BENTON COUNTY ASSESSOR
AGRICULTURAL ACTIVITY FORM

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

Mortgage financing currently active on the property: [ ] Residential [ ] Commercial [ ] No mortgage recorded on the property

AGRICULTURAL USE QUESTIONS

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, and income produced:

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2. Are crops harvested and sold for profit or used directly to feed livestock on the property? [ ] Yes [ ] No

Type of row crop(s), number of acres cropped, and income produced:

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3. Is hay or alfalfa being grown and harvested? [ ] Yes [ ] No

Type of crop, number of acres cropped, and income produced:

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4. Is any ground on the property regularly used for holding or grazing livestock? [ ] Yes [ ] No

Approximate acres used for feedlot/pasture and number of months used per year:

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5. Are fruit trees harvested annually in a business manner and for profit? [ ] Yes [ ] No

Type of fruit tree(s), number of acres, and income produced:

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6. Is there woodland where trees are harvested in a business manner and for profit? [ ] Yes [ ] No

Type of trees, number of trees, and income produced:

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7. Is any ground currently enrolled in an active conservation program? [ ] Yes [ ] No

Number of acres enrolled, year entered, year to be removed, and rent per year:

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8. Do you own, lease, or farm any other agricultural land that adjoins or is adjacent to this property? [ ] Yes [ ] No

Provide parcel number. Is it rented from someone else? If so, provide the owner's name:

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9. Is farming activity on the property performed by someone other than the owner? [ ] Yes [ ] No

Briefly explain what is being rented, to whom, and the rent amount:

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10. Are any buildings regularly and actively used for storage of crops, livestock, or agricultural machinery? [ ] Yes [ ] No

Identify the buildings and describe what is stored:

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11. Is an IRS Income Tax Schedule F filed annually? [ ] Yes [ ] No

Explain the intention to profit based on Schedule F submissions. Are you registered with FSA or do you have a Farm #?:

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12. Is the property owner directly involved in day-to-day farming activities listed above and making financial decisions for intended profit purposes? [ ] Yes [ ] No

If yes, describe the owner's role:

Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

BASIS FOR AGRICULTURAL CLASSIFICATION

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 rule is intended to determine whether a property qualifies for agricultural classification based on three key aspects:
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 the secondary use would be agricultural.

Additional information and public records: The Assessor may request additional information, including this questionnaire and/or mortgage-related information, to determine the proper classification of a property. Information provided to the Assessor to determine classification is considered public and will not be kept confidential.

RETURNING THE COMPLETED QUESTIONNAIRE

Return the completed questionnaire to the Benton County Assessor's Office in person, by mail, fax, or email. Office hours are Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m.–4:30 p.m.

Benton County Courthouse Assessor's Office PO Box 549 Vinton, IA 52349	**Phone:** (319) 472-5211 **Fax:** (319) 472-5212 **Email:** bcassessor@bentoncountyia.gov

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