



Mansfield Shire

Rate Property as Farmland

Application Form

Applicant Details - Please use BLOCK LETTERS

Council Assessment Number: _____

Applicant Name: _____

Postal Address: _____

Contact No: _____

Email: _____

Application is made for classification of the following mentioned land as Farm Land as defined in Sec. 2 (1) of the Valuation of Land Act which states: -

- a) That the property is not less than 2 hectares in area, **and**
- b) That it is used primarily for grazing (including agistment), dairying, pig farming, poultry farming, fish farming, tree farming, bee keeping, viticulture, horticulture, fruit growing or crops of any kind or for any combination of those activities, **and**
- c) That it is used by a business:
 - i. That has a significant and substantial commercial purpose or character, **and**
 - ii. That seeks to make a profit on a continuous or repetitive basis from its activities on the land, **and**
 - iii. That is making a profit from its activities on the land, or that has reasonable prospect of making a profit from its activities on the land if it continues to operate in the way that it is operating.

Signature/s: _____

Date: _____

Details of the property (please refer to your Rates Notice if not known)

Lot(s): _____

Plan of Subdivision: _____

Crown Allotment(s): _____

Section(s): _____

Parish: _____

Total Area: _____ hectares / acres

Area used for farming: _____

hectares / acres

Address of Property: _____

Occupancy of Property

How many dwellings are located on the property?

Does anyone reside on the property? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If yes, who resides on the property? ☐ Owner & Family

☐ Someone other than owner (please provide details) _____

Do the above persons reside on property – Full Time ☐ Part Time ☐ Weekends ☐ Other ☐ _____

Locality Sketch			
Please draw a sketch below, showing the location of buildings and indicating area of property used for the following:			
☐ Residential purposes	☐ Unused land	☐ Farming purposes	☐ Other purposes
Sketch Area			

Farming Details

Farming business conducted (Please tick where applicable):

- | | | | |
|-----------------------------------|---------------------------------------|--|--|
| ☐ Grazing | ☐ Orcharding | ☐ Pig farming | ☐ Growing crops |
| ☐ Forestry | ☐ Bee keeping | ☐ Vegetable growing | ☐ Viticulture |
| ☐ Dairying | ☐ Horticulture | ☐ Poultry farming | ☐ Other |

How long has the property been farmed by you? _____ years _____ months

Land used in conjunction with other land - If the subject land is used in conjunction with other land for the purpose of carrying on the farming business or industry, give property description of other lands, details of how other lands are used, and the frequency of use:

Business Details

Under what business name is the farming activity conducted? _____

What business records are maintained relevant to the farming activities carried out on the property (i.e. books of account, stock records, breeding records, etc)? _____

Who conducts the Farming Business (operator)? ☐ Owner ☐ Someone other than owner

If someone other than owner, please provide details: _____

If required, are such records available for inspection? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Is the operator classed as a Primary Producer (for income tax purposes) ? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Agricultural Equipment

List agricultural equipment or machinery kept for use on the property:

Improvements & Water Supply

List any improvements on the property (fencing, sheds, dams, pasture improvements, etc) and water license details (if applicable):

Please complete any relevant areas – Attach additional sheets if insufficient space

Grazing or Dairying

Indicate number of livestock grazing on property at the date of this declaration: (Do not include agisted stock in this section)

_____ Cattle _____ Horses _____ Goats _____ Sheep _____ Other

Supplementary feeding or grazing animals: In a normal year, are the natural pastures or crops sufficient to sustain the number of livestock presently grazing on the subject property without supplementary feeding?

☐ Yes ☐ No

If no, please indicate the extent of supplementary feeding of livestock with grain, hay, concentrates, etc

☐ On a regular basis – essential to maintain livestock in suitable condition

☐ Only in winter when pastures not sufficient for grazing

☐ Other

Are stock agisted on the property? ☐ Yes (Please provide details) ☐ No

Is the property used as a stud? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If yes, what proportion of the property is used as a stud? %

Horses - If horses are kept on the property, for what purposes are they used? (i.e. showing, recreational use, trotting, thoroughbred racing, etc):

Pig Farming

Provide details of number of pigs on property, number bought and sold during previous 12 months, plus any other information relevant to the pig farming business.

Poultry Farming

Provide details of numbers and types of poultry raised and sold during previous 12 months, or numbers of hens housed on the property, plus any other information relevant to the poultry farming business. Do not include details of poultry kept for domestic use.

Orcharding

Provide details of numbers and types of trees, details of quantity of fruit sold during previous 12 months, plus any other information relevant to orcharding.

Type:

Number:

Type:

Number:

Forestry

A. Hardwood – provide details of area by existing stands of timbers and quantities harvested during previous 12 months. In addition, please provide details of the management plan for the remaining hardwood stands.

B. Pine Plantations – Provide details of area covered by the pine plantation, number of trees planted and when trees planted, plus any other information relevant to the pine plantation, including the cutting plan.

Bee Keeping

Provide details of numbers of beehives in operation on the property and for what periods of the year, quantity of honey extracted during the previous 12 months, plus any other information relevant to bee keeping.

Crops

Crops grown on the property – please provide details of crop type and area under crop, quantity of grain or bales of hay sold during previous 12 months, proportion of crop used on the farm, etc:

Additional Information

Include any additional information which you feel may be relevant to the application (i.e. proposed future development) or any other matter you wish to bring to the valuer's attention: (attach additional sheets if required)

Declaration: I believe that all the information contained in this application meets the criteria required to enable the subject property to be classified as Farm Land for rating purposes. I declare that the information is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief, and if required can be supported by documented evidence.

Signature(s): _____

Date: d d / m m / y y y y

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Return completed application forms to Mansfield Shire Council:

- by email to rates@mansfield.vic.gov.au,
- by post to Private Bag 1000 Mansfield VIC 3724
- in person to the Council office at 33 Highett Street Mansfield.

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Valuer's recommendation: