

## Mills Central Appraisal District Beekeeping Guidelines

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 tangible 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.

**Level of Intensity:** the minimum degree of intensity was established using input from the Texas Apiary Inspection Service.

Number of Acres	Number of Hives
5	6
6.5	7
8	8
9.5	9
11	10
12.5	11
14	12
15.5	13
17	14
18.5	15
20	16

Hives must be maintained and kept alive. Flowering plants must be planted to support hives if the hives are in areas where there is limited vegetation that requires pollination.

**Production Value:** value used for beekeeping will be the same as dry land.

**Initial Qualification:** 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 evidence of registration with the Texas Apiary Inspection Service. Agricultural use will be granted on the total acreage, not just the area where the hives sit.