



## Apply for Farmland Preservation Agreement for 2021 Tax Credit Eligibility!



Now is a great time for landowners to plan for the future of their farm lands. Landowners within an AEA who are interested in strengthening their commitment to farming and conservation of their lands may consider signing a farmland preservation agreement.

These are 15-year voluntary agreements between eligible landowners and the state to preserve agricultural lands and protect soil and water resources. Agreement holders that meet all eligibility requirements may claim the farmland preservation tax credit. The tax credit can be either \$5/acre for lands within one of the state's Agricultural Enterprise Areas (AEA), or \$10/acre for lands within a farmland preservation zoning district and an AEA.

To find if your farmland is eligible to enroll in a farmland preservation agreement, please contact your local Land and Water Conservation Department. Visit the [Wisconsin Land + Water Directory](#) to find contact information for your local Land and Water Conservation Department.

In order to claim the farmland preservation tax credit for tax year 2021 under a farmland preservation agreement, the agreement must be signed by both the landowner and the department by December 31, 2021. Interested landowners are encouraged to apply as soon as possible. For the agreement application and additional information about farmland preservation agreements, visit the [Apply for a Farmland Preservation Agreement webpage](#). Interested applicants can contact us at (608) 224-4611 or [datcpworkinglands@wisconsin.gov](mailto:datcpworkinglands@wisconsin.gov) with any questions.

## Agricultural Enterprise Area Snapshots

The Agricultural Enterprise Area (AEA) Snapshots are publications that highlight the unique qualities and farming communities of each of our designated AEAs across the state.

To view any of all of the published AEA Snapshots or the list of currently designated AEAs, please visit the [DATCP Home Agricultural Enterprise Area \(AEA\) Program](#) webpage.





### **West Point AEA Connects Farmers and Lake Wisconsin Community**

Since the designation of the West Point agricultural enterprise area (AEA) in 2014, the Columbia County Land and Water Conservation Department has been connecting farmers and the Lake Wisconsin community on how conservation practices are working to protect soil health and water quality. This relationship helps both farmers and the

lake community build a mutual understanding of agricultural practices, like nutrient management.

*Photos courtesy of Columbia County and Town of West Point*

### **Antigo Flats AEA Helps Strengthening Farming Operations and Conservations Practices**

Occupying more than 73,000 acres in the heart of Wisconsin's potato country, the Antigo Flats agricultural enterprise area (AEA) was designated in 2010 during the state's first petition cycle. The community uses the AEA to cultivate a strong network of multigenerational farms that support one another through farm transfers, operation diversification, and adoption of new conservation practices.



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