



# Overview of the reappraisal of agricultural land and forest land

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# Agricultural and Forestland Re-classification Project

**July 1, 2005.** Start of project; finalize work plan; hire Geographic Information System (GIS) analyst

## **August 1, 2005**

- Begin work with Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS) to identify areas of missing soil data
- Agricultural Land Advisory Committee organized
- Identify issues that affect valuation decisions

### Soil Survey Issues:

- Combining acreage using similar soil survey data or identifying each acre using the specific soil survey data
- Missing soil survey data
- How best to acknowledge long-term precipitation concerns

### Land Use Issues:

Review number of land use types  
Review crop rotations on certain land use types

### Valuation Issues:

- Communication of data on maps mailed to landowners  
Current and ongoing access to Farm Services Agency (FSA) data
- Use of long-term countywide average spring wheat production information  
Use of countywide average re-cropping figures  
Use of the crop risk insurance regions for creation of regional model for commodities  
Evaluate water cost deductions as they relate to irrigated land

### Forestry Issues:

U of M or USFS do forest productivity modeling

**October 31, 2005.** Secure "land use" data from Farm Services Agency (FSA)

**December 1, 2005.** Analyze recommendations and make decisions on issues that affect valuation

**January 1, 2006.** Begin agricultural re-classification in first 10 counties (without forest land)

**January 1, 2007.** Contract with UM for forest productivity model

**July 1, 2007.** Begin forestland re-classification work

**March 1, 2008.** Complete agricultural land re-classification work

**July 1, 2008.** Complete forestland re-classification work

**August 1, 2008.** Create seamless map integrating agricultural and forestland data

**September 1, 2008.** Mail re-classification maps to individual owners for verification

**December 1, 2008.** Finalize agricultural and forestland re-classification

**January 1, 2009.** Agricultural and forestland data available for legislative review

**June 2009.** Mail assessments to all agricultural and forest land owners