



## Athens Soil & Water Conservation District

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### CAUV Parcels Inspected Annually

The Athens County Auditor contracts with the Athens Soil and Water Conservation District to perform all the required annual inspections of all parcels enrolled in the CAUV program.

- Inspections are necessary to determine if the property continues to meet the standards required by law.
- Property owners may be asked to provide additional information to verify they continue to qualify.

If as a result of the inspection, it appears the property no longer qualifies for the CAUV program, the owner will be contacted and asked to provide any information that may allow the property to continue on the program.

The property will not be removed without written notification to the property owner. Notifications will be sent by postal service or email in compliance with Ohio Revised Code.

### About Us

The C.A.U.V. Program is administered within the Real Estate Division of the Athens County Auditor's Office in accordance with Ohio Revised Code 5713.30.

### Contact Us

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### New Provision for Conservation:

Land devoted to conservation practices or enrolled in a federal land retirement or conservation program under an agreement with an agency of the federal government is valued at the lowest value of all soil types beginning with tax year 2017. (R.C. 5713.31)

Call our office for additional information.



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## Current Agricultural Use Valuation

C.A.U.V Program

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## What is the CAUV Program?

The CAUV Program was created by the State of Ohio to permit the valuing of farmland on its ability to produce income rather than on its market value. This program can provide a significant tax savings to agricultural producers who meet the qualifications.

### Program Qualifications:

1. **10 or more acres:** The property **must** have been devoted exclusively to commercial agricultural use **for three years prior to making application** to be eligible.
2. **Less than 10 acres:** The property **must** have produced an average income of at least \$2,500 from verifiable sales of agricultural products during the previous three years, or have a minimum gross income of \$2,500 annually.
3. **Wooded Property:** Must be contiguous to a parcel of land with the same ownership and the contiguous parcel must be devoted **exclusively** to agricultural use, or must comply with the ten acre requirement **and** be on its own timber management plan.

## INITIAL APPLICATION

Application no. \_\_\_\_\_ County \_\_\_\_\_ Tax year \_\_\_\_\_ File on the 1st

**Initial Application for the Valuation of Land at Its Current Agricultural Use**  
File with the county auditor prior to the first Monday in March. Include a \$25 filing fee.

1. Owner's name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

2. Owner's mailing address \_\_\_\_\_

3.

Parcel number	Acres	Parcel number	Acres

4. If the TOTAL acreage being used exclusively for commercial agriculture purposes is **less than ten acres**, show the total gross income from agricultural products. If the TOTAL acreage is **ten or more acres**, specify the number of acres and land use for the last three years.

Year	Farmed Acres	Use of Land (Crop)	Units/Acres	Kind	Gross Income
Last year					
2 years ago					
3 years ago					

5. List the acreage in each crop or land use for the last three years as requested for below.

Anticipated land use for the current year \_\_\_\_\_ Acres

Commercially grown \_\_\_\_\_

Hay \_\_\_\_\_

Pasture \_\_\_\_\_

Noncommercial \_\_\_\_\_

Commercial \_\_\_\_\_

Other crops \_\_\_\_\_

Homebased \_\_\_\_\_

Roads/paths/ponds \_\_\_\_\_

Conservation programs \_\_\_\_\_

Conservation easements \_\_\_\_\_

Other uses, e.g. aquaculture \_\_\_\_\_

Total acres - must match entry above \_\_\_\_\_

6. Is this land farmed by someone other than the owner? (yes/no) If yes, provide contact information (name and phone number) \_\_\_\_\_

I declare under penalties of perjury that I have executed this application and, to the best of my knowledge and belief, it is true, correct and complete. I authorize the county auditor to inspect this property and I agree to provide documentation of income, if requested, to verify the accuracy of this application.

Signature of owner: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

County Auditor's Use Only

Receipt for Payment of Fee: I hereby certify that the owner paid the filing fee of \$25 on the date this application was filed.

County auditor \_\_\_\_\_ Date filed with county auditor \_\_\_\_\_

Name on tax list \_\_\_\_\_ Tracing district \_\_\_\_\_ Parcel number \_\_\_\_\_ Number of acres \_\_\_\_\_

### New Application Deadline

New applications must be filed with the county auditor and are due prior to the first Monday in March. Initial applications include a **\$25 non-refundable filing fee**.

### Current Agricultural Use Defined:

Ohio Revised Code 5713.30 (A) contains the statutory definition of land devoted exclusively to agricultural use. Qualified land devoted exclusively to agricultural use means land used for commercial agricultural activity, which is limited to the following activities: commercial animal or poultry husbandry, aquaculture, apiculture, commercial production of timber, field crops, tobacco, fruits, vegetables, nursery stock, ornamental trees, sod or flowers and certain timber not grown for commercial purposes.

## Change of Use:

The continuing form should be completed by the farmer and must include any changes in the general farming operations to each parcel annually. **If a parcel no longer qualifies for CAUV, the property owner has a duty to notify the county auditor.**

### Removal from C.A.U.V. status:

If the property no longer qualifies for the CAUV program, **the law requires the auditor to calculate the tax savings from the prior three years and apply it to the tax bill** for that parcel. Property owners will be notified prior to being removed from the program.

### What happens if I forget to return the renewal application?

Failure to return the renewal (continuing) application will result in removal from the CAUV program **and** recoupment of tax savings from the prior three years.

If your continuing form, is not filed by the deadline, please contact our office immediately. Otherwise, we are required to remove you from the program.