

# Agricultural Use Verification Form –

This form is used to verify how your parcel is being used.

**Please read instructions before completing. Please complete a separate form for each parcel.**

**Please attach a Schedule F and/or a bill of sale with this form.**

*This section is to be completed by all applicants. Please provide the following information about each parcel of property you own.*

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

County:  
**MOWER COUNTY**

Parcel ID number (located on your property tax statement): \_\_\_\_\_

Total number of acres of parcel: \_\_\_\_\_

**Parcels used solely for ag production may be considered to be class 2a productive land because it is EXCLUSIVE.**

Number of actively fenced pasture acres: \_\_\_\_\_ Number of animals grazing in active pasture: \_\_\_\_\_

The tillable land that I/we own is currently being actively farmed  Yes  No

Number of tillable acres actually being tilled/actively farmed \_\_\_\_\_ Current year crop \_\_\_\_\_

The tillable land that I/we own is in one of the following programs (check all that apply):

CRP  RIM  CREP  Other- please identify \_\_\_\_\_

If enrolled in CRP, what year does the contract expire: \_\_\_\_\_

Total number of acres enrolled in CRP, CREP, RIM or other similar federal or state conservation program: \_\_\_\_\_

**Parcels with a residential structure must be used INTENSIVELY for one or more of the following in order to be considered as 2a productive land. (check all that apply)**

\_\_\_\_\_ Drying or storage of grain used to support ag activities on other parcels of property operated by the same farming entity.

Number of storage units: \_\_\_\_\_ Number of drying bins: \_\_\_\_\_ Bin capacity of each unit: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of entity \_\_\_\_\_ Acres farmed by this entity: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Storage of machinery or equipment to support ag activities on other parcels of property operated by the same farming entity.

Number of storage units: \_\_\_\_\_ Size of storage units: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of entity: \_\_\_\_\_ Acres farmed by this entity: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Growing of nursery stock. Type of nursery stock: \_\_\_\_\_ Amount of nursery stock sold: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Livestock or poultry confinement.

Type of livestock or poultry raised: \_\_\_\_\_ Amount of livestock or poultry raised: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Market farming (cultivation of one or more: Fruits / Vegetables or production of animal / Ag products for sale to local markets by the farmer or an organization with which the farmer is affiliated). Type of product(s) sold: \_\_\_\_\_ Amount of product sold: \_\_\_\_\_

**Making false statements on this application is against the law. Minnesota Statute, 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.**

**Signature of an Owner:** *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 percent of the interest in the property.*

Signature	Phone Number:	Date:
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**Please return completed form to the County Assessor accompanied with your current Schedule F.**

Mower County Assessor  
201 1<sup>st</sup> ST NE, Suite 10, Austin, MN 55912

Property Information

## Instructions for: *Agricultural Use Verification Form*

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- **Not everyone needs to complete this form. Only complete this form if your property meets some of the listed criteria.**

### **What is this form used for?**

The Agricultural Use Verification Form is used to aid your assessor to properly classify your property in accordance with new state law.

**In 2008 the Minnesota Legislature amended Section 273.13, subdivision 23 which resulted in considerable changes to the way agricultural property is classified. Consequently, assessors across the state must abide by the new law and apply these changes to all property in the state. This form is meant to assist the assessors with this task.**

If you would like to view the changes to the law for yourself, please reference Minnesota Laws 2008 Chapter 366, Article 6, section 26.

### **How to complete this form**

When listing acreage, round to the nearest whole acre.

Be as specific as possible when providing production information.

### **How we use information**

The county assessor may share the information contained on this form with the county auditor, county attorney, Commissioner of Revenue or other federal, state or local taxing authorities to verify your eligibility for the Green Acres deferment.

You do not have to give this information. However, refusal may disqualify your land from being classified as Class 2a productive land.

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