

ALGAE PRODUCTION PROPERTY AS AGRICULTURAL PROPERTY

Prior Law _____

The property tax classification of algae production property was not specifically addressed in the Iowa Code.

New Provisions _____

Beginning with property valuations established on or after January 1, 2013, real estate used directly in the cultivation and production of algae for harvesting as a crop for animal feed, food, nutritionals, or biofuel production is considered agricultural property. To be considered agricultural property, the real estate must be an enclosed pond or land containing a photobioreactor.

A photo bioreactor used in the production of algae for harvesting as a crop for animal feed, food, nutritionals, or biofuel production is not attached, and is therefore, not considered real property for purposes of property taxation.

Section Amended _____

Section 1 of 2013 Iowa Acts House File 632 amends Code section 427A.1, subsection 4 Code 2013 by adding new paragraph d. Section 2 amends Code section 441.21, subsection 12, Code 2013.

Effective Date _____

Assessment years beginning on or after January 1, 2013.