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GUIDELINES FOR AGRICULTURAL OPERATIONS

Application must be made between January 1st and March 1st.

While an agricultural operation must operate with an expectation of a profit, it does not have to be operated at a profit every year to be bonafide, but evidence of income which the property is producing and of the care given and procedures used in caring for the land is relevant. In other words, what management practices have been carried out on this land?

Factual Determinations to Consider

1. Whether the property is located in a rural area, zoned agricultural.
2. Whether the operation has been continuous.
3. Whether evidence established a bonafide effort by the property owner to sufficiently and adequately care for the land in a commercial, agricultural manner.
4. Whether there has been any true effort to have property contribute to the agricultural economy of the county, on either a short or long term basis, proportionate to the size of the property.
5. Suggested minimum acreage, minimum operations levels, and land rental for various agricultural classification/operations in Putnam County, which will be used in setting guidelines for greenbelt, agricultural determinations.

PASTURES-LIVESTOCK

- | | Typical Minimum Acres |
|---|-----------------------|
| • 10 Cows-Breeding Age Females or Equivalent Animal Units | 20 |
| • 30 Goats or Sheep-Breeding Age Females or Equivalent Animal Units | 10 |
| • Horse Farm 8 Brood Mares in Production Annually | 20 |
| • Hay Production | 5 |

ROW CROPS

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| • Corn, Potatoes, Cabbage, Soy Beans (Other crops on an individual basis) | 20 |
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TIMBER

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| • Planted Pines (Planting Rate 400-720 per acre) | 20 |
| • Christmas Trees (Planting Rate 1100 per acre) | 5 |
| • Tree Farm-Field Nursery (Planting Rate 1100 per acre) | 5 |
| • Natural Timber (400 trees per acre) | 20 |

ORCHARD

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| • Apples, Peaches, Pecans | 10 |
| • Citrus | 5 |

SPECIALTY CROPS

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| • Blueberries, Blackberries | 2 |
| • Grapes | 2 |
| • Green House Nursery | Individual Basis |

FERN

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| • Cut Foliage & Fern | 2 |
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TRUCK FARM

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| • Peas, Tomatoes, Greens, etc. | 5 |
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