

Agricultural Use Verification Form

This form is used to verify how your agricultural land is being used

Please read instructions before completing. Please complete a separate form for each parcel.

This section is to be completed by all applicants. Please provide the following information about each parcel of property you own.

Township or city _____	County _____
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Parcel ID number or legal description of property _____

Total number of acres of parcel _____

Number of tillable acres _____

The tillable land that I/we own is currently being actively farmed Yes No

Number of tillable acres actually being tilled/actively farmed _____

The tillable land that I/we own is in one of the following programs (check all that apply):

CRP RIM CREP Other- please identify _____

If in CRP/RIM/CREP, what year does the contract expire: _____

Total number of acres enrolled in CRP, CREP, RIM or other similar federal or state conservation programs _____

Number of non-tillable acres _____

How is your non-tillable open land currently being used? Please indicate the approximate number of acres for each of the following:

_____ Active pastureland for dairy cattle or livestock produced for sale

_____ Not used for agricultural purposes

_____ Used for hunting/recreational purposes

_____ Cut for Hay

_____ Other uses (e.g. pasture for horses) – specify: _____

The non-tillable land that I/we own is in one of the following programs (check all that apply):

CRP RIM CREP Other- please identify _____

If in CRP/RIM/CREP, what year does the contract expire: _____

Total number of acres enrolled in CRP, CREP, RIM or other similar federal or state conservation programs _____

How is your wooded land currently being used? Please indicate the approximate number of acres for each of the following:

_____ Active pastureland for dairy cattle or livestock produced for sale

_____ Not used for agricultural purposes

_____ Covered by a forest management plan

_____ Used for hunting/recreational purposes

_____ SFIA and 2c Managed Forest Land

_____ Other uses (e.g. pasture for horses) – specify: _____

The wooded land that I/we own is in one of the following programs (check all that apply):

CRP RIM CREP Other- please identify _____

If in CRP/RIM/CREP, what year does the contract expire: _____

Total number of acres enrolled in CRP, CREP, RIM or other similar federal or state conservation programs _____

Property Information

Making false statements on this application is against the law. Minnesota Statute, Section 609.41 states that anyone giving false information in order to avoid or reduce their tax obligations is subject to a fine of up to \$3,000 and/or up to one year in prison.

Signature of an Owner: By signing below, I certify that the above information is true and correct to the best of my knowledge, and I am an owner of the property or an authorized member, partner, or shareholder of the farm entity that owns the property. I acknowledge that by signing this form I am representing 100 percent of the interest in the property.

Signature _____	Date _____
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Please return completed form to your county assessor.

Instructions for: *Agricultural Use Verification Form*

What is this form used for?
The Agricultural Use Verification Form is used to aid your assessor to properly classify your property in accordance with new state law.

In 2008 the Minnesota Legislature amended Section 273.13, subdivision 23 which resulted in considerable changes to the way agricultural property is classified. Consequently, assessors across the state must abide by the new law and apply these changes to all property in the state. This form is meant to assist the assessors with this task.

If you would like to view the changes to the law for yourself, please reference Minnesota Laws 2008 Chapter 366, Article 6, section 26.

How to complete this form
When listing acreage, round to the nearest whole acre.

Be as specific as possible when providing production information.

How we use information
The county assessor may share the information contained on this form with the county auditor, county attorney, Commissioner of Revenue or other federal, state or local taxing authorities to verify your eligibility for the Green Acres deferment.

You do not have to give this information. However, refusal may disqualify your land from being classified as Class 2a productive land.

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