Agricultural Land Use Application

Information and Instructions

For property tax purposes, the determination of "full cash value" for agricultural land is prescribed by statute in A.R.S. § 42-13101. The valuation method applies only to property that has been approved for agricultural classification by meeting the statutory requirements and criteria set forth in A.R.S. Title 42, Chapter 12, Article 4. One such requirement is the submittal of a completed Agricultural Land Use Application form to the county assessor.

- Complete all the items on the form that apply. Sign the application and keep a copy for your records. Although not required, you are also encouraged to complete the Supplement Page, Form 82916-S, as this will facilitate the processing of your application.
- Submit the signed application to the assessor for the county in which the property is located. Also include any Agricultural Lease Abstract forms required by A.R.S. § 42-13102 (see the block at the bottom of this page).
- Along with the application, the assessor may request other pertinent information for review, such as the legal description of the property, copies of land leases, registered brand information, etc.

Quick File Option: If you are an owner-producer (i.e. the landowner and agricultural producer) and your application pertains to newly added property to your existing operation, you may choose to streamline your application under the following conditions:

A. The new property is an addition to your existing agricultural operation, **and**
B. The real property in your existing operation already has agricultural classification.

If conditions A & B are met, it is only necessary to list the newly added property on the application. Naturally, you may list all the land utilized in your operation, but it is not required.

Animal Unit (AU): Pursuant to A.R.S. § 37-285, "animal unit" means one weaned beef animal over six months of age, or one horse, or five goats, or five sheep, or the equivalent. A cow/calf pair (a cow and her calf) is considered equivalent to one animal unit.

AUM - Animal Unit Month: A.R.S. § 37-285 defines this as one animal unit grazing for one month. It is also known as the amount of forage required to sustain one animal unit for one month.

Carrying Capacity: Refers to the potential number of animal units that may be supported on an area of land for a given period of time based on forage potential. Please report the annual carrying capacity in the amount of animal unit months (AUM's). For example, consider a hypothetical 12,000 acre ranch property. If the forage potential can sustain 90 animal units grazing for ten months during the course of a year, the annual carrying capacity is 900 AUM's (90 animal units x 10 months). If 12 months, then 1,080 AUM's.

Homesite Acreage: If a portion of the parcel is used for a residence - typically the home of the owner's family - please report the approximate acreage for the site containing the home and its associated residential structures.

Land Use (codes to identify agricultural land use)

- **GR** Natural Grazing - livestock grazing on uncultivated land, on which naturally occurring plants provide forage
- **PA** Pasture - livestock grazing on irrigated and prepared land, on which plants are grown for forage
- **FC** Field Crops (cotton, wheat, barley, alfalfa, etc)
- **PC** Permanent Crops (citrus, nuts, apples, etc)
- **HD** High Density (feedlot, dairy, cotton gin, processing wine grapes, etc)
- **EQ** Equine (commercial breeding, raising, boarding or training; or rescue facility)

Important Awareness Items:

1. **Change of ownership.** If the ownership changes on a property that has agricultural classification, the new owner must file an application within sixty days after the ownership change to maintain the agricultural classification for the property.
2. **Notice of change in use.** Per A.R.S. § 42-12156, if all or part of the property ceases to qualify as agricultural property, the person who owns the property at the time of change must notify the assessor within sixty days after the change.
3. **A.R.S. § 42-12157.** This statute pertains to "Recapture and penalty for false information or failure to notify change in use".

Land You Lease to a Tenant: Per A.R.S. § 42-13102, an Agricultural Lease Abstract - DOR Form 82917 - is required for each agricultural land lease exceeding ninety days. This pertains to any deeded land and/or government land that you lease to a tenant, or sublease to a tenant.

Online source for statutes: http://www.azleg.gov/ArizonaRevisedStatutes.asp

AGRICULTURAL LAND USE APPLICATION

File Date: _____ County: _____

ASSESSOR'S USE ONLY
Agricultural Unit Number: _____

OWNER: NAME & ADDRESS - PLEASE PRINT

☐ Check here if you are choosing the Quick File Option (See the instructions)

Listing of Agricultural Land

Use Continuation Page(s) (form DOR 82916-C) if necessary

Totals: Parts A, B & C (combined)	
Agricultural Land -- Total Acres	
Carrying Capacity -- Annual AUM's	

See instructions for carrying capacity pertaining to grazing land

A. Deeded Land You Own

Item #	Land Parcels Assessor's Parcel ID Number	Land Use (see codes)	Acres (AG Land)	Homesite Acreage	ASSESSOR'S USE ONLY Parcel Size	App	Den	PUC
1								
2								
3								
4								

B. Deeded Land Leased to You

If located in a different county than the land in Part A, which county?

Item #	Land Parcels Assessor's Parcel ID Number	Land Use (see codes)	Acres Leased	Lease Term Dates Begin	Lease Term Dates End	Owner's Name
1						
2						
3						

C. Government Land Leased to You (or subleased to you)

Item #	Gov't Agency e.g. BLM, Forest Service, State Land Dept.	Lease ID e.g. Lease Number, Permit #, Allotment # / Name	Lease Term Dates Begin	Lease Term Dates End	Acres	Carrying Capacity Annual AUM's
1						
2						
3						

Affirm and Attest

Before marking the checkboxes here, you are advised to read the Agricultural Property Classification statutes set forth in A.R.S. Title 42, Chapter 12, Article 4. Online source: www.azleg.gov/ArizonaRevisedStatutes.asp **Note:** If you leave any boxes unchecked, you must provide an explanation on a separate sheet of paper and attach it to your application.

☐ 1. I hereby affirm this is a true and complete statement, to the best of my knowledge, of the property that is owned, claimed by, or in possession or control of the undersigned.

☐ 2. I hereby affirm that the property meets the requirements prescribed in A.R.S. § 42-12152, "Criteria for classification of property used for agricultural purposes".

☐ 3. I affirm and attest that the property is in active production with an expectation of profit.

Signature of Owner or Representative _____ Date _____ Print Name (and title, if applicable) _____ Telephone _____

State Board of Appraisal # _____
(for Property Tax Agents only)
Include a current Agency Authorization (82130AA)

Email address _____

AGRICULTURAL LAND USE APPLICATION - Continuation Page

File Date: _____ County: _____ Key Parcel: _____

• First parcel listed on first Application page

OWNER: NAME - PLEASE PRINT

Listing of Agricultural Land - CONTINUED

A. Deeded Land You Own

Item #	Land Parcels Assessor's Parcel ID Number	Land Use (see codes)	Acres (AG Land)	Homesite Acreage	ASSESSOR'S USE ONLY Parcel Size	App	Den	PUC

B. Deeded Land Leased to You

If located in a different county than the land in Part A, which county?

Item #	Land Parcels Assessor's Parcel ID Number	Land Use (see codes)	Acres Leased	Lease Term Dates Begin	 End	Owner's Name

C. Government Land Leased to You (or subleased to you)

Item #	Gov't Agency e.g. BLM, Forest Service, State Land Dept	Lease ID e.g. Lease Number, Permit #, Allotment # / Name	Lease Term Dates Begin	 End	Acres	Carrying Capacity Annual AUM's

AGRICULTURAL LAND USE APPLICATION - Supplement Page

File Date: _____ County: _____ Key Parcel: _____

• First parcel listed on Application

_____

OWNER: Name - Please Print

Section 1

Type of landowner: For the purpose of this form, there are two terms to distinguish the type of landowner.

Owner-Producer: A landowner who is the agricultural producer utilizing the land in his/her agricultural operation. Also known as owner-user or owner-operator.

Owner-Lessor: A landowner who leases the land to either: 1) an end-user tenant for use in the tenant's agricultural operation, or 2) a sandwich leaseholder tenant who subleases the land to a subtenant agricultural user.

Which scenario fits your application?
The Agricultural application form has the flexibility to be used under the following scenarios. Please mark the appropriate checkbox. In the case of Scenario 3, #2 may also apply.

☐ 1. An owner-producer's application on a new agricultural property unit, i.e. all the land in the operation.

☐ 2. An owner-lessor's application on property used in a tenant's or subtenant's agricultural operation.

☐ 3. An application prompted by an ownership change on an existing agricultural property to maintain the agricultural classification.

☐ 4. An owner-producer's application on newly added property to his/her existing agricultural operation.

Section 2

Introduction: Upon receiving an application, one of the assessor's foremost considerations is to examine whether a property meets the definition of "agricultural real property", as set forth in A.R.S. § 42-12151 for property tax purposes. This definition specifies eleven different agricultural property types, each pertaining to the entire real property unit or "the whole", meaning all of the land being utilized in a particular agricultural economic operation (i.e. a farm, ranch, or agri-business).

Thus, it is important for the assessor to know what the "whole" agricultural property unit is. As such, you are encouraged to complete a brief section pertaining to the entire operation overall. For an **owner-producer**, complete the *Owner's Agricultural Operation* block at the bottom of this page. For an **owner-lessor**, complete the *Tenant's Agricultural Operation* block on the Agricultural Lease Abstract form.

Whole or a Portion?
If the land listed on your application is a portion of an agricultural property unit, the information you provide pertaining to the "whole" property unit is imperative. Recognize that if the assessor is unable to gain sufficient knowledge of "the whole" in order to test whether it meets the definition of "agricultural real property", it then follows that a portion would not be approved for agricultural classification.

The following question pertains to all the land listed on your Application in Parts A, B & C:
Does this land represent the "whole" agricultural property unit, or a portion of the agricultural property unit? Check the appropriate box.

☐ **Whole** ☐ **Portion**

Owner's Agricultural Operation (overall) - General Information | **To Be Completed By Owner-Producer**

Farm or Ranch Name: _____ Total Acreage: _____ (approximately)

Principal Agricultural Activity:

☐ Raising Livestock -- Approximate # of Animal Units: _____ (see Animal Unit definition) Type of Livestock: _____

☐ Raising Crops -- Type of Crops: _____

☐ Other -- Describe: _____