

APPLICATION TO THE ASSESSOR FOR CLASSIFICATION OF LAND AS FARMLAND

Declaration of policy: it is hereby declared that it is in the public interest to encourage the preservation of farmland, forest land and open space land in order to maintain a readily available source of food and farm products close to the metropolitan areas of the state, to conserve the state's natural resources and to provide for the welfare and happiness of the inhabitants of the state [and] that it is in the public interest to prevent the forced conversion of farmland, forest land and open space land to more intensive uses as the result of economic pressures caused by the assessment thereof for the purposes of property taxation at values incompatible with their preservation as such farmland, forest land and open space land. **The property owner (or owners) must complete this form and file it with the assessor of the town where the farm land is situated. If there is more than one owner, each must sign the application. The filing period is between September 1st and October 31st, except in a year in which a revaluation of all real property is effective, in which case the filing deadline is December 30th. Failure to file in the proper manner and form is considered a waiver of the classification under §12-107c(e) of the Connecticut General Statutes.**

FILE A SEPARATE APPLICATION FOR EACH PARCEL. PLEASE PRINT. COMPLETE ALL SECTIONS. SEE REVERSE SIDE OF THIS FORM. ATTACH ANY ADDITIONAL PAGES.

- NEW APPLICATION
 UPDATE APPLICATION (EXCEPTED TRANSFERS ONLY, ATTACH EXPLANATION)
 ACREAGE CHANGE (ATTACH EXPLANATION)
 USE CHANGE (ATTACH EXPLANATION)

NAME OF ALL OWNERS	MAILING ADDRESS

CONTACT PERSON'S NAME	CONTACT PERSON'S PHONE NUMBER	CONTACT PERSON'S E-MAIL ADDRESS
TYPE OF FARMING OPERATION	EQUIPMENT USED IN THE FARM OPERATION	TOTAL GROSS INCOME DERIVED FROM FARM OPERATION

PROPERTY LOCATION:	OWNER'S ACREAGE ESTIMATE	ASSESSOR'S ACREAGE ESTIMATE	ASSESSOR'S USE VALUE PER ACRE	USE ASSESSMENT
TOTAL ACREAGE THIS PARCEL (FOR THIS TOWN ONLY):				
TILLABLE A: Excellent (shade tobacco and ball and burlap nursery, crop land)				
TILLABLE B: Very good (binder tobacco, vegetables, potatoes, crop land)				
TILLABLE C: Very good, quite level (corn silage, hay, vegetables, potatoes, crop land)				
TILLABLE D: Good to fair, moderate to considerable slopes (hay, corn silage, rotation pasture, crop land)				
ORCHARD: Well-maintained trees for the purpose of bearing fruit				
PERMANENT PASTURE: Grazing for livestock, not tilled land				
WOODLAND: Woodland in a farm unit				
WASTELAND: Swamp/ledge/scrub				
TOTAL			TOTAL	

PLEASE ATTACH A SKETCH OF YOUR FARM SHOWING THE LOCATION AND NUMBER OF ACRES IN EACH FARM USE

APPLICANT FILING INFORMATION: APPLICATION TO THE ASSESSOR FOR CLASSIFICATION OF LAND AS FARMLAND

- 1) The term "farmland" means any tract or tracts of land, including woodland and wasteland, constituting a farm unit. In determining whether land is farmland, the assessor shall take into account, among other things, the acreage of such land, the portion thereof in actual use for farming or agricultural operations, the productivity of such land, the gross income derived therefrom, the nature and value of the equipment used in connection therewith, and the extent to which the tracts comprising such land are contiguous.
- 2) An application for farmland classification must be filed on this form, as prescribed by the Commissioner of the Department of Agriculture, pursuant to §12-107c(b) of the Connecticut General Statutes.
- 3) The property owner (or owners) must complete this form and file it with the assessor of the town where the farmland is situated. If there is more than one owner, each must sign the application. The filing period is between September 1st and October 31st, except in a year in which a revaluation of all real property is effective, in which case the filing deadline is December 30th. Failure to file in the proper manner and form is considered a waiver of the classification under §12-107c(c) of the Connecticut General Statutes.
- 4) A separate application must be filed for each parcel of land.
- 5) You are responsible for contacting the assessor to update your application if there is a change in use, acreage or ownership of this property after the assessor approves its classification.
- 6) **If there is a change of use or a sale of the classified land, the classification ceases (pursuant to §12-504h of the Connecticut General Statutes) and you may be liable for an additional conveyance tax.**

Please review the attached copies of the statutes concerning the imposition of this tax (§12-504a through §2-504e, inclusive, of the Connecticut General Statutes). Be advised that the assessor may require information in addition to that contained in this application in order to make a determination regarding classification.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE ASSESSOR:

- 1) Forward a completed copy of this application and a copy of the property record card (a.k.a., field card) to the applicant.
- 2) Forward a copy of the above lease/rental statement to:
CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
BUREAU OF AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT AND RESOURCE
PRESERVATION
450 COLUMBUS BOULEVARD, Suite 703
HARTFORD, CT 06103

PA 490 Supplemental Information

Property: _____

Applicant: _____

Business Name DBA _____

Productivity: _____ (if haying include how many cuts per year)

Year Business Started: _____

Equipment used:

Describe your Farming Operation:

Additional supporting documents:

- _____ Financial Statement
- _____ Farm Business Plan
- _____ Personal Property Declaration
- _____ Farm Tax Exemption Certificate (Reg-8)
- _____ Sales & Use Form (Reg-1)
- _____ Invoices/Bills for Farming Activity
- _____ Receipts from Sales of product
- _____ Map identifying layout/use of farm
- _____ Schedule F from most recent tax return
- _____ Soil Maps
- _____ Copy of any agreements in lieu of payment for products or services
- _____ Copy of Lease if you are leasing your land to a third party
- _____ Original Application if this is a renewal
- _____ DoAG Crop Plan

Not all of the above documents are required but they will help in determining your qualification for the classification. Please submit all that you can provide.