

425A.4 Claim for credit.

1. To apply for the credit, the person shall deliver to the county assessor a verified statement and designation of the tracts of agricultural land for which the credit is claimed. The assessor shall return the statement and designation on or before November 15 of each year to the county board of supervisors with a recommendation for allowance or disallowance. A claim for credit filed after November 1 of the year shall be considered as a claim filed for the following year.

2. The county board of supervisors in each county shall examine all claims delivered to county assessors, and shall either allow or disallow the claims, and if disallowed shall send notice of disallowance by regular mail to the claimant at the claimant's last known address. The claimant may appeal the decision of the board to the district court in which the tract for which the credit is claimed is situated by giving written notice of the appeal to the county board of supervisors within twenty days from the date of the mailing of the notice of the decision of the board of supervisors.

3. Upon the filing and allowance of the claim, the claim shall be allowed on that tract for successive years without further filing as long as the property is legally or equitably owned by that person or that person's spouse on July 1 of each of those successive years, and the designated person who is actively engaged in farming remains the same during these years. When the property is sold or transferred, the buyer or transferee who wishes to qualify shall file for the credit. However, when the property is transferred as part of a distribution made pursuant to chapter 598, the transferee who is the spouse retaining ownership of the property is not required to file for the credit. In the case where the owner remains the same but the person who is actively engaged in farming changes, the owner shall refile for the credit. The owner shall provide written notice if the person actively engaged in farming changes.

4. The assessor shall retain a permanent file of current family farm credit claims filed in the assessor's office.

The county recorder shall give notice to the assessor of each transfer of title filed in the recorder's office. The notice shall describe the tract of agricultural land transferred, the name of the person transferring the title to the tract, and the name of the person to whom title to the tract has been transferred.

90 Acts, ch 1250, §13; 91 Acts, ch 97, §51; 91 Acts, ch 267, §614, 615; 2001 Acts, ch 154, §2, 3, 6

2001 amendments apply to family farm tax credit claims filed on or after July 1, 2001; 2001 Acts, ch 154, §6