

Navigating CAUV Enrollment 2024: A Comprehensive Guide for Agricultural Property Owners

In an effort to assist and inform agricultural property owners, the CAUV Enrollment 2024 brings forth guidelines, costs, and essential information for participants. The following fact sheet outlines key details to ensure a smooth enrollment process and adherence to program guidelines.

Enrollment Period: Open enrollment for CAUV spans from January 1, 2024, to the First Monday in March, concluding on the 4th of March. Prospective participants are encouraged to mark their calendars and prepare for a timely enrollment process.

Cost Structure: Enrollment costs comprise a two-tiered structure. The Mahoning Soil and Water Conservation District (MSWCD) charge \$75 for the first parcel, with an additional \$25 for each subsequent parcel. The County Auditor imposes a fee of \$25 per parcel, in addition to MSWCD charges.

Acreage Considerations: Property owners are reminded that the minimum acreage for claiming a home site is 1.0 acre. Notably, areas like a manicured front lawn, swimming pool, or garage are considered part of the home site.

Agricultural Income Proof: For properties under 10 acres of agricultural land (excluding the total parcel acreage), proof of agricultural income is required. Annual submission of receipts totaling more than \$2500 of agricultural income (not expenses) is mandatory. Property owners must submit these receipts to the auditor's office on a yearly basis.

Common Filings: The most frequent filings in the region include crops, livestock, nursery stock, apiaries, and timber. Participants are urged to familiarize themselves with these common categories to facilitate a streamlined enrollment process.

Property Audits: Enrollment in the program implies consent for property audits. Representatives may enter enrolled properties for inspections at any time or date. Typically, prior notification is provided by either Mahoning County Auditors or MSWCD representatives.

Opt-Out Consequences: Opting out of the program carries a significant consequence. Property owners who choose to withdraw from CAUV enrollment will be subject to a three-year "back tax" assessment, regardless of adherence to program guidelines during the enrollment term.

For individuals seeking CAUV assistance, Blaine Winger, Agricultural Specialist & District Technician, can be contacted at 330-740-7995.

This comprehensive guide aims to empower agricultural property owners with the knowledge needed to navigate the CAUV Enrollment 2024 successfully. As the enrollment period approaches, staying informed and adhering to guidelines will ensure a seamless experience for all participants.