

WHAT IS AGRICULTURAL DISTRICT?

Please note: Agricultural District is NOT the same as the Current Agricultural Use Valuation (CAUV). If a property is enrolled in the CAUV program, it is not automatically enrolled into the Agricultural District program.

The designation of an Agricultural District provides: (1) protection to working farmers from nuisance lawsuits; (2) deferment of expensive development assessments on the land until it is changed to non-agricultural use; and (3) additional scrutiny of eminent domain acquisitions in certain instances. This program is in addition to the CAUV program.

HOW DO I QUALIFY?

Only land meeting specific qualifications may receive this designation. The land must have been used exclusively for agricultural production or devoted to and qualified for payments or other compensation under a land retirement or conservation program under an agreement with a federal agency for the three (3) consecutive calendar years prior to the year in which an application is made. If the property is less than ten (10) acres, evidence that the gross income for each of the past three (3) years is at an average of at least two thousand five hundred dollars (\$2,500), or the owner anticipates the land producing an annual gross income

of two thousand five hundred dollars (\$2,500). Under Agricultural District, it "includes the processing, drying, storage, and marketing of agricultural products when those activities are conducted in conjunction with such husbandry, production, or growth." (O.R.C. Section 929.01).

Generally, a parcel enrolled in the CAUV program, qualifies for the Agricultural District program.

HOW DO I APPLY?

An initial application may be filed any time for a five (5) year period. A renewal application must be submitted after the first Monday in January and prior to the first Monday in March of the year in which the agricultural district terminates for the land to be continued in the program. Renewal applications submitted after the statutory deadline will be treated as an initial application.

Owners of qualifying land must file an application with the Lucas County Auditor. If the property is located within a municipal corporation or if an annexation petition that includes the land has been filed with the Board of County Commissioners, owners of the qualifying land must also file an application with the Clerk of the legislative body of the municipal corporation. Owners must renew every five (5) years.

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evidence must be presented to show gross income for the past (3) years at an average of at least two thousand five hundred dollars (\$2,500), or the owner anticipates that the land will produce an annual gross income of two thousand five hundred dollars (\$2,500).

Owners of CAUV and Agricultural District parcels must file both the renewal applications for CAUV and Agricultural District by each respective date specified on the application.

There is no fee to apply for Agricultural District with the Lucas County Auditor. For owners of parcels in a municipal corporation limit or if the parcels are in an annexation petition, please contact the municipality wherein the property is located to inquire if a processing fee is charged.

If the owner of the land seeks to remove the parcel from the Agricultural District program, the owner is subject to charges levied pursuant to Section 929.02(D) of the Ohio Revised Code.

PARCELS IN OREGON

If your parcel is located in the City of Oregon, you must also file the Agricultural District Application with the City of Oregon. Please contact the City of Oregon to get additional information regarding the application process at (419) 698-7012.

Source: Chapter 929 of the O.R.C.

AREA CONTACTS

City of Oregon
(419) 698-7012
oregonohio.org

Farm Service Agency (FSA)
(419) 335-6061
fsa.usda.gov

Lucas County Soil &
Water Conservation Service
(419) 893-1966
co.lucas.oh.us/458/Soil-and-Water-
Conservation

Ohio Farm Bureau
(800) 333-8015 or (419) 849-2128
ofbf.org/counties/lucas

Ohio Department of
Natural Resources
(419) 424-5004
ohiodnr.gov

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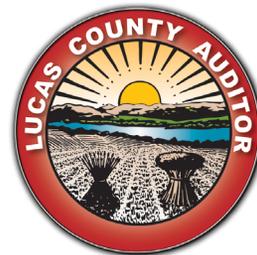
CONTACT US

Do you have any more questions?
Provide a phone number and/or an
e-mail address and a representative
from our office will contact you.

Call our office
(419) 213-4406

Send an e-mail
cauv@co.lucas.oh.us

Visit us on-line
co.lucas.oh.us/2803/CAUV-Ag-District



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