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Farmland Preservation by municipality May 1985 to Fiscal Year 2020

The tables on this page report farmland permanently preserved for agriculture by the use of public funds to purchase the development rights **on privately owned land**.

The statistics are broken down by municipality to show the preservation accomplishments in each town from 1985 to June 2020.

New Jersey has been preserving farms in suburbanized and densely populated communities in counties such as Bergen, Camden, Middlesex and Passaic. However, Essex, Hudson and Union as urban counties have never initiated this program because they have no agricultural acreage.

These charts report statistics for large farms that cross municipal boundaries. Statewide, 7% of all preserved farms have land that occupies more than one municipality. Some 5,757 preserved acres are located in neighboring municipalities adjacent to the “home” farm. As a result, it is important to provide an accounting of these multi-municipal farms if the goal is a complete tabulation of acreage preserved in each town.

- ✓ These tables do not include land restricted from development without the use of public funds.
- ✓ These tables do not include land preserved by transfer of development rights (TDR).
- ✓ These tables may not include land acquired by counties or by land trusts for which a State grant was still pending in June 2019.
- ✓ These tables do not include donations of land.
- ✓ These tables may not include the conversion of State-owned land into permanent farmland.



explanation of statistics