

Part 1: Identify the Property and Contact Person

Property Owner: _____ Parcel Number: _____
 Contact Person: _____ Phone Number: _____
 Address: _____ City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Part 2: Describe Property Use (See back for farm definition)

- Growing and harvesting of crop Yes No
 Name of crop: _____
 Number of Acres: _____
 Is area leased? Yes No
- Breeding and management of livestock Yes No
 Type: _____
 Average inventory: _____
 Number of acres in use: _____
 Do you board any animals or lease area for this activity? Yes No
- Other agricultural or horticultural operation Yes No
 Please describe:

- Non-farm area (homesite, residential, or recreational use)
 Number of acres _____

Part 3: Attach Documentation

- Aerial map identifying each specific type of land use. Maps are available at the Supervisor of Assessments' Office or on line @ www.countyoflee.org.
- State's approval of Forestry Management (if applicable)
- If farmland is leased, attach copy of lease.
- Contractual or written agreements with any party (other than the owner) using the parcel for farm purposes. (ie: agreement to board horses, rent bin space, etc.)
- Receipts for commodities sold

Part 4: Signature and Affidavit

I affirm that the information given (and attached) herein is true and correct *and* I understand that I am subject to penalties for any falsification given with this application.

Signature _____ Date _____

Below for office use only.

Part 5: Chief County Assessment Officer's recommendation

Approve: _____ Deny _____

The following text is taken directly from the Illinois Property Tax Code (35ILCS 200/1-60)

Farm. When used in connection with valuing land and buildings for an agricultural use, any property used solely for the growing and harvesting of crops; for the feeding, breeding and management of livestock; for dairying or for any other agricultural or horticultural use or combination thereof; including, but not limited to, hay, grain, fruit, truck or vegetable crops, floriculture, mushroom growing, plant or tree nurseries, orchards, forestry, sod farming and greenhouses; the keeping raising and feeding of livestock or poultry, including dairying, poultry, swine, sheep, beef cattle, ponies or horses, fur farming, bees, fish and wildlife farming. The dwellings and parcels of property on which farm dwellings are immediately situated shall be assessed as part of the farm. Improvements, other than farm dwellings, shall be assessed as a part of the farm and in addition to the farm dwellings when such buildings contribute in whole or in part to the operation of the farm. For purposes of this Code, "farm" does not include property which is primarily used for residential purposes even though some farm products may be grown or farm animals bred or fed on the property incidental to it's primary use. The ongoing removal of oil, gas, coal or any other mineral from property used for farming shall not cause that property to not be considered as used solely for farming.

(Source: P.A. 86-1481; 87-877; 88-455.)