

Land Use Verification/Green Acre Addendum Form

Office Use:

Is this for: Ag/land Verification _____ Green Acre Application Addendum _____
Verification Reason: New Ownership _____ Property Review _____ Mass Mailing _____
Assessment Year _____

Please read instructions before completing this survey. This form must have complete information provided, be signed, dated, have addendums (Schedule F and FSA documentation if available), and be returned to the assessor for review by August 31, 2017.

What is this form:

This form is used to aid the assessor in properly classifying land in accordance with the land classification laws. In 2008, the Legislature amended Section 273.013, subdivision 23 changing the manner agricultural property in Minnesota is classified. As a result, assessors across the state must administer this law and apply certain requirements in determining if your property is 2a productive agricultural land, or 2b non-productive rural vacant land. Additionally, a recent change in the way this information is reported to the Department of Revenue has driven the need for our office to verify the accuracy of our land breakdowns with the property owner. If you would like to review the law, please reference Minnesota Laws 2008, Chapter 366, Article 6, Section 26.

How to complete this form:

When listing your acreage breakdowns, please round to the nearest whole acre. Be as specific as possible when providing production information.

How this information is used:

The county assessor may share non-private data contained on this form with the county auditor, county attorney, Commissioner of Revenue, or other federal, state, or local taxing authorities. The county assessor will use this information to ensure land use breakdowns are as accurate as possible. You do not have to provide this information, but your refusal may disqualify your land as 2a productive agricultural land and doing so would initiate a payback in Green Acres deferred taxes to those properties enrolled.

Penalties:

Making false statements on this form is against the law. Minnesota Statutes, Section 609.41 states that anyone giving false information in order to avoid or reduce their tax obligations is subject to a fine of up to \$3,000 and/or up to one year in prison.

1. Owner's Name: _____

2. Parcel Number: _____

Township/City located in: _____

3. Total number of parcel acres: _____

4. Total number of acres attributable to the building site: _____

5. Total number of tillable acres plowed/cultivated annually: _____

6. How many acres is the **largest contiguous** field? _____

7. Is the tillable land currently being actively farmed: Yes _____ No _____

If actively farmed, is it rented out? Yes _____ No _____ By Whom? _____

Rent received per acre? _____

8. Is the tillable land enrolled in: CRP _____ RIM _____ CREP _____ None _____

If enrolled in CRP/RIM/CREP, what year(s) do(es) the contract(s) expire? _____

9. The land that I/we own is partially or completely enrolled in a State or Federal conservation program type, **other** than CRP/RIM/CREP: Yes _____ No _____

If yes, what year(s) do(es) the contract(s) expire, or do(es) it go into perpetuity? _____

Please Note: **If you answered yes** to either of the above questions regarding CRP/RIM/CREP or a State or Federal conservation program, **you must enclose a copy of the contract terms** when this survey is returned. These terms will have an effect on the overall valuation and/or the land category breakdown between productive and non-productive land depending on the specified restrictions.

10. How is the **balance** of your non-tillable land (excluding conservation land) currently being used? Please indicate the approximate **number of acres** being used for any of the following choices:

- ____ Acres Active pasture land for cattle or livestock **you** raised for sale, other than horses
- ____ Acres Active pasture land for cattle or livestock, other than horses, that you leased out
- ____ Acres Hay ground **you** actively cut and produced for sale or to feed your livestock that **you** raised for sale. (Not horses)
- ____ Acres Hay ground actively cut that was leased out
- ____ Acres Not used for agricultural purposes
- ____ Acres Used for hunting and/or recreational purposes
- ____ Acres Wetlands – Circle applicable type(s): Wet Meadow – Shallow Marsh – Deep Marsh – Shallow Open Water – Shrub Swamp – Wooded Swamp – Bog
- ____ Acres Other uses (ie pasture for horses) Specify: _____
- ____ Acres Covered by a forest management plan (please provide a copy of the plan)
- ____ Acres SFIA (Sustainable Forest Incentive Act) or 2C Managed Forest Land

11. Do **you** have any livestock being raised for sale? Yes ___ No ___ If yes, please indicate the average number of each sold yearly:
Cattle # _____ Hogs # _____ Sheep # _____ Poultry # _____ Other # _____
Please describe 'Other' (including exotic animals) # _____

12. Please list the approximate amount **you** sold of the following during the current year:
Cwt Milk: _____ Bushels of Grain: _____ Hay Bales: _____ Rounds or Squares? _____
Other Agricultural products sold (type/amount): _____

13. Does your farm have an FSA number? Yes _____ No _____
NOTE: If yes, please include documentation with this survey.

14. Do you file a Schedule F with your Income Taxes? Yes ___ No ___ Don't File _____
NOTE: If yes, please include a copy of your most current Schedule F with this survey.
If you file a Schedule E with your income tax please describe, in detail, the agricultural rental use of your property and enclose the most recent copy of your Schedule E. You only need to submit one copy of your Schedule E and/or F if you are completing a survey on more than one parcel.
If you don't file income tax, please provide proof of Ag income. (ie receipts, etc.)

15. In your own words, please describe the use of your property/operation. Include any information you may think would be pertinent, such as agriculturally used outbuildings and or agricultural machinery you own: (Please attach a separate piece of paper, if necessary.)

Signature by Owner(s): *By signing below, I certify that the above information is true and correct to the best of my knowledge, and I am an owner of the property or an authorized member, partner, or shareholder of the farm entity that owns the property. I acknowledge that by signing this form, I am representing 100% of the interest in the property.*

Signature: _____

Date: _____ Phone: _____ Indicate one: Home / Work / Cell

E-mail: _____

Please return the fully completed form along with any required documentation to:

Kanabec County Assessor's Office
18 North Vine Street, Suite 271
Mora, MN 55051

If you have any questions or concerns about how to complete this form, please contact the Kanabec County Assessor's office at assessor@co.kanabec.mn.us or (320) 679-6420