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### GUIDELINES FOR AGRICULTURAL CLASSIFICATION

**Application must be made between January 1<sup>st</sup> and March 1<sup>st</sup>**

These guidelines are intended to provide assistance to those planning to make application for Agricultural Classification. In order to start the process of acquiring an Agricultural Classification, the lands to be considered, as per [Florida Statute 193.461](#), must be used primarily for bona fide agricultural purposes on January 1<sup>st</sup> of that year. Any questions about these guidelines should be directed to the Saint Lucie County Property Appraiser's Agricultural Appraiser, Jim Sheehan, at 772-460-3318 or [SheehanJ@paslc.org](mailto:SheehanJ@paslc.org).

#### **PASTURES-LIVESTOCK**

Pastureland shall be for commercial harvest. Such harvest shall include hay, sod, or turf. Livestock shall include those animals bred and/or raised for commercial purposes. Examples of such livestock shall include cow breeding age females or equivalent animal units, goat or sheep breeding age females or equivalent animal units, and horse farm brook mares in production annually. Animals bred or raised for private consumption or use do not qualify.

#### **ROW CROPS**

Commercial row crops shall consist of those crops raised and produced for commercial consumption. Examples of such row crops shall include corn, potatoes, cabbage, soy beans, and other vegetables such as energy beets and other biofuel substitutes.

#### **ORCHARDS/GROVES**

Orchards and groves shall consist of those fruit crops grown and harvested for commercial purposes. Examples of such orchards and groves shall include peaches and citrus.

#### **SPECIALTY CROPS**

Specialty crops are to be used for commercial purposes and include, but are not limited to, blueberries, strawberries, blackberries, grapes, and green house nursery.