

**Benton County Assessor**

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AGRICULTURAL ACTIVITY FORM

Name of Individual Completing Form:	
Contact Phone # (xxx-xxx-xxxx):	
Property Address or Parcel #:	
Total Acres:	

1)	Are animals being reared, raised, fed, cared for and managed as livestock in a business manner, and for profit? (not as pets or for personal use)	Yes	No
Type of animal, average number of head per year, Income produced:			
2)	Are there crops that are harvested and sold for profit or used directly to feed livestock on the property?	Yes	No
Type of row crop/s, # of acres cropped, Income produced:			
3)	Is hay or alfalfa being grown and harvested?	Yes	No
Type of row crop, # of acres cropped, Income produced:			
4)	Is there ground on the property that is regularly used for holding or grazing of livestock?	Yes	No
Approximate # of Acres for Feedlot/Pasture size, # of months used per year:			
5)	Are fruit trees being harvested annually in a business manner, and for profit?	Yes	No
Type of fruit tree, # of Acres, Income produced:			
6)	Is there woodland where the trees will be harvested in a business manner, and for profit?	Yes	No
Type of trees, # of trees, Income produced:			
7)	Is there any ground currently enrolled in an active conservation program?	Yes	No
Number of Acres enrolled, Year entered, Year to be removed, Rent per year:			
8)	Do you own, lease, or farm any other agricultural land that adjoins or is adjacent to this property?	Yes	No
Please provide parcel number, is it rented from someone else (if so, what is the owner's name?):			
9)	Is there farming activity on the property that is done by someone other than the owner?	Yes	No
Briefly explain what is being rented, to whom & what the rent amount is:			

10)	Are there any buildings regularly and actively being used for storage of crops, livestock or ag machinery?	Yes	No
Please provide details which buildings and what is stored:			
11)	Is there an IRS Income Tax Schedule F filed annually?	Yes	No
Please provide details of intention to profit based on Schedule F submissions (are you registered with FSA or have a Farm #?):			
12)	Is the property owner still directly involved in the day-to-day farming activities listed above and making financial decisions for intended profit purposes?	Yes	No
If yes, please provide owner's role:			

Signed: _____ Date: _____

Iowa Administrative Code 701.71.1 (3) states: Land and the non-residential improvements and structures located on it shall be considered to be primarily for agricultural purposes if its principal use is devoted to the raising and harvesting of crops or forest or fruit trees, the rearing, feeding, and management of livestock, or horticulture, all for intended profit.

The above administrative rule is intended to determine if a property qualifies for agricultural classification based on the following three key aspects of the rule:

1. Principal or *Primary Use*
2. *Used in good faith for agricultural purposes*
3. *For intended profit*

The farming operation must be in “good faith used primarily for agricultural purposes.” A few cows and a horse on pastureland, for example, would not be sufficient where the parcel is also the site of a residential dwelling. The primary use of the property would be residential, and secondary use would be agricultural.

The Assessor may ask for additional information, including this questionnaire and/or mortgage related information, to determine the proper classification of a property. Any information provided to the Assessor to determine classification is considered public and will not be kept confidential.

Submitting Questionnaire:

Please return the completed questionnaire to the Benton County Assessor’s Office in person, by mail, fax or email. Our office hours are Monday through Friday 8:00A.M. – 4:30P.M.

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Thank you for your prompt response. If you have any questions, please call our office at (319) 472-5211.