

Ellis County Ag Intensity Standards

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Classification	Specific Crop	Yield Per Acre	Typical Acreage	Comments
Dry Crops	Corn, Grain Sorghum, Cotton, Soybean	Varies with crop	10 acres	Minimum yields per acre: Corn 70 bu, Grain Sorghum 70 bu, Soybeans 20 bu, Oats 50 bu, Wheat 30 bu, Cotton 400 pounds
Horticulture	Greenhouses	Varies	Varies	Must be a wholesale operation.
Nursery		Varies	5 acres	Must be a wholesale operation.
Orchard		Varies	5 acres	Fruit and nut orchard. Must be a wholesale operation.
Truck Farm		Varies	5 acres	Must be a wholesale operation.
Tree Nursery		Minimum 200 trees/ac	5 acres	Must be a wholesale operation. State reported average is 300 trees/ac.
Turf Grass		Varies	5 acres	Must be a wholesale operation.
Pasture Land	Hay	Minimum of two cuttings per year	10 acres	Must control weeds, vines, and brush. Except for native grass pastures or those also used to run cattle, must fertilize at least once each spring and cut and bale at least twice each year. One annual cutting required for native grasses and fields on which cattle are run outside the haying season.
Improved			10 acres	Coastal Bermuda has a carrying capacity of 3-5 acres per animal unit.
Native			10 acres	Typical carrying capacity 10-12 acres per animal unit (with no supplemental feeding). This figure will vary due to soil type, rainfall and temperature.
Other	Exotic Animal		10 acres	Species not indigenous to state. Must be in commercial production.
Beekeeping			5-20 acres	Minimum of 6 hives and registration with the Texas Apiary Registration Service. Must be more than a hobby use.
Wildlife Management			12.5 acres	Must sustain a breeding, migrating, or wintering population of indigenous wild animals.

Beekeeping row, quoted verbatim

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Note: the district's table states a flat minimum of 6 hives across the whole 5–20 acre band. No per-acre scaling ladder is published.