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Property Appraiser's Agriculture Department Moving to Better Serve Western Communities

Palm Beach County, FL – December 1, 2025 – The Palm Beach County Property Appraiser's Office is making it easier for farmers, ranchers, equestrians, and growers to get the help they need. During the first week of December, our office's Agriculture Department will move from downtown West Palm Beach to its new location in the **Mayor Fred Pinto Midwestern Community Building, 200 Civic Center Way, Suite 100, Royal Palm Beach, FL 33430.**

With free parking and a convenient location, this new office means no long drives downtown—the local agriculture community can now access services much closer to home.

"Our agricultural property owners are the backbone of Palm Beach County," said **Property Appraiser Dorothy Jacks**. "By moving closer to the land, we are making sure these hardworking families have direct access to the resources and expertise they need."

To help property owners better understand the program, Agriculture Manager Keith Alexander will host a free public lecture titled, "From Downtown to the Fields: Ag Classification Made Simple," at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, Dec. 4 at the Royal Palm Beach Library, 500 Civic Center Way, Royal Palm Beach.

The Agriculture Department administers **Florida's Agricultural Classification ("Greenbelt Law")**, which allows qualifying lands used for bona fide commercial agriculture—such as livestock, crops, aquaculture, and beekeeping—to be assessed based on agricultural use rates rather than market value. While this often results in tax savings, it does not always reduce taxes depending on parcel characteristics. Losing the classification, however, typically means a return to full market value and a significant tax increase.

Farmers and property owners can apply for an agricultural classification each year between **January 1 and March 1**. Land must be in bona fide agricultural use as of January 1, and applicants must provide documentation supporting commercial use.

For more information or assistance, visit us in person at **200 Civic Center Way, Suite 100, Royal Palm Beach**, give us a call at **561.784.1257**

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