

**GENERAL GUIDELINES & DEGREES OF INTENSITY
FOR 1-d-1 OPEN SPACE LAND APPRAISAL IN KAUFMAN COUNTY**

Minimum of 9 contiguous acres owned and/or leased and designated to grazing pasture (cattle, horses, goats and sheep)

Minimum of 9 contiguous acres owned and/or leased and designated to hay production

Note that any applicable homesites, commercial use land or non-ag land acreages are to be deducted from total acreage and submitted in Section 4, Part 5 of the ag application.

KCAD will verify any acreage amounts submitted on the ag application by using aerial images or an on-site inspection.

If your land is being leased to land that is contiguous to your land or you are leasing land that is contiguous to your land to meet the minimum acreage for any ag use, you must submit a current lease agreement that is signed and dated by all parties.

**TRACT MUST HAVE A 5 OUT OF THE PREVIOUS 7 YEARS AG USE HISTORY.
YOU MUST SUBMIT THE FOLLOWING THAT APPLIES ALONG WITH YOUR APPLICATION AND
FOR EACH YEAR IF YOU ARE ESTABLISHING HISTORY**

CATTLE - Section 4, Parts 1, 2a, 2b, 5 of the ag application must fully be completed or the application will be RETURNED.

Must be fenced and have a water source

1. Cattle must have open space for grazing and must have enough grass/water source to support at least 3 head of cattle.
2. Tracts of land larger than 9 acres should have an additional 1 cow for every additional 8 acres.

Required documentation that MUST be submitted with application, or the application will be returned for more information. If the requested documentation is not received within 30 days after the request, the application will be denied.

Your Cattle

Minimum of **3** receipts and/or bills in any combination

1. Copy of receipts for cattle purchased/sold
2. Copy of feed/fertilizer receipts
3. Copy of vet bill for cattle

Or:

Cattle owned by someone else

A **current** written agreement between the landowner and the owner of the cattle stating that the landowner is allowing the owner of the cattle to graze on the property. It must include any applicable lease fee, who is responsible for fencing, fencing maintenance and fertilization. Both parties must sign and date the agreement (electronic signatures not accepted).

HORSES - Section 4, Parts 1, 2a, 2b, 5 of the ag application must fully be completed or the application will be RETURNED.

Must be fenced and have a water source

1. Horses must have open space for grazing and must have enough grass/water source to support at least 3 horses.
2. Tracts of land larger than 9 acres should have an additional 1 horse for every additional 8 acres.

Required documentation that MUST be submitted with application, or the application will be returned for more information. If the requested documentation is not received within 30 days after the request, the application will be denied.

Your Horses

Minimum of **3** receipts and/or bills in any combination

1. Copy of receipts for horses purchased/sold
2. Copy of feed/fertilizer receipts
3. Copy of vet bill for horses

Or:

Horses owned by someone else

A **current** written agreement between the landowner and the owner of the horses stating that the landowner is allowing the owner of the horses to graze on the property. It must include any applicable lease fee, who is responsible for fencing, fencing maintenance and fertilization. Both parties must sign and date the agreement (electronic signatures not accepted).

Application deadline without a penalty is before May 1st and late application deadline with a penalty is midnight the day before the appraisal roll is approved which usually occurs in July. All agricultural/wildlife land is subject to an on-site review, so please note a contact phone number and email address on your application.

A complete list all of the guidelines to qualify for 1-d-1 Open Space Land Appraisal is on our website at www.kaufman-cad.org.

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GOATS - Section 4, Parts 1, 2a, 2b, 5 of the ag application must fully be completed or the application will be RETURNED.

Must be fenced and have a water source

1. Land can be partially wooded but must have adequate grass/water source to support at least 15 goats.
2. Tracts of land larger than 9 acres should have an additional 3 goats for every additional 8 acres.

Required documentation that MUST be submitted with application, or the application will be returned for more information. If the requested documentation is not received within 30 days after the request, the application will be denied.

Your Goats

Minimum of **3** receipts and/or bills in any combination

1. Copy of receipts for goats purchased/sold
2. Copy of feed/fertilizer receipts
3. Copy of vet bill for goats

Or:

Goats owned by someone else

A **current** written agreement between the landowner and the owner of the goats stating that the landowner is allowing the owner of the goats to graze on the property. It must include any applicable lease fee, who is responsible for fencing, fencing maintenance and fertilization. Both parties must sign and date the agreement (electronic signatures not accepted).

SHEEP - Section 4, Parts 1, 2a, 2b, 5 of the ag application must fully be completed or the application will be RETURNED.

Must be fenced and have a water source

1. Land can be partially wooded but must have adequate grass/water source to support at least 15 sheep.
2. Tracts of land larger than 9 acres should have an additional 3 sheep for every additional 8 acres.

Required documentation that MUST be submitted with application, or the application will be returned for more information. If the requested documentation is not received within 30 days after the request, the application will be denied.

Your Sheep

Minimum of **3** receipts and/or bills in any combination

1. Copy of receipts for sheep purchased/sold
2. Copy of feed/fertilizer receipts
3. Copy of vet bill for sheep

Or:

Sheep owned by someone else

A **current** written agreement between the landowner and the owner of the sheep stating that the landowner is allowing the owner of the sheep to graze on the property. It must include any applicable lease fee, who is responsible for fencing, fencing maintenance and fertilization. Both parties must sign and date the agreement (electronic signatures not accepted).

HAY PRODUCTION- Section 4, Parts 3, 5 of the ag application must fully be completed or the application will be RETURNED.

2 cuttings in years of normal rainfall.

Land should be fertilized heavily at first of year (150-300 lbs. per acre) and top dressed later as needed.

There should be no animals on a hayfield during growing season. Animals may be wintered on hayfields.

A 10% allowance of ag land that is wooded land and/or non-baleable land will be given. Any wooded land and/or non-baleable land over the 10% allowance will not qualify.

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You cut/bale

Minimum of **3** receipts and/or bills in any combination

1. Copy of fertilizer receipts
2. Copy of fuel receipts
3. Copy of parts/supplies receipts

Or:

Someone else cuts/bale

A **current** written agreement between the landowner and the person cutting/baling the hay. It must include any applicable lease fee, who is responsible for fencing, fencing maintenance and fertilization. Both parties must sign and date the agreement (electronic signatures not accepted).