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Public Notice: Agricultural Property Review Project

The Union County Assessor's Office would like to inform property owners and the public that we are initiating a countywide Agricultural Property Review and Digitalization Project. This effort will include a comprehensive review of all agricultural parcels throughout Union County.

This project is being conducted internally by Assessor's Office Staff as part of our ongoing commitment to maintain accurate, fair, and uniform property records. No outside contractors are being utilized for this review.

As part of this process, staff will review all buildings located on agricultural properties to ensure assessment records accurately reflect the current condition and use of those structures. The primary goals of this project are to:

- Ensure consistency in the labeling and valuing of agricultural buildings countywide
- Review and standardize building condition ratings
- Improve overall accuracy and quality in our assessment records
- Update and digitize property information for improved record management and public access

The review will primarily be conducted using aerial imagery, property record information, and information provided by property owners. The Assessor's Office has access to both 2023 and newly available 2026 aerial imagery, which will be used to identify and verify property changes. Due to the sensitivity and biosecurity concerns associated with some agricultural operations, staff will not enter agricultural properties or conduct on-site inspections unless specifically requested by the property owner.

The project will be completed on a township-by-township basis beginning in mid-June.

In addition to improving assessment records, this effort will further the digitalization of agricultural property information. Digitalized records allow for more efficient reporting, improved record management, and enhanced public accessibility. Once completed, property owners and stakeholders will benefit from more detailed and accurate information available through the Beacon property information system.

This review is part of the Assessor's Office responsibility to maintain equitable assessments and transparent property records. Property owners will receive information regarding their property records and will have the opportunity to review the information and notify the Assessor's Office of any corrections or updates.

We appreciate your cooperation and understanding as we work to improve the accuracy, consistency, and accessibility of property information throughout Union County.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the Union County Assessor's Office.

Sincerely,

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