

# Mesa County Assessor Office



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## **Agricultural Property Information**

### **REQUIRED PAPERWORK TO PROCESS YOUR AG REQUEST**

#### **FARMING**

If you are farming the land yourself (producing agricultural products originating from the land's productivity) for a profit, and if you sell the product in its natural (raw or unprocessed) state then you will need to supply us with receipts. Examples: sales receipts for crops, seed, fertilizer, herbicides, pesticides, IRS 1040 Schedule F from your tax return.

#### **RANCHING**

If you raise your own grazing livestock such as cattle, sheep, llamas or alpacas for the primary purpose of making a profit, you must supply us with paperwork. Examples of necessary paperwork include brand inspections, bills of sales, breeding certificates, artificial insemination receipts, receipts for sales of wool (sold in its natural state). Hogs, chickens, pleasure horses, or bees are not considered livestock for agricultural classification.

#### **LEASES**

If you are leasing your property for grazing livestock or raising crops, you must supply us with a copy of the lease. It can be, but does not have to be, a formal lease. We need the terms of the lease, including but not limited to: the length of the lease, the lessor (owner) and the lessee (renter). Please make sure the lease is signed and dated; please provide a phone number for verification purposes.

If it is an annual lease, you must supply our office with a copy of the lease each year. If it is an open ended lease you do not have to supply a lease each year. At the end of the lease, our office needs to be notified.

If the property has a residence, is leased, and the property owner is not involved in the agricultural endeavor, then up to two acres may be classified residential per applicable Colorado law. Any additional buildings used solely for residential purposes will be taxed at the residential assessment rate.

**ALL INFORMATION RECEIVED WILL BE KEPT  
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