

Farmland Preservation Updates



2024 Partner Meetings

Farmland Preservation Program Team

WISCONSIN DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, TRADE AND CONSUMER PROTECTION

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Farmland Preservation (FP) Program Components

What is the purpose of the FP Program?

- Provides a foundation for preserving agricultural lands
- Creates incentives for conservation compliance
- Encourages long term practical land use planning
- Provides additional tools to support farmers and the farm economy
- Tax relief

Starting Point



County Farmland Preservation Plan



Farmland Preservation Zoning



Agricultural Enterprise Area (AEA)

Farmland Preservation Tax Credit



Farmland Preservation Agreements



Big Changes!
Act 42 Updates FPP Program!



UPDATES TO THE CURRENT FARMLAND PRESERVATION PROGRAM

- Decreases the minimum term of agreement from 15 to 10 years for new agreements signed after December 8, 2023.
- Increases the amounts of the tax credits that eligible landowners may receive

\$10.00/Acre	For qualifying acres located in a certified farmland preservation zoning district but not subject to a farmland preservation agreement
\$10.00/Acre	For qualifying acres that are subject to an effective farmland preservation agreement in an Agricultural Enterprise Area signed after July 1, 2009 or subject to an effective modified farmland preservation agreement signed before July 1, 2009
\$12.50/Acre	For qualifying acres that are located in a certified farmland preservation zoning district <u>AND</u> subject to an effective farmland preservation agreement in an Agricultural Enterprise Area signed after or subject to an effective modified farmland preservation agreement signed before July 1, 2009



UPDATES TO THE CURRENT FARMLAND PRESERVATION PROGRAM, CONTINUED



- Expands eligibility for farmland preservation tax credits to land that is subject to an agricultural conservation easement purchased under s. 93.73, Wis. Stats to the extent planned for farmland preservation. Eligible landowners will receive \$10 per acre for qualifying acres.
- Requires DATCP to report on tax credits per qualifying acre and recommendations for the tax credit amounts in the program biennial report.



UPDATES TO SCHEDULE FC

Taxpayers with farmland subject to a farmland preservation agreement entered into prior to July 1, 2009 (but not modified), may claim the farmland preservation credit using Schedule FC, Farmland Preservation Credit.

Beginning with taxable year 2023, taxpayers are required to provide the 5-digit agreement number(s) located on their farmland preservation agreement(s) issued by the Department of Agriculture, Trade, and Consumer Protection (DATCP) in order to claim the farmland preservation credit using Schedule FC.



DOR & PARTICIPANT REPORTING

A	B	C	D	E	F
Certificate of Compliance (COC) #	Date COC Issued	Name of Landowner(s) as Shown on COC	Total Eligible Acres	Date NON Issued	Date NON Canceled



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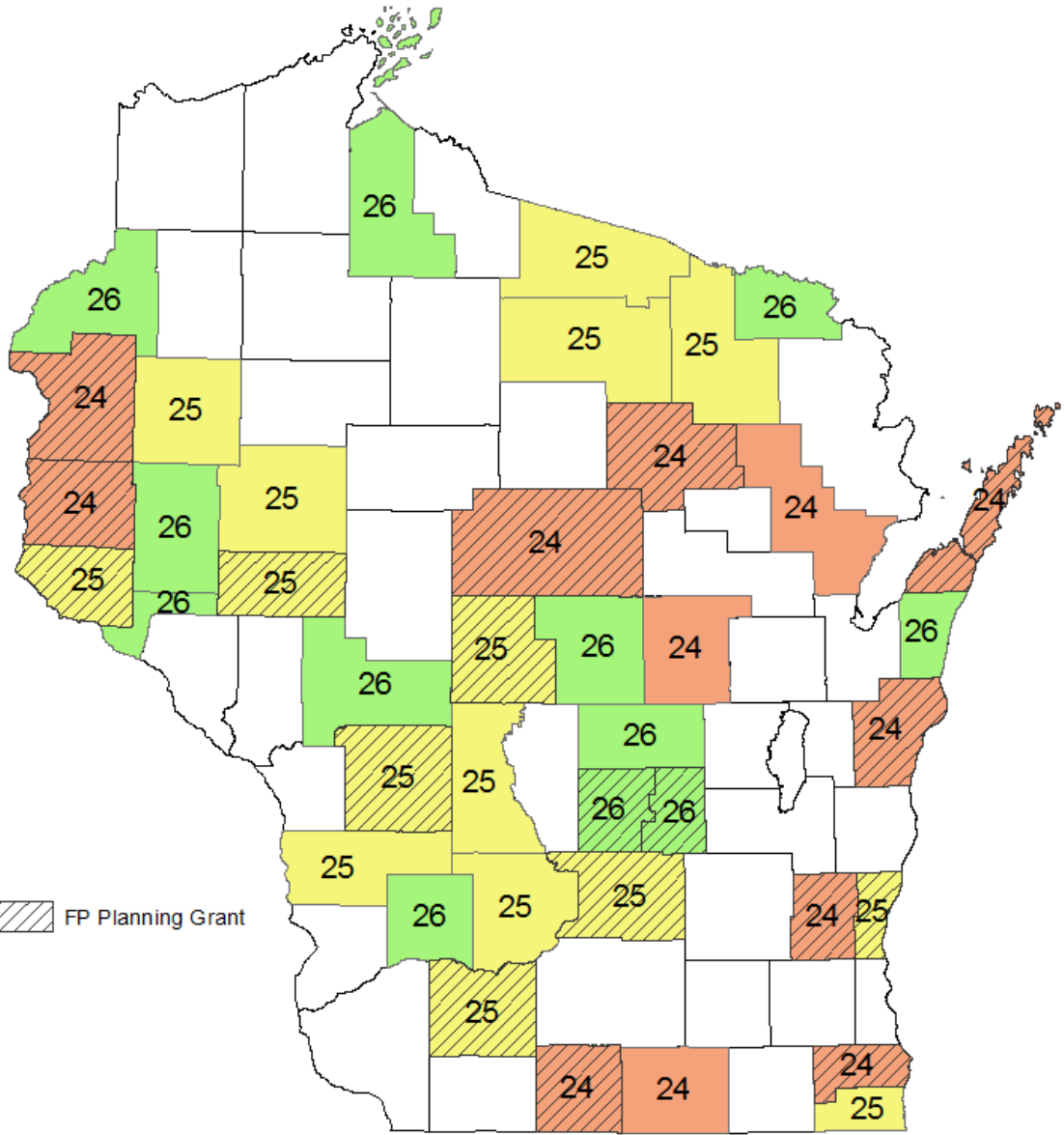
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PLAN EXPIRATIONS & PLANNING GRANTS



Planning Grants:

- Cover 50% of costs to prepare or update FP plans up to \$30,000
- Can cover staff time not already covered under SWRM Grant
- Easy application process!



NOTEWORTHY



- Updates to the Farmland Preservation Program Model Inspection Form
- Updates to the Farmland Preservation Agreement Release Form
- 2026 FP Agreement Expirations & Re-enrollments
- Renewable Energy
- Need training or support? Contact us!
 - FP Webpage: <http://www.farmlandpreservation.wi.gov>
 - Request a Training Weblink: <https://form.jotform.com/231696687140060>
 - FP Program Email: datcpworkinglands@Wisconsin.gov



FOR DISCUSSION

- Has your county received calls from landowners who are looking for their pre-2009 agreement number? [referred to as Contract Number on Schedule FC]
- Has your county received an increase in interest in the program since the passage of Act 42?
- Are there any areas you need support from DATCP on for effective administration of the program at the local level?
- New Town Authorities to Opt out of County Zoning





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