

## Agricultural

**How do I get agriculture status?** Refer to the Agricultural Land Use Applications and Agricultural Lease Abstract Forms as well as the Arizona Department of Revenue Property Tax Division Agricultural Property Manuals. Additional Information can be found in the applicable Arizona laws called Arizona Revised Statutes. Supplemental Information and weblinks are listed below.

82916	Agricultural Land Use Application	<a href="#">Download Form</a>
82916-C	Agricultural Land Use Application – Continuation Page	<a href="#">Download Form</a>
82916-S	Agricultural Land Use Application – Supplement Page	<a href="#">Download Form</a>
82917	Agricultural Lease Abstract	<a href="#">Download Form</a>
82917-C	Agricultural Lease Abstract – Continuation Page	<a href="#">Download Form</a>

<http://www.azdor.gov/Portals/0/Brochure/AZ-Agricultural-Property-Manual.pdf>  
[Interim Guideline on the Assessment of Equine Property](#)

Title 42 Arizona Revised Statutes pertaining to Agriculture		
A.R.S. §	<a href="#">42-12151</a>	Definition of agricultural real property: Grazing, Field, & Permanent Crops
A.R.S. §	<a href="#">42-12152</a>	Criteria for classification of property used for agricultural purposes
A.R.S. §	<a href="#">42-12153</a>	Application for classification of property used for agricultural purposes
A.R.S. §	<a href="#">42-12154</a>	Approval of nonconforming property
A.R.S. §	<a href="#">42-12155</a>	Notice of approval or disapproval; appeal
A.R.S. §	<a href="#">42-12156</a>	Notice of change in use. If all or part of the property ceases to qualify for Agricultural status, the owner at the time of change shall notify the Assessor within 60 days of the change. The new owner should apply for Agricultural use within 60 days of taking ownership.
A.R.S. §	<a href="#">42-12157</a>	Recapture and penalty for false information or failure to notify of change in use
A.R.S. §	<a href="#">42-12158</a>	Inspections by Assessor
A.R.S. §	<a href="#">42-12159</a>	Restoration of agricultural classification and valuation; refund
A.R.S. §	<a href="#">42-13101</a>	Valuation of Agricultural land
A.R.S. §	<a href="#">42-13102</a>	Statement of Agricultural lease

To qualify for an Agricultural Real Property classification, your land must have been in active production for seven (7) of the last ten (10) years and be one or more of the following:

1. **Field cropland** (dry farms) in the aggregate of at least twenty (20) gross acres. An aggregate ten or more gross acres of permanent crops. This may include perennial plants and trees producing citrus, fruit, pecans, etc.
2. **Grazing land** with a minimum Carrying Capacity of forty (40) animal units and containing an economically feasible number of Animal Units. ("Carrying capacity" is the number of animal units supported by a section of land (640 acres) for one year. "Animal unit" means one six-month old beef, one cow with calf, one bull, or five sheep or goats.)
3. **Permanent Crops** (Alfalfa & Irrigated Pasture)

4. **High Density Use** for producing commodities—nurseries, feed lots, dairies, poultry, swine, and fish production (no minimum acreage).
5. **Equine** (Commercial Breeding, Boarding, or Training)

**Use:** The primary use of the land must be agricultural. Ownership alone does not qualify property for agricultural classification.

**Expectation of Profit:** There must be a reasonable expectation of operating profit, exclusive of land cost, from the agricultural use of the property. The test of reasonable expectation of operating profit is whether a prudent rancher or farmer is managing or operating his unit similar to other experienced and successful ranchers or farmers and reasonably expects to make a profit in a reasonable period of time.

**Functional Contribution:** If the property is not contiguous, the non-contiguous parcel must be managed and operated on a unitary basis and each parcel must make a functional contribution to the agricultural use of the property. In general, non-contiguous parcels must be fenced, have an independent water source, and have ingress and egress.

**Filing Requirements:** The owner (or designated agent) must file and complete the Agricultural Land Use Application. This form must be filed with the Assessor when applying for the first time, applying for newly created parcels (split or combined) regardless of the parent parcel status, and anytime the parcel ownership changes.

**Filing Penalties:** Penalties for filing false information or failing to notify the Assessor of a change in use include: Immediate reclassification to market value, owner liable for additional taxes on the difference between the market value for all tax years in which the property was inaccurately classified as agricultural use; owner penalty equal to 25% of the additional taxes incurred from retroactive reclassification. Be advised that any application may result in an on-site inspection of the property to assure that all improvements are listed properly on the Assessor's records [A.R.S. § 42-12158](#).