

Senator Michael Ellis  
108 South, State Capitol  
Madison, WI 53707



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March 7, 2002

State Senator • 32nd Senate District

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FROM: Senator Mark Meyer, Chairman

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AYE \_\_\_\_\_  \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_

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AYE \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: Michael J. Ellis

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Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ *Mark Meyer* \_\_\_\_\_

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Signature: Joanne Huelsman

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*Terry C. Anderson, Director*  
*Laura D. Rose, Deputy Director*

TO: SENATOR MARK MEYER

FROM: Don Dyke, Senior Staff Attorney

RE: Senate Amendment 1 to 2001 Senate Bill 304 (Use Value Assessment)

DATE: March 7, 2002

This memorandum describes the changes made by the above-captioned amendment to the original bill.

The amendment reduces the annual gross receipts threshold under the definition of "farm" from \$6,000 to \$3,500. In addition, the amendment expressly provides that gross receipts include payments in kind for placing land in federal programs.

The amendment makes several changes regarding which local officials are responsible for various functions under the proposal:

1. Notice of a change in land use that may make the land ineligible for assessment as agricultural land is made to the taxation district assessor, rather than the taxation district clerk.
2. The determination that land is no longer eligible to be assessed as agricultural land is made by the taxation district assessor, rather than the county treasurer.
3. The calculation of the penalty for converting agricultural land to other use is made by the county treasurer (in the bill, there is no specific delegation of that responsibility).
4. The demonstration that land will be used as agricultural land in the succeeding taxable year for purposes of deferring a conversion penalty is made to the taxation district assessor, rather than the county treasurer.
5. Taxation district assessors, rather than the register of deeds, are responsible for informing the county real property lister, rather than the county treasurer, of all sales of agricultural land.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact me directly at the Legislative Council Staff offices.

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