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Agricultural Property Information

REQUIRED PAPERWORK TO PROCESS YOUR AG REQUEST

FARMING

If you are farming the land yourself to produce agricultural products that originate from the lands productivity for a profit, and sold in its natural state then you will need to supply us with receipts. Examples: seed, fertilizer, herbicides, pesticides, IRS 1040 Schedule F from your tax return, sales receipts for crops. **Agricultural outbuildings are taxed at 29%.**

RANCHING

If you intend to raise your own grazing livestock such as: cattle, sheep, llamas or alpacas for the primary purpose of making a profit, you must also supply us with paperwork. Examples of necessary paperwork include: brand inspections, Bill of Sales, breeding certificates, artificial insemination, receipts or sales of wool (in its natural state). Hogs, chickens, pleasure horses or bees are not considered livestock for agricultural classification. **Agricultural outbuildings are taxed at 29%.**

LEASES

If you are leasing your property to a rancher for grazing livestock or a custom farmer for crops, you must supply us with a copy of the lease. It can be, but does not have to be a formal lease. We need the terms of the lease, including but not limited to: length of the lease, the Lessor (owner) and the Lessee (Renter) must sign, date and provide a phone number for verification purposes.

If it is an annual lease you must supply our office with a copy of the lease each year. If it is an open ended lease you do not have to supply a lease each year. At the end of the lease our office needs to be notified.

House Bill 11-1146 states: If the property has a residence, is leased, and the property owner is not involved in the agricultural endeavor, then up to two acres may be classified residential. Any additional buildings used solely for residential purposes will be taxed at the residential 7.20% tax rate.

ALL INFORMATION RECEIVED WILL BE CONFIDENTIAL.