

Cooke CAD Beekeeping Supplement

This packet acts as a supplement to our ag use packet. Inside you will find information regarding how to qualify for ag use based on beekeeping only.

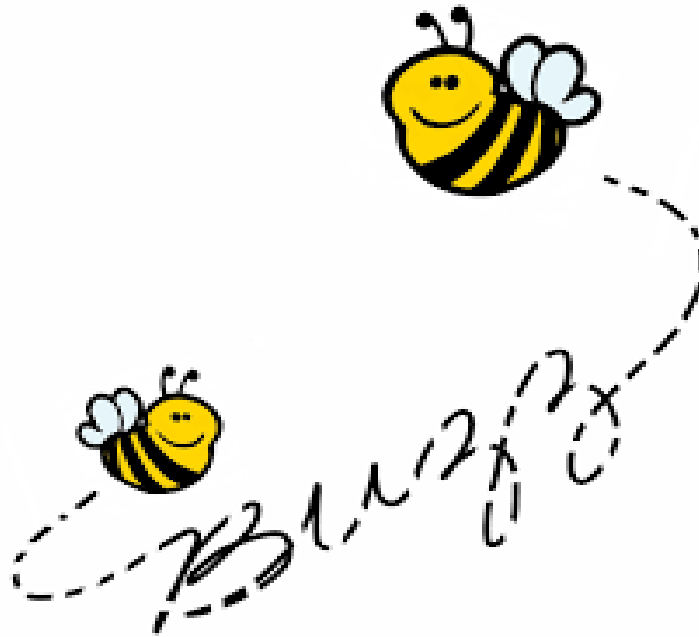


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Cooke County Appraisal District Beekeeping Guidelines

The Cooke County Appraisal District's degree of intensity is (6) hives on the first (5) acres with one hive per additional 2.5 acres up to 20 acres. This will give a range of 6-12 hives for a minimum requirement or an average of 0.6 hives per acre (08/22)

ACRES	HIVES
5	6
7.5	7
10	8
12.5	9
15	10
17.5	11
20	12

The minimum degree of intensity was established using **Section 131.001, Texas Agriculture Code's** definition on apiary.

Texas Property Tax Code, Sec. 23.51(2) "Agricultural use" includes the use of land to raise or keep bees for pollination or for the production of human food or other tangible products having a commercial value, provided that the land used is not less than 5 or more than 20 acres.

The productivity value for beekeeping will be based upon the Orchard productivity value.

The hives must be:

- Maintained and kept alive;
- located on the property at least (7) months of the year and t be active and maintained.

Hives should be situated up off of the ground. Flowering plants should be planted to support hives, if the hives are in areas where there is limited vegetation that requires pollination.

When property owners initially qualify for agricultural appraisal they must show proof of history for agricultural use/beekeeping for any of the five out of seven preceding years. One way to do this is to ask for export, import or intra-state permits, which are required by the Texas Apiary Inspection Service to transport hives.

Supplemental Beekeeping Questionnaire

Property Owner Name: _____

Property ID #'s _____

Acres Requirement: The State of Texas has set a minimum of 5 acres and a maximum of 20 acres to qualify beekeeping as an agricultural use.

Number of acres on this application: _____

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Attach a copy of the apiary receipt from your purchase.

When did you obtain your equipment for the bees? _____

What type of bees are you raising? _____

How long have you been raising bees? _____

How many hives do you have on the property now? _____

Who will be managing the bee colony? _____

Is there a hired bee wrangler? If yes, who? _____

Describe any beekeeping education obtained: _____

DESCRIBE THE PRODUCTS YOU EXPECT TO HARVEST:

- ____ Honey – [Extracted, Comb, Chunk, Creamed or Whipped Honey]
- ____ Beeswax
- ____ Propolis
- ____ Royal Jelly
- ____ Pollen
- ____ Bees themselves

Expected pound of production per hive is _____

How do you plan to market your products? _____

DESCRIBE ANY POLLINATION PLANS FOR YOUR PROPERTY:

I.e.: What plants are on your property now? Do you have clover?
Have you planted specific flowers for the bees?

PLEASE NOTE: The bees must be alive, active & producing to qualify & are subject to annual verification.

SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: _____

Printed Name: _____

Bee Annual Check List

NAME: _____

PROP ID #'S: _____

TOTAL # OF ACRES: _____

TOTAL # OF Colonies: _____

INCLUDE LAND MAP WITH LOCATION OF HIVES

Inspection of Colonies

How often? _____

Dates of year? _____

Queen Replacement

How often, annually? _____

Date of last replacement? _____

Products produced (Detail):

Africanized bee prevention (Plan Detail):

Fire ant prevention (Plan Detail):

Supplemented by planting clover? YES / NO

Does an individual supply feed to the colonies? YES / NO

Food product: _____

Amount of product fed: _____

How Often the food is provided: _____

Are hives currently active? YES / NO

During winter are the colonies inactive? YES / NO

Winter Maintenance

Provide an electric light with additional box surrounds? YES / NO

Other, prevention and/or maintenance that may be pertinent to the appraisal district:
