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AGRICULTURAL DISTRICT

Agricultural District Program



Information for
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What is Agricultural District?

Agricultural District provides:

1. Protection to farmers from nuisance lawsuits
2. Deferment of development assessments on the land until it is changed to non-agricultural use
3. Additional scrutiny of eminent domain acquisitions in certain instances

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

How do I qualify?

Only land meeting specific qualifications may receive this designation. Generally, a parcel enrolled in CAUV qualifies for Agricultural District.

- 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 3 consecutive calendar years prior to the year of application**

- If the property is less than 10 acres, the gross income for each of the past 3 years is at an average of at least \$2,500, or the owner anticipates the land producing an annual gross income of \$2,500
- Agricultural District “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)

How do I apply?

- An initial application may be filed any time for a 5 year period
- A renewal application must be submitted between the **first Monday in January** and 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 are treated as an initial application.
- Owners of qualifying land must file an application with the Lucas County Auditor’s Office
- 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.

- If the property is **less than 10 acres**, evidence must be presented to show gross income for the past 3 years at an average of at least \$2,500, or the owner anticipates that the land will produce an annual gross income of \$2,500
- Owners of CAUV and Agricultural District parcels must file renewal applications for **both** exemptions
- There is no application fee for Agricultural District. Please contact the municipality where 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, 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 at (419) 698-7012.