

Marion Central Appraisal District Minimum Acreage Requirements

Marion Central Appraisal District along with the help of the Ag Advisory Board has established new minimum acreage requirements for Agriculture and Timber valuations within Marion County. Below is a chart breaking down the new acreage standards by category that will be used for all new applications as well as a systematic county-wide reapplication. The reapplication program will begin with the 2014 Tax year and will take 3 years to fully implement. Any questions can be addressed with Marion Central Appraisal District by phone or in our office.

Timber/Ag use category	Minimum Acres required
Timber production	5
Improved pasture	10
Native pasture	10
Cropland	10
Bee Keeping	5

To assist you in completing the application for open-space land valuation PLEASE read the following:

- **IMPROVED PASTURE** IS LAND HAVING BERMUDA GRASS, BAHIA GRASS, CLOVERS AND SUCH GROWING ON IT.
- **NATIVE PASTURE** IS LAND HAVING CRAB GRASS, SAGE GRASS, POOR JOE AND SUCH GROWING ON IT.
- **A HOMESITE** IS A HOUSE AND YARD. THE ACREAGE YOU CLAIM AS YOUR HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION MUST BE SHOWN AS A HOMESITE.
- **PINE TIMBER** IS TIMBER IN WHICH AT LEAST 2/3 OF THE TREES ARE PINE.
- **HARDWOOD TIMBER** IS TIMBER IN WHICH AT LEAST 2/3 OF THE TREES ARE HARDWOOD.
- **MIXED TIMBER** IS TIMBER IN WHICH THERE IS LESS 2/3 PINE AND ALSO LESS THAN 2/3 HARDWOOD.

If your land is one contagious piece of property (all of it is joined together), you may fill out only one application. If it is now carried on the tax roll as more than one piece we will combine it and carry the entire tract as one item on the tax roll.

If you DO NOT wish to have your land carried on the tax roll as one piece of property, it will be necessary for you to complete an application for each tract on the tax roll and answer the questions about each one.

If you own tracts that are not connected and, therefore, cannot be combined on the tax roll, it will be necessary for you to complete an application for each tract and answer the questions for each tract.