Lee County
Illinois

Farmland Assessment Application

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REQUEST FOR TAX YEAR (_____)

Part 1: Identify the Property and Contact Person

Property Owner: _____ Parcel Number: _____

Contact Person: _____ Phone Number: _____

Address: _____ Email: _____

Part 2: Describe Property Use *(See back for farm definition)*

A copy of an aerial map identifying each specific type of land use must be provided. Maps are available at the Supervisor of Assessments' Office or on- line @ www.leecountyil.com.

(a) **Growing and harvesting of crop** Yes ☐ No ☐

i. Name of crop:_____

1. Estimated number of Acres:_____
2. Is area leased? Yes ☐ No ☐

(b) **Breeding and management of livestock** Yes ☐ No ☐

i. Type:_____

ii. Average inventory:_____

1. Estimated number of acres in use:_____
2. Do you board any animals or lease area for this activity? Yes ☐ No ☐

(c) **Other agricultural or horticultural operation (Please describe)** Yes ☐ No ☐

i. _____

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(d) **Non-farm area (homesite, residential, or recreational use**); Estimated number of acres_____

Part 3: Documentation

- If farmland is leased, attach copy of lease.
- Contractual or written agreements with any party (other than the owner) using the parcel for farm purposes. (ie: agreement to board horses, rent bin space, etc.)
- Receipts for commodities purchased or sold
- Contract/documentation for Farm Service Agency programs such as Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) or FSA-578, Report of Acreage form
- Photos demonstrating agricultural use

Part 4: Signature and Affidavit

I affirm that the information given (and attached) herein is true and correct and I understand that I am subject to penalties for any falsification given with this application.

Signature_____Date_____

Part 5: Chief County Assessment Officer's recommendation

Approve or Deny/Comments_____

The following text is taken directly from the Illinois Property Tax Code (35ILCS 200/1-60)

Farm. When used in connection with valuing land and buildings for an agricultural use, any property used solely for the growing and harvesting of crops; for the feeding, breeding and management of livestock; for dairying or for any other agricultural or horticultural use or combination thereof; including, but not limited to, hay, grain, fruit, truck or vegetable crops, floriculture, mushroom growing, plant or tree nurseries, orchards, forestry, sod farming and greenhouses; the keeping raising and feeding of livestock or poultry, including dairying, poultry, swine, sheep, beef cattle, ponies or horses, fur farming, bees, fish and wildlife farming. Improvements, other than farm dwellings, shall be assessed as a part of the farm and in addition to the farm dwellings when such buildings contribute in whole or in part to the operation of the farm. *For purposes of this Code, "farm" does not include property which is primarily used for residential purposes even though some farm products may be grown or farm animals bred or fed on the property incidental to its primary use*. The ongoing removal of oil, gas, coal or any other mineral from property used for farming shall not cause that property to not be considered as used solely for farming.
(Source: P.A. 86-1481; 87-877; 88-455.)