

# County Data Briefs

## March 2026

### Summary

- From 1990 to 2024, Pennsylvania has preserved 646,725 acres of farmland. On average, 185 farms were preserved each year at an average cost of \$456,900 per farm.<sup>1</sup>
- According to the 2022 Agricultural Census, there were: 49,053 farms, 7.06 million acres of farmland and 90,032 producers.<sup>2</sup>
- From 2017 to 2022, the number of farms in Pennsylvania decreased 8 percent and the acres of farmland decreased 3 percent.<sup>2</sup>

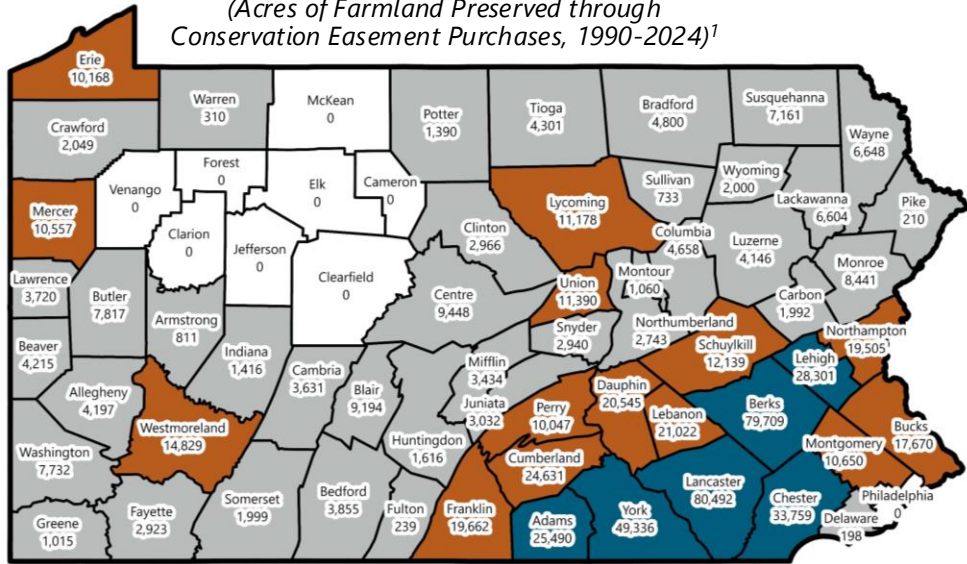
### Data Sources

- 2024 Annual Report, Bureau of Farmland Preservation, Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture.
- Agricultural Censuses, National Agricultural Statistical Services (NASS).
- Agricultural Land Values, National Agricultural Statistical Services (NASS).



# Pennsylvania's Farmland Preservation

(Acres of Farmland Preserved through Conservation Easement Purchases, 1990-2024)<sup>1</sup>

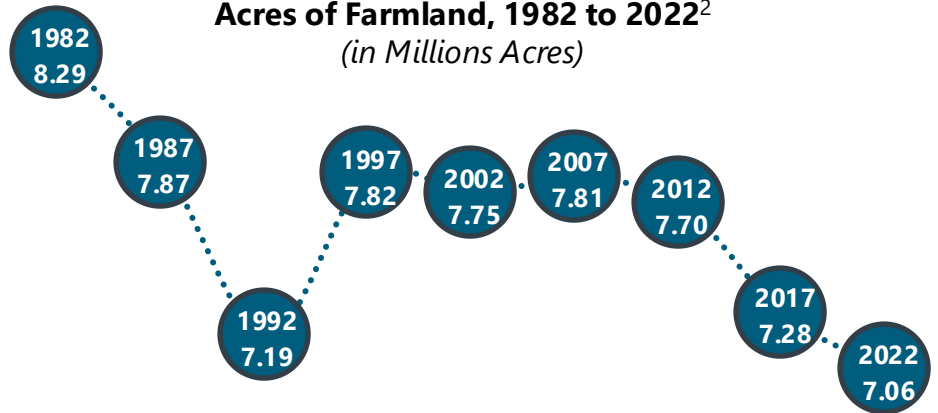


Statewide Total = 646,725 Acres



### Acres of Farmland, 1982 to 2022<sup>2</sup>

(in Millions Acres)



### Other Farm Preservation Programs, 2024<sup>1</sup>



**Clean and Green**  
11.4 Million Acres



**Agricultural Security Areas**  
4.0 Million Acres



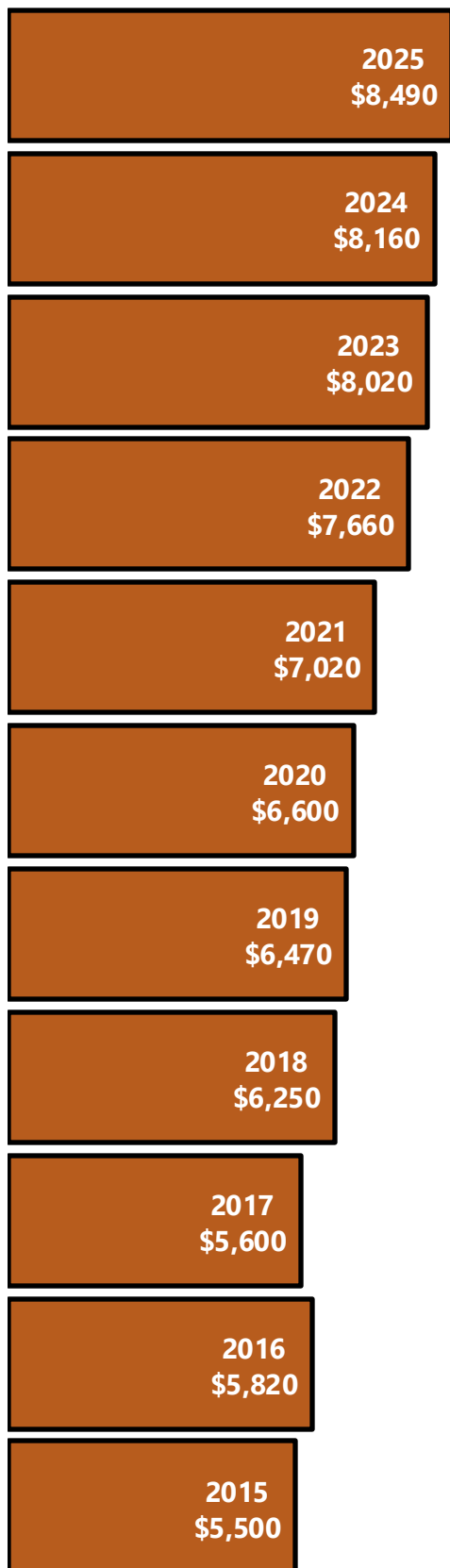
**Land Trust Reimbursement Grant**  
46,049 Acres



**Century and Bicentennial Farm Programs**  
1,528 Farms

# Average Price per Acre of Farmland in Pennsylvania, 2015 to 2025<sup>3</sup>

(Not inflation adjusted)



# Characteristics of Farms and Farm Operators, 2022<sup>2</sup>

