



## Maricopa County Assessor

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### HIGH DENSITY – 2011 UPDATE

The County Assessor's policy for High Density Grazing (RPAG-00001) was recently reviewed as it relates to the Arizona Revised Statutes and Department of Revenue Guidelines.

The Assessor has decided to repeal the current High Density Grazing Policy (RPAG – 00001) for Tax Year 2011 and forward; and follow the less restrictive statutes as they relate to open grazing in Arizona. Arizona is an open grazing state; grazing animals roam freely. Property owners must fence their land if they do not want animals on their property.

Agricultural Classification is governed by the Arizona Revised Statutes which can be viewed at the following website: [AZLEG.GOV](http://AZLEG.GOV) Title 42, Chapter 12, Article 4. This is where agricultural classification requirements are defined. Further, Chapter 13, Article 3 describes the application process.

The Assessor's Office does have a list of Rancher's that have operated in Maricopa County in the past. It is unknown at this time which Rancher's will qualify for 2011. A review is in process of all operators.