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TO: House Revenue Committee Co-Chairs Barnhart and Berger
FROM: Douglas Schmidt, Polk County Assessor
SUBJECT: HB 3626 - Non-Exclusive Farm Use Zoned Parcels

Co-Chairs Barnhart and Berger. In the hearing for HB 3626 on Wednesday May 4th, Co-Chair Barnhart asked me if I could get some information for the committee. Following is the best I can provide at this time.

Question: What is the number of hobby farms in Polk County?

Answer: I took this question to mean the number of Non-EFU zoned parcels in Polk County. There are approximately 3,145 Non-EFU zoned parcels in Polk County. Of that number, 292 are receiving Farm Use Special Assessment. That leaves 2,835 parcels that are not receiving Farm Use Special Assessment.

NOTE: Some of the 2,835 parcels not receiving Farm Use Special Assessment are less than 1 acre and may not be able to qualify for special assessment.

Question: How many of the parcels are within the Urban Growth Boundary?

Answer: Of the 292 receiving Farm Use Special Assessment, 116 are inside the Urban Growth Boundary. Of the 116 there are 46 that are within the city limits of an incorporated city.

Of the 2,835 parcels not receiving Farm Use Special Assessment, 766 of them are inside an Urban Growth Boundary.

NOTE: Parcels large enough to qualify for Farm Use Special Assessment, are within the city limits and are not receiving special assessment are coded as residential. Those parcels did not show on this report.

Question: Are the numbers of Non-EFU zoned parcels receiving Farm Use Special Assessment increasing?

Answer: I do not have numbers on the net increase or decrease of Non-EFU zoned parcels receiving Farm Use Special Assessment. Each year we receive applications to place properties under special assessment, but each year we disqualify parcels for non-use or insufficient income. My opinion would be the numbers have increased slightly or held about even over the last 5 years.