

JIM WELLS COUNTY APPRAISAL DISTRICT

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Degree of Intensity Standards

Classification	Specific Use	Minimum Acreage	Standards
Dry Crop	Grain Sorghum	10 acres	Minimum Yield 55BU/ acre
	Corn	10 acres	Minimum Yield 40BU/ acre
	Cotton	10 acres	Minimum Yield 500lbs/ acre
Horticulture	Nursery/Green Hse	2 acres	Must be a wholesale/retail operation
	Orchard	2 acres	100 fruit trees/acre, 17 nut trees/acre. Must be a wholesale/retail operation
	Tree Nursery	2 acres	200 trees/acre. Must be a wholesale/retail operation
	Turf Grass	2 acres	Must be a wholesale/retail operation
	Beekeeping	5 acres	Must be wholesale/retail operation. See additional guidelines.
Pasture Land	Hay Operation	10 acres	Improved hay field-must control weeds and brush, fertilize as needed and cut and baled at least twice yearly. Native hay field cut and baled at least once yearly. All is subject to weather or drought conditions.
	Improved Grazing	15 acres	1 Animal Unit per 7 acres
	Native Grazing	15 acres	1 Animal Unit per 10 acres
	Exotics	10 acres	Non indigenous to Texas. Must be in commercial operation
Wildlife Management		25 acres	Must have been receiving open space/ag use the year prior to the application and it must meet state guidelines.

*** Wildlife Management Plan Required along with photo evidence**

1 Animal unit = 1 Cow, 1 Bull, 1 Horse, 2 Calves, 5 Goats, 5 Sheep, 5 Lambs, 5 Pigs, 20 chickens.

***Horses must be a breeding operation or part of a larger ranching operation used to herd cattle. Evidence required.**

***Chickens must be part of a wholesale/retail egg production. Evidence required.**

Beekeeping Degree Of Intensity Requirements

5 acres	6 active hives
7.5 acres	7 active hives
10 acres	8 active hives
12.5 acres	9 active hives
15 acres	10 active hives
17.5 acres	11 active hives
20 acres	12 active hives