

# 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) Texas Property 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

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

**Qualification:** To qualify for Beekeeping, owners must submit the ag (1-d-1) application along with the Beekeeping Questionnaire. They must also provide photos of the hives, purchase receipts, and a map of the parcel indicating the hive locations. All hives must be actively 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.