

Rains County Appraisal District

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Guidelines for Bee Keeping Appraisal

Bees may qualify for agricultural appraisal on a minimum of 5 acres and maximum of 20 acres unless used contiguously with other tracts of land being used by property owner. Each parcel will be evaluated on its own merits to determine eligibility.

Bees can be used to establish history with supporting documentation. Property needs to have been previously in agricultural evaluation or the property owner should be able to show a five year history of beekeeping or agricultural use.

Bees may qualify for agricultural appraisal on a minimum of five (5) acres and 8 mainframe hives at twenty (20) acres. Hives must be maintained and kept alive. The property owner will need to be able to show an "intent to produce income". The hives must be located on the property at least 7 months of the year January 1 through December of the current year. Production value used for beekeeping will be the same as pastureland.

Typical Management Practices

Hive Structure Maintenance
Monitor Bee Health
Provide Supplemental Food
Control Pests
Harvest and Market Products

Products Produced

Honey and beeswax
Pollination and bee removal services by beekeepers