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**Degree of Intensity for Beekeeping**

Beekeeping is an agricultural use and shall qualify for agricultural use productivity valuation if used for pollination or for the production of human food or other products having a commercial value (Sec 23.51 (2) Tax Code)

*Acreage Requirement*: The State of Texas has set a minimum of 5 acres and a maximum of 20 acres to qualify beekeeping as an agricultural use.

Our degree of intensity was established using Section 131.001 Texas Agriculture Code’s definition of an apiary, which is a place where six or more colonies of bees or nuclei of bees are kept. A colony is the hive and its equipment and appurtenances including bees, comb, honey, pollen and brood.

For each additional 5 acres an additional hive is required. If additional acreage is 2.5 acres or less, no additional hive is required.

 First 5 acres 1 hive

 5.1 to 10 acres at least 2 hives

 10.1 to 15 acres at least 3 hives

 15.1 to 20 acres at least 4 hives

When property owners initially qualify for agricultural appraisal, they must show proof of history for agricultural use/beekeeping for any of the five preceding seven years. One way to do this is to ask for export, import or intra-state permits, which are required by the Texas Apiary Inspection Service to transport hives.