













# Achua County Property Appraiser Agricultural Classification Guidelines

## Goat/Sheep Operation

Goat/Sheep Pasture is recommended to be at least 5 acres or part of a large agricultural operation with adequate access to water.

- î X Pasture must be properly fenced to contain livestock, free of harmful debris. Best Management Practices for livestock should be the guide for maintenance of the operation.
- ï X An indicated effort has been made to maintain areas sufficient for this type of land, i.e. fertilizing, mowing, weeding, herbicide application for the removal of unwanted and toxic vegetation etc.
- ð X Receipts from the purchase or sale of goats/sheep, and any expenses incurred from the agricultural operation must be provided.
- ñ X An Agricultural Business Plan should be furnished with the application.
- ò X In reference to goats/sheep relation to parcel size, 5 goats/sheep on 1/2 acre pasture area of the parcel is the recommended minimum and could likely be constructed as a commercial agricultural operation. The capability of the soil and type of grass is considered as to the carrying capacity for the animals each parcel. Consideration will be given to the equipment and facilities used for the animal maintenance such as pens, shelter, feeders, cross fencing, etc.
- ó X Provide a copy of all goat/sheep identification numbers. All goats/sheep moved intrastate, interstate, or by change of ownership for any purpose must be officially identified to the flock/herd as required by the USDA C.F.R. 2(2008). Ear tags must be permanent and proof, and may be obtained from the Florida Department of Agriculture. Contact: Division of Animal Industry @ 850-41-0900 or

