

# HJ 36: LAND USE CHANGES

The Revenue Interim Committee requested information on land use changes for the House Joint Resolution 36 Study of residential property taxes.

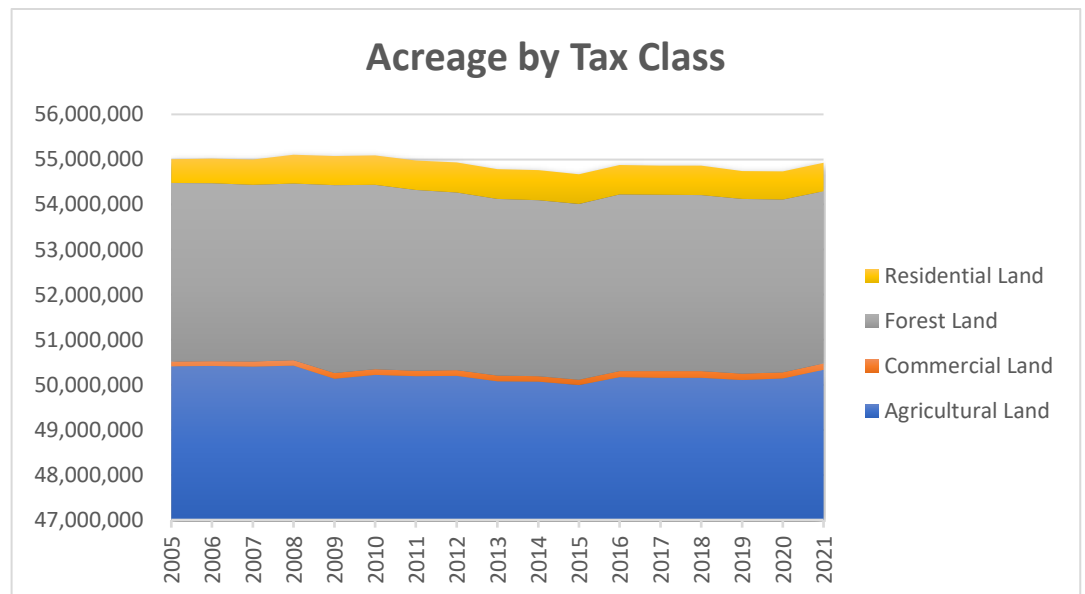
## ACREAGE BY CLASS IS STABLE

The following graph shows the statewide acreage for agricultural, commercial, forest, and residential land from 2005 to 2021.<sup>1</sup>

Acreage by class is stable during the period examined, with a small shift from forest and agricultural acres to residential and commercial land. Forest land decreased by 3.5%, or 140,000 acres, from 2005 to 2021, and agricultural land decreased by less than 0.2%, or 80,000 acres.

Over the same period, commercial land increased by 33%, or 35,000 acres, and residential land increased by 20%, or 106,000 acres.

Total agricultural, commercial, forest, and residential acreage decreased by less than 0.2%, or 76,400 acres. This shift could include exempt property and shifts to other classes of property that contain small amounts of land.



<sup>1</sup> Data provided via email from Jared Isom, Department of Revenue, Feb. 9, 2022. A spreadsheet with county-level data is available upon request.

