



Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection
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Farmland Preservation Agreement Application Form

Farmland Preservation Program (ch. 91, Wis. Stats.)

Instructions:

This is an application for the enrollment of lands in a 10 year farmland preservation agreement. A landowner may request an agreement term length of more than 10 years as a part of the application. Lands enrolled in a farmland preservation agreement must be kept in agricultural and agricultural accessory use, as defined in s. 91.01 Wis. Stats., and in open/undeveloped natural space land use. All covered lands must owned by the same landowner. All lands owned by the landowner, both covered by this agreement and not, must be in compliance with state soil and water conservation standards as defined in ATCP 50.04. The land owner must obtain a Certification of Compliance from their county land conservation department in order to prove compliance and claim the farmland preservation tax credit.

Please provide all of the applicable information in parts 1-4 in this application. Additional instructions are provided in each of the sections. Once the application is completed and approved by the county the proposed agreement will be located in, the county will forward this application to the Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection for processing. For assistance in completing this application please contact your local county conservation department

Application for New Agreement Application to Amend Existing Agreement Number: _____

PART 1: LANDOWNER (APPLICANT) INFORMATION

LEGAL NAME OF LANDOWNER(s) as listed on Tax Bill (List Spouse, Members and Trustees if Applicable):

Applicant Status: (Check One):

<input type="checkbox"/> Individual	<input type="checkbox"/> Corporation	<input type="checkbox"/> Married	<input type="checkbox"/> LLC	<input type="checkbox"/> Trust or Estate	<input type="checkbox"/> Registered partnership
<input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify): _____					

Applicant Contact Information:

MAILING ADDRESS	CITY	STATE	ZIP
TELEPHONE: () -	EMAIL: (if any):		

Farm Information:

COUNTY:	AGRICULTURAL ENTERPRISE AREA:	
ACREAGE OF ENTIRE FARM (including all land under common ownership):	ACRES TO BE COVERED BY AGREEMENT*:	TERM LENGTH OF AGREEMENT: <input type="checkbox"/> 10 YEARS (Minimum Term) <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (Specify in full Years):

NOTE: You may choose to enroll all or a portion of your farm in a farmland preservation agreement. You may want to exclude portions of your farmland if you intend on selling, gifting, transferring or using those portions of your farmland for any use not covered by the agreement including non-farm residences, commercial uses or renewable energy utilities in the future.

FOR COUNTY USE ONLY:

The county shall review and approve or disapprove the application in accordance with s. 91.64 (3) Wis. Stats. Contact your county land conservation department with questions related to county approval.

County APPROVES. By checking this box, the county finds that this application meets all the of the eligibility requirements detailed in this application and the land covered by is 1) located in the county's certified farmland preservation plan, and 2) located in a designated agricultural enterprise area.

County DISAPPROVES. By checking this box, the county finds that the land covered by this application fails to meet the above requirements.

For the County of _____ signed on _____ day of _____

AUTHORIZED SIGNATURE: _____ TITLE: _____

PART 2: LAND COVERED BY THE AGREEMENT (“COVERED LAND”) AND ELIGIBILITY

Eligibility of Covered Land:

Instructions:

Check the boxes to confirm the Covered Lands are eligible to be enrolled under a farmland preservation agreement. Under the law, land is only eligible if all of the eligibility requirements are met.

The covered land is located in an agricultural enterprise area designated by DATCP under s. 91.84, Wis. Stats AND in the county’s designated farmland preservation plan area.

The covered land is operated as part of a farm that produced at least \$6,000 in gross farm revenues during the taxable year preceding the year of this application, or at least \$18,000 in gross farm revenues in the last taxable year and the preceding 2 taxable years preceding the year of this application. Gross farm revenues means gross receipts from agricultural uses, less the cost or other basis of livestock or other agricultural items purchased for resale which are sold or otherwise disposed of during the taxable year. If the land is rented to a producer, receipts accruing to a renter showing the gross farm revenue produced on the rented lands can be used to meet the eligibility requirement, but does not include rent paid to the landowner.

The entirety of the farm, including lands not proposed to be covered by this agreement, is in compliance with applicable soil and water conservation standards at the time of this agreement application and will remain in compliance when the subsequent agreement goes into effect (see s. ATCP 50.04 Wis. Adm. Code.). The soil and water conservation standards are summarized at the end of the application in “Understanding Terms of a Farmland Preservation Agreement”.

Current land use of Covered Land and on-site structures:

Instructions:

1. Indicate all of the current land uses of the Covered Land.
2. Indicate all structures located on the Covered Land. Include any farm residences, farm buildings, nonagricultural uses and structures, including those owned or operated by third-parties (cell phone towers, telephone lines, commercial wind turbines, high voltage transmission lines, oil or gas pipelines, nonfarm residences, commercial buildings, industrial buildings, etc.).
3. Indicate any existing utility easements, access easements, or other easements of record that is located on the Covered Land. Provide a copy of any recorded easement with this application.

NOTE: Land affected by a materially conflicting land use must be excluded from a farmland preservation agreement unless the conflict is resolved to DATCP’s satisfaction

1. Current Land Uses:

<input type="checkbox"/> Crop and Forage Production (Specify)	<input type="checkbox"/> Forest Management/Lumber Production
<input type="checkbox"/> Livestock (Specify)	<input type="checkbox"/> Undeveloped/Open Natural Space
<input type="checkbox"/> Grazing	<input type="checkbox"/> Federal/State Conservation Program (Specify)

NOTE: Other or Specialty Production may include but is not limited to Aquaculture, Floriculture, Nursery Production, Sod Production, Orchard, Christmas Tree Production, Beekeeping, and Fur Farming.

2. Structures On-site:

<input type="checkbox"/> Homestead/Farmstead	<input type="checkbox"/> Industrial Buildings
<input type="checkbox"/> Non-farm Residences	<input type="checkbox"/> Commercial Buildings
<input type="checkbox"/> Barn and Barnyard	<input type="checkbox"/> Commercial Renewable Energy Structures
<input type="checkbox"/> Manure Storage Facility	<input type="checkbox"/> Personal Renewable Energy Structure
<input type="checkbox"/> Equipment Shed/Storage Buildings	<input type="checkbox"/> Utility Structures (Cell Phone Towers, Pipelines, Transmission lines)
<input type="checkbox"/> Other/Specialty Production* (Specify):	

3. Easements of Record:

<input type="checkbox"/> Utility Easement	<input type="checkbox"/> Avigation Easement
<input type="checkbox"/> Mineral Rights Easement	<input type="checkbox"/> Renewable Energy Easement
<input type="checkbox"/> Access Easement	<input type="checkbox"/> Conservation or Other Easement (Specify)

PART 3: PARCEL INFORMATION FOR COVERED LAND (Attach additional pages if need.)

Instructions:

Complete the **Covered Lands - Parcel Worksheet**. Attach copies of the following documents to this application:

1. **Legal Description(s) of Covered Land:** Attach a copy of a recorded document (example: recorded deed, land contract) that includes an accurate legal description of the property. If the legal description references a Certified Survey Map, provide a copy of the CSM with this application. If a portion of a parcel is to be excluded from this agreement you must include a legal description and a map of the portion of land to be excluded from this agreement or a GIS shape file or GPS point file for the boundary of the exclusion area.
2. **Property Tax Statement(s):** Attach the most recent property tax statement for each affected parcel to verify the Parcel Identification Number (PIN). This is the number used by the register of deeds for recording documents.
3. **Map(s) Showing Covered Land:** Please attach a recent aerial photo to show land to be covered, with parcel lines shown and/or the most recent plat book map with parcels identified and structures and natural features delineated. Contact your land conservation department for help with aerial photos.

Covered Lands – Parcel Worksheet:

PARCEL TAX ID #*	¼ ¼	¼	SECTION	TOWNSHIP	RANGE	ACRES IN PARCEL	ACRES TO BE ENTERED	MUNICIPALITY	DOCUMENT # OF DEED OR LAND CONTRACT WITH LEGAL DESCRIPTION	PROPERTY TAX STATEMENT INCLUDED (Y/N)	MAP INCLUDED (Y/N)
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PART 4: REQUIRED SIGNATURES *(Attach additional pages if needed)*

Applicant Signature:

Instructions:

All owners must sign this agreement application in addition to the farmland preservation agreement. Each owner must sign a separate signature block. Attach additional pages if needed.

By signing this application, I, the applicant(s), certify that the information contained in this application is complete and accurate, to the best of my knowledge. I agree to provide reasonable clarification and documentation if needed. I understand that a material misrepresentation or omission in this application may be grounds for denying this application or for voiding a farmland preservation agreement created in response to this application.

SIGNATURE		DATE	
OWNER NAME (Printed)			
MAILING ADDRESS	CITY	STATE	ZIP

SIGNATURE		DATE	
OWNER NAME (Printed)			
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SIGNATURE		DATE	
OWNER NAME (Printed)			
MAILING ADDRESS	CITY	STATE	ZIP

Other Required Signature:

Instructions:

Any land contract seller and/or life estate holders must sign this agreement application in addition to the farmland preservation agreement. Any mortgage or lien holder, or material easement or lease holders must sign this application but do not need to sign the farmland preservation agreement in order to acknowledge they have been notified of the existence of an application for a farmland preservation agreement and that the land will be subject to the land use restrictions contained in the farmland preservation agreement. Their signatures will not be construed as a subordination of its mortgage, lien or easement rights nor as of any other significance. Attach additional pages if needed.

SIGNATURE		DATE	
OWNER NAME (Printed)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Land Contract Holder	<input type="checkbox"/> Life Estate Holder	<input type="checkbox"/> Mortgage or Lien Holder	<input type="checkbox"/> Easement or Lease Holder
MAILING ADDRESS	CITY	STATE	ZIP
Mortgage, Lien, Easement or Lease Type (If applicable)			