



Walker County Appraisal District

3/25/2021

WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT

*Summary of Eligibility Requirements for Qualification of
Agricultural or Timberland Land in Wildlife Management Use*

1. An application for 1-d-1 agricultural appraisal must be filed with the appraisal district between January 1st and April 30th. Additionally a Wildlife Status Survey must be submitted annually.
2. To qualify for ag or -use under wildlife management use, the land must already have been qualified and appraised as agricultural or timberland land during the year before the owner changes to wildlife management use. For example, an owner who wishes to qualify for wildlife management in the 2022 year must be able to show that the land qualified for and was appraised as agricultural or timber land in the 2021 year.
3. The following must be met in regard to current use of land:
 - a. The **primary use** of the property must be for wildlife management.
 - b. The land must be actively used to generate a sustaining breeding, migrating, or wintering population of indigenous wild animals.
 - c. The indigenous wildlife population must be produced for human use, including food, medicine or recreation.
 - d. The owner must perform at least three of the seven wildlife management activities specified by law: (1) habitat control, (2) erosion control, (3) predator control, (4) providing supplemental supplies of water, (5) providing supplemental supplies of food, (6) providing shelters, and/or (7) making census counts to determine population.
4. The conduct of wildlife management practices must meet certain intensity standards as well as meet wildlife use requirement as defined in Sec. 9.2005 as well as meet.
 - a. A tract of land's wildlife use requirement is a number expressed as a percentage and calculated by subtracting one from the total number of acres in the tract of land and dividing the result by the total number of acres in the tract of land. The following formula expresses the calculation, with "x" representing the tract of land's total acreage: $(x-1) \div x = \text{wildlife use requirement}$.
 - b. The minimum ag or timber acreage requirement is generally 10 acres. However, for tracts that were part of a larger tract that qualified for 1-d-1 appraisal on January 1st of the previous year **and** the current ownership of the tract is different from ownership on January 1st of the previous year, the minimum acreage tract sizes are as follows:

1. Individual tracts -----	12.5	acres
2. Wildlife management association tracts -----	10	acres (combined total)
3. Endangered species tracts -----	10	acres
 - c. If the number of acres in the tract of land is equal to or greater than the number of acres in the tract of land on January 1 of the preceding tax year, the tract of land is not subject to the wildlife use requirement.
 - d. Wildlife management activities and practices must be consistent with those recommended in the most current Texas Parks and Wildlife Activities and Practices/Comprehensive Wildlife Management Planning Guidelines for the Piney Woods Region.
5. The property owner must submit a written management plan on Texas Parks and Wildlife Department form PWD 885-W7000(2/02) or the most recent equivalent form as specified by law. (Chief Appraiser will typically require photos of the tract to aid in the initial determination.)
6. The property must pass periodic on-site reviews conducted by a WCAD staff appraiser.

**Based on Pineywoods Region at least 92% but not more than 94% or at least 90% but not more than 91% for wildlife management associations as indicated in Ch. 9.2005 Texas property tax rules and forms as of October 26, 2010.*

Additional information concerning wildlife management can be found by visiting Texas Parks and Wildlife website @ <http://www.tpwd.state.tx.us/>