

## **AGRICULTURAL DISTRICT PROGRAM - KRS 262.850 STEPS FOR FORMING AN AGRICULTURAL DISTRICT**

1. Landowners interested in forming an agricultural district can obtain a Petition to Establish an Agricultural District from their local conservation district.
2. A proposed Agricultural District can consist of one or more landowners and contain as many parcels of land that form a contiguous boundary. **The minimum acreage required to form an agricultural district is 250. Individual parcels must contain at least 10 acres without a homestead and 11 acres with a homestead.**
3. The Petition must contain each landowner's name, address, and number of acres for each parcel they wish to be included in the agricultural district, **printed legibly**, and each landowner's original signature. If any name, address, or acreage on the petition is illegible, please attach a typed list before submitting the Petition to the Division of Conservation.

No land may be contained in an agricultural district without the approval and signature of the landowner.

4. A "landowner" would include individuals, legal guardians, corporations, business districts, estates, trusts, partnerships, associations, or two or more persons having joint or common interest in the land. If more than one person is an owner of any parcel, each individual needs to complete the petition. If the land is owned by a corporation, the corporate name should be specified as the landowner and the original signatures of its officers should follow.
5. KRS 262.850 requires that the names and addresses of all adjoining property owners be obtained and listed in the appropriate place on the Petition. **The conservation district clerk may fill in this information, but it must be filled in. Adjacent landowners do not sign the petition.**
6. The Petition is to be submitted to the conservation district in the county in which the land is located. If the land comprising the proposed district is located in two or more counties, the Petition should be filed in the county where the majority of the acreage is located with copies of all related materials being sent to the other conservation district involved.
7. Upon receiving a completed Petition, **KRS 262.850** requires the conservation district to notify (by registered mail, certified mail, or written confirmation) the local or regional planning and zoning authority and fiscal court. The Commission strongly recommends that the closest city or town also be notified that a Petition to Establish an Agricultural District has been filed. The conservation district shall notify these entities and allow them thirty (30) days to comment on the proposed agricultural

district **prior** to the Board of Supervisors making any recommendations to be submitted to the Commission.