



**APPLICATION TO THE ASSESSOR FOR CLASSIFICATION OF LAND AS FARM LAND**

Declaration of policy: It is hereby declared that it is in the public interest to encourage the preservation of farm land, forest land and open space land in order to maintain a readily available source of food and farm products close to the metropolitan areas of the state, to conserve the state's natural resources and to provide for the welfare and happiness of the inhabitants of the state [and] that it is in the public interest to prevent the forced conversion of farm land, forest land and open space land to more intensive uses as the result of economic pressures caused by the assessment thereof for purposes of property taxation at values incompatible with their preservation as such farm land, forest land and open space land.

*Please print. File a separate application for each parcel. Complete all appropriate sections, attaching additional sheets if necessary. See reverse for additional filing information and section to be completed if farm land is leased or rented.*

Name of Owner(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Property Location: \_\_\_\_\_

(Number & Street) (Town) (State) (Zip Code)

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

(Number & Street or P.O. Box) (Town) (State) (Zip Code)

Check appropriate box:  New Application  Ownership Change  Acreage Change  Use Change

Total acreage of land: # \_\_\_\_\_ (Acres) Portion in actual use for farming / agricultural operations: # \_\_\_\_\_ (Acres)

Is total acreage located wholly within this town?  YES  NO If NO, name of other town: \_\_\_\_\_

Total gross income derived farm operation (Need not be majority of income): \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Type of farming operation (e.g., dairy, vegetable, horse, etc.) \_\_\_\_\_

Equipment used in the farm operation: \_\_\_\_\_

*Enter number of acres in each land class below and attach a sketch of your farm land to this application, showing the number of acres in each such class. Assessor will complete Items 3 and 4 if application is approved.*

1	2	3	4
Land Classes	# Acres	Use Value	Use Assessment
Tillable A - Excellent (Shade Tobacco and Ball and Burlap Nursery, Crop Land):			
Tillable B - Very Good (Binder Tobacco, Vegetable, Potatoes, Crop Land):			
Tillable C - Very Good, Quite Level (Corn Silage, Hay, Vegetables, Potatoes, Crop Land):			
Tillable D - Good to Fair, Moderate to Considerable Slopes (Hay, Corn Silage, Rotation Pasture, Crop Land):			
Orchard - Well Maintained Trees for the Purposes of Bearing Fruit:			
Permanent Pasture - Grazing for Livestock, Not Tilled Land:			
Woodland - Woodland in a Farm Unit:			
Wasteland - Swamp / Ledge / Scrub:			
TOTAL ELIGIBLE ACRES:			
	TOTAL CLASSIFIED USE ASSESSMENT:		

*Owner's Affidavit*

I DO HEREBY DECLARE under penalty of false statement that the statements made herein by me are true according to the best of my knowledge and belief, and that I have received and reviewed §12-504a through §12-504e, inclusive of the Connecticut General Statutes concerning a potential tax liability upon a change of ownership or use of this land.

DATED: \_\_\_\_\_ /S/ \_\_\_\_\_

DATED: \_\_\_\_\_ /S/ \_\_\_\_\_

*Assessor's Verification Section*

Acquisition Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Map / Block / Lot: \_\_\_\_\_ Total Acreage: \_\_\_\_\_ Acreage Classified: \_\_\_\_\_

Vol. / Page: \_\_\_\_\_ Date Recorded: \_\_\_\_\_

Application approved:  YES  NO Reason for denial: \_\_\_\_\_

/S/ \_\_\_\_\_ Assessor \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_



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*The following section must be completed only if the land described in this application is leased / rented for farming.*

I, \_\_\_\_\_ residing at \_\_\_\_\_  
(Name of Renter / Lessor) (Number & Street) (Town) (State) (Zip Code)

DO HEREBY DECLARE under penalty of false statement, that I am renting / leasing for farming purposes, the land located at \_\_\_\_\_  
(Property Location) (Town) (State)

Pursuant to a written lease or agreement that I entered into  
 With \_\_\_\_\_  
(Owner's Name) (Number & Street) (Town) (State) (Zip Code)

On the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 19\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_  
 or \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_, the term of which commences on  
 On the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_,  
 The \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_, and terminates on  
 The \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_, in the amount of  
 \$ \_\_\_\_\_ per acre  month  or year  . (Check appropriate box.)  
 /S/ \_\_\_\_\_ /S/ \_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Owner (Lessor) Signature of Renter (Lessee)

ASSESSOR: FORWARD COMPLETED COPY OF APPLICATION TO APPLICANT AND  
 FORWARD COPY OF RENTAL STATEMENT TO  
 STATE OF CONNECTICUT  
 DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE  
 765 ASYLUM AVENUE  
 HARTFORD, CONNECTICUT 06105  
 ATT: RON OLSEN

**FILING INFORMATION**

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The term "farm land" means any tract or tracts of land, including woodland and wasteland, constituting a farm unit. In determining whether land is farm land, the assessor shall take into account, among other things, the acreage of such land, the portion thereof in actual use for farming or agricultural operations, the productivity of such land, the gross income derived therefrom, the nature and value of the equipment used in connection therewith, and the extent to which the tracts comprising such land are contiguous.

An application for farm land classification must be filed on this form, as prescribed by the Commissioner of the Department of Agriculture, pursuant to §12-107c(b) of the Connecticut General Statutes. The property owner (or owners) must complete this form and file it with the assessor of the town where the farm land is situated. *If there is more than one owner, each must sign the application.* The filing period is between September 1<sup>st</sup> and October 31<sup>st</sup>, except in a year in which a revaluation of all real property is effective, in which case the filing deadline is December 30<sup>th</sup>.

Failure to file in the proper manner and form is considered a waiver of the classification under §12-107c(c) of the Connecticut General Statutes as of the October 1<sup>st</sup> assessment date. *A separate application must be filed for each parcel of land.*

You are responsible for contacting the assessor to update your application if there is a change in use, acreage or ownership of this property after the assessor approves its classification. If there is a change of use or a sale of the classified land, the classification ceases (pursuant to §12-504h of the Connecticut General Statutes) and you may be liable for an additional conveyance tax. Please review attached copies of the statutes concerning the imposition of this tax (§12-504a through §2-504e, inclusive, of the Connecticut General Statutes).

Please be advised that the assessor may require information in addition to that contained in this application in order to make a determination regarding classification.