



## Livestock Guidelines for Open Space

### Special Valuation

### For Bexar County

The typical ranch in Bexar County is engaged in cow/calf operation usually over ten acres in size. The typical ranch has the entire perimeter fenced with at least five strand barb wires or wire mesh and two or three strands of barb wire above the mesh. Other types of livestock operations found in the County include horses, sheep, goats, dairy cows and stocker calves. For other qualifying livestock see special operation guidelines. There are two methods used in Bexar County to determine how many animals are necessary to qualify. Those methods are **minimum animal unit method** and the **stocking ratio method**. The minimum animal unit method is typically used on the smaller acreage and the stocking ratio is used on large acreage tracts. The following charts may be used to determine intensity requirements.

<b>MINIMUM AU METHOD (UNDER 20 ACRES)</b>			<b>STOCKING RATIO METHOD (OVER 20 ACRES)</b>		
<b><u>Type of Operation:</u></b>	<b><u>Typical Size:</u></b>	<b><u>Au:</u></b>	<b><u>Pasture Type:</u></b>	<b><u>Location:</u></b>	<b><u>CC/AU:</u></b>
<b>Beef Cow/Calf</b>	<b>5 hd 800 lbs</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>Improved</b>	<b>SW Bexar</b>	<b>4.0 ac</b>
<b>Dairy Cow/Calf</b>	<b>50 hd 1000 lbs</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>Improved</b>	<b>Central Bexar</b>	<b>5.0 ac</b>
<b>Stocker</b>	<b>10 hd 300/400 lbs</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>Improved</b>	<b>SE Bexar</b>	<b>6.0 ac</b>
<b>Sheep</b>	<b>20 hd</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>Improved</b>	<b>Extreme North</b>	<b>10.0 ac</b>
<b>Goats</b>	<b>20 hd</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>Improved</b>	<b>Extreme South</b>	<b>10.0 ac</b>
<b>Horses</b> <b>Breeders</b>  <i>Grown Individual (Brood Stock)</i> * 3 Mares or 2 Mares / 1 Stallion  <i>Miniature Horse (Brood Stock)</i> * 10 Minimum  <i>Miniature Donkeys (Brood Stock)</i> * 10 Minimum  * <b>Requires copies of Registration Papers (BROOD STOCK)</b>			<b>Native</b>	<b>SW Bexar</b>	<b>6.5 ac</b>
			<b>Native</b>	<b>Central Bexar</b>	<b>7.5 ac</b>
			<b>Native</b>	<b>SE Bexar</b>	<b>11.5 ac</b>
			<b>Native</b>	<b>Extreme North</b>	<b>15.5 ac</b>
			<b>Native</b>	<b>Extreme South</b>	<b>15.5 ac</b>
			Stabling, training, and recreational operations do not qualify		
<b>Au-Animal Unit CC/AU-Carrying Capacity per animal unit</b>					

To qualify a property owner must show that their operation meets the typical ranch described above. Also the operation must meet the intensity level for the size of their operation as outlined by one of the two methods described above. Property owners with a minimum of six and less than ten acres may still qualify if the land is leased as part of an adjoining operation meeting these guidelines.