, or in conjunction with, a farm, in accordance with the definition from page #1, how many acres and what types of crops are being cultivated?

a. Type of crop _____

Total acres planted _____

Amount harvested per year (tons, bushels, etc.) _____

Total amount sold (of current year production) _____

b. Type of crop _____

Total acres planted _____

Amount harvested per year (tons, bushels, etc.) _____

If commodity was sold, please provide the average selling price\ton for the current year production.

Grass Hay (or mixed) : \$ _____/T Alfalfa Only : \$ _____/T Other: _____\$/T

6. Does this property hold, by deed or assignment, any irrigation or water rights? Yes ____ No ____

For how many acres _____? Total water allowed (in Shares, acre/feet, G.P.M., etc.) _____

What is the source of this water or water right? (Name of Irrigation Co., Laterals, natural spring location, etc.) _____

Please estimate your cost of water per Acre/Year (to include ditch\share fees, pumping, maintenance)

\$ _____ per acre.

7. If the land is used as, or in conjunction with a ranch in accordance with the definition from page #1, or if the land is rented for the purpose of grazing livestock, please complete the following:

***In order for horses to qualify as "livestock" the animals must be used for breeding, draft, consumption or profit. The animal(s) must be used in an attempt to make a profit. Leasing pasture for boarding horses, or raising pleasure horses does not qualify. Please provide necessary information regarding horses being used as livestock. Information about the use of the horses must be provided.

a. Type of livestock _____ b. Type of livestock _____

Total number _____ Total number _____

Date(s) _____ Date(s) _____

Rental rate _____ Rental rate _____

8. If any of the aforementioned livestock are used in conjunction with a breeding operation, please provide specific information (type of livestock and their services provided, boarding, etc.) regarding this operation(s).

Approximate total dollar income and expense attributed to the overall agriculture endeavor by the breeding operation, draft, or ranch operation. Please remember all information is treated as confidential.

Income Expense Net profit /loss

Year 1 20 ____ \$ _____ \$ _____ \$ _____

3. If the livestock grazed does not belong to the land owner, who is the owner, and under what terms are they using the property? (Please remember that under current Colorado Statutes "trespass grazing" will not be used to justify agricultural classification).

Owner(s) _____ Telephone _____

Address _____

4. Is this property adequately fenced for the containment of livestock? Yes _____ No _____

5. Are there locked gates prohibiting unauthorized access to this property? Yes _____ No _____

6. Number of months this property has vehicle accessibility _____

7. Is there a residence or other "outbuildings" on this parcel? Residence: Yes _____ No _____

Number of "outbuildings" _____ Please include the approximate size, year built and building material of each _____

8. Is this property currently enrolled in any governmental agricultural programs (Colorado Forest Management Program, or a Conservation Reserve Program) as defined below? Yes _____ No _____

16. In your own words, please describe your agricultural operation and include any other relevant information.

To ensure that the land is currently used in and for an agricultural endeavor additional information supporting the use MUST be attached to the questionnaire. In compliance with Colorado statutes, the information provided should be reflective of the previous two years and current. Any decisions made regarding agricultural status will not be based solely on this information. The following are examples of information that will also be considered in determining the current agricultural use as well as site inspections, previous and current aerial photos.

PLEASE FEEL FREE TO PROVIDE US WITH ANY OF THE FOLLOWING DOCUMENTS TO VERIFY YOUR AGRICULTURAL USE :

- * Copies of lease agreements or receipt of lease payments
- * 1040 Schedule F or equivalent from an IRS tax return
- * Sales invoices or receipts of agricultural products or livestock
- * Account balance sheets or profit and loss statements
- * Brand inspection certificates and/or Bill of Sales for livestock
- * Documentation of enrollment in state agricultural programs
- * Any other additional and pertinent documentation. i.e, seed, fertilizer, farm equip., etc.

If you do not respond to this agricultural questionnaire or contact our office, this property will be reclassified to its apparent use effective next January 1st. Agricultural land Classification provides a substantial tax savings for those who qualify under Colorado Statutes so please take the time to fill out this questionnaire. Continuous annual use as agricultural land is a requirement unless you notify this office with a reason for non-use. It is the taxpayer's responsibility to notify our office on your 3rd year of agricultural use to receive the agricultural designation. Whenever an Agricultural Classification is lost it takes three years for the property to be reclassified agricultural, for valuation. Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter.

Signature _____ Date _____

If you have any questions or need assistance in completing the form please contact: