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Current Agricultural Use Value Program Deadline is April 3

Lancaster, Ohio – The **final** deadline for returning a renewal application for the Current Agricultural Use Value program is April 3.

For property tax purposes, land used for commercial agriculture may be valued according to its current use, as opposed to the "highest and best" potential use. This provision in Ohio law is for the Current Agricultural Use Value (CAUV) program.

Dr. Carri Brown, County Auditor, stated, "There are more than 5,200 Fairfield County parcels in CAUV. By permitting values to be set below market values, the CAUV program results in a lower property tax bill."

The state sets unappealable CAUV values based on soil types instead of upon the highest and best use of the property. To qualify for CAUV, land must meet one of two requirements during the three years preceding an application:

- Ten or more acres must be devoted exclusively to commercial agricultural use; or
- If under ten acres are devoted exclusively to commercial agricultural use, a farm must produce an average yearly gross income of at least \$2,500.

Brown added, "This year, the County Auditor's team has coordinated an extensive outreach effort to increase renewal rates. More than 98% (a record high percentage) of applications have been renewed prior to the April 3 deadline." This effort will result in fewer formal hearings to appeal for inclusion in the CAUV program and has increased community understanding of the process.

For more information about CAUV, please call the County Auditor's Office at (740) 652-7030 Monday-Friday, 8-4.

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