



Farmland Preservation Program

2017
Annual Summary
MONTGOMERY COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA



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The Montgomery County Farmland Preservation

Program is committed to preserving a permanent

agricultural land base and maintaining an

environment that supports a viable farm economy.

Farmland is preserved through the voluntary sale of

a property's development rights in perpetuity.

The program was established in Montgomery

County in 1990 and to date has preserved over

9,400 acres. This summary contains a yearly review

highlighting our preservation efforts.

For more information, contact the Farmland

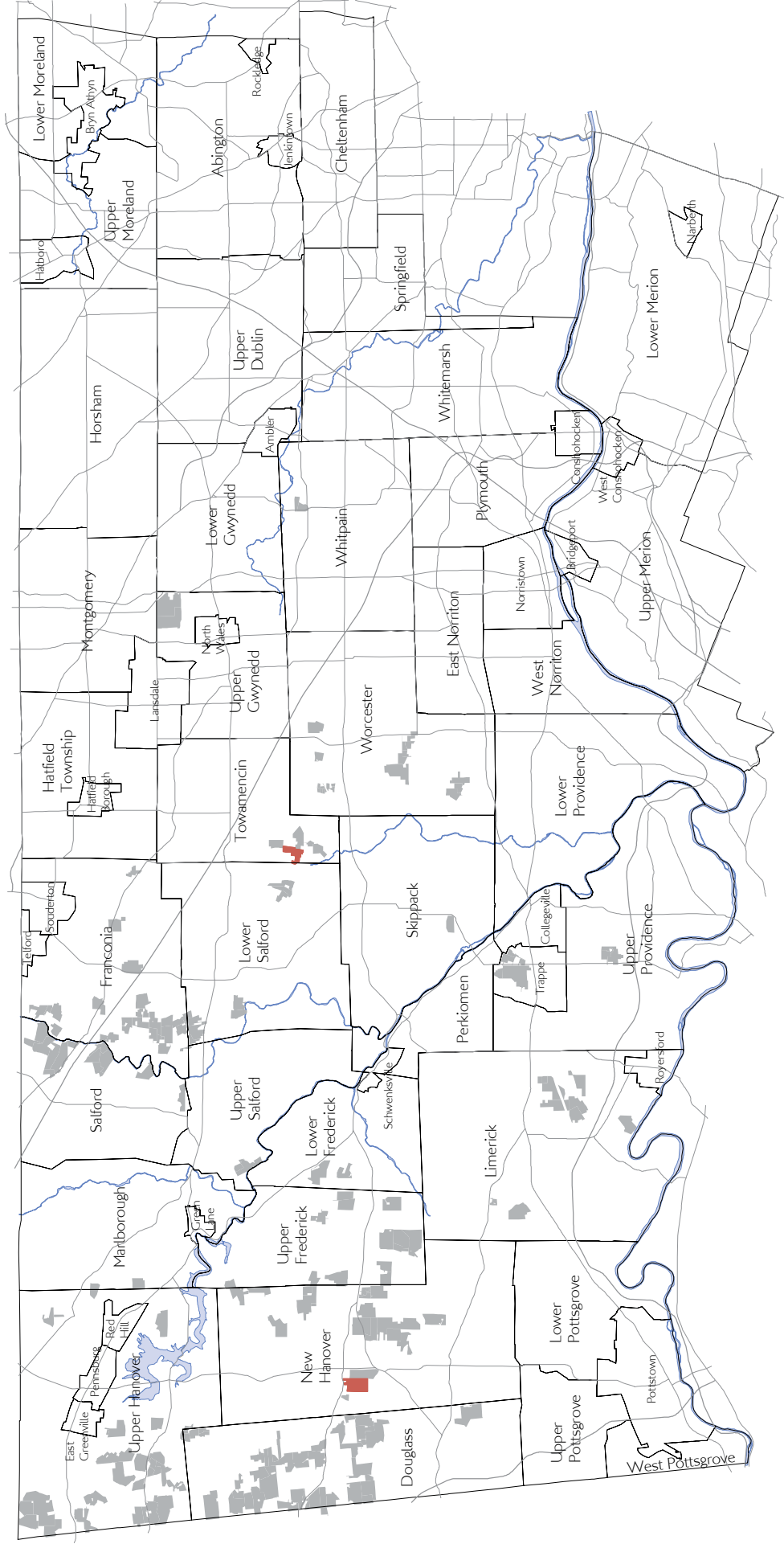
Preservation Administrator at 610-278-5239.

Montgomery County Funding for Farmland Preservation

YEAR	TOTAL STATE ALLOCATION	STATE FUNDING: MONTGOMERY COUNTY	COUNTY FUNDING: MONTGOMERY COUNTY	TOTAL: MONTGOMERY COUNTY
1989	\$25,000,000	\$1,661,106	\$400,000	\$2,061,106
1990	\$20,000,000	\$1,310,416	\$200,000	\$1,510,416
1991	\$21,000,000	\$1,305,903	\$300,000	\$1,605,903
1992	\$15,000,000	\$1,481,037	\$300,000	\$1,781,037
1993	\$19,000,000	\$2,647,391	\$500,000	\$3,147,391
1994	\$20,000,000	\$1,967,708	\$750,000	\$2,717,708
1995	\$21,000,000	\$1,974,294	\$400,000	\$2,374,294
1996	\$31,000,000	\$2,440,362	\$500,000	\$2,940,362
1997	\$35,000,000	\$2,682,061	\$500,000	\$3,182,061
1998	\$28,000,000	\$1,878,974	\$400,000	\$2,278,974
1999	\$28,000,000	\$1,847,044	\$400,000	\$2,247,044
1999A	\$42,000,000	\$2,668,718	\$600,000	\$3,268,718
2000	\$45,000,000	\$2,585,004	\$600,000	\$3,185,004
2001	\$47,000,000	\$3,088,332	\$1,000,000	\$4,104,786
2002	\$40,000,000	\$2,971,948	\$1,250,000	\$4,407,468
2003	\$40,000,000	\$2,811,820	\$1,250,000	\$4,199,024
2004	\$43,000,000	\$3,205,994	\$1,250,000	\$4,953,053
2005	\$36,000,000	\$2,732,474	\$1,500,000	\$4,533,950
2006*	\$102,000,000	\$8,063,318	\$4,000,000	\$12,344,708
2007	\$40,000,000	\$3,288,361	\$4,000,000	\$7,554,222
2008	\$33,000,000	\$2,826,342	\$6,000,000	\$9,249,456
2009	\$23,000,000	\$1,986,516	\$4,000,000	\$6,139,563
2010	\$20,000,000	\$1,507,899	\$1,250,000	\$2,887,434
2011	\$22,000,000	\$1,023,348	\$250,000	\$1,293,628
2012	\$24,000,000	\$971,714	\$88,608	\$1,060,322
2013	\$33,000,000	\$1,406,094	\$128,306	\$1,534,400
2014	\$30,000,000	\$1,222,787	\$71,783	\$1,294,570
2015	\$30,000,000	\$1,183,983	\$61,098	\$1,245,081
2016	\$31,000,000	\$1,414,827	\$51,292	\$1,466,119
2017	\$36,000,000	\$2,679,345	\$1,103,066	\$3,782,411
TOTAL	\$980,000,000	\$68,835,120	\$33,104,153	\$104,350,213

*In 2006, the County allocated \$3,600,000 for the State match, and \$400,000 for the County Nontraditional Farmland Program.

Farms Preserved to Date: 2017



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Scale: 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 Miles
 Base map prepared January, 2017

Legend:
 Farms Preserved in 2017
 Preserved Farms

Annual Summary 2017

Farm Board Members as of January

At-Large: Jonathan Rinde, Chair
Farmer: John H. Corkum
Farmer: Stephen C. Quigley
Elected Official: Arthur C. Bustard
Builder: Brett Altman

County Commissioners: Valerie A. Arkoosh, MD, MPH, Chair
 Kenneth E. Lawrence, Jr., Vice Chair
 Joseph C. Gale, Commissioner

Planning Commission Director: Jody L. Holton
Staff Administrator: Danielle C. Weiden

Funding This Year:

Total State Allocation
\$36,000,000
State Funding to Montgomery County
\$2,679,345
Montgomery County Funding
\$1,103,066
Total County Funding in 2017
\$3,782,411
Number of New Applicants in 2017
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Farms Going to Settlement This Year:

	Farm Name	Municipality	Acres
	Anthony Mashintonio #2	New Hanover	90
	Mary Muscara	Towamencin	52
2017 Total	2	-	142
Total to Date	160	-	9,403

Public Farm Board Meetings:

February 21	July 11
April 11	September 12
May 9	October 10

Significant Events:

1. 5th Keep Farming in Montgomery County Conference in February.
2. Board Member Arthur C. Bustard resigned (retired) in December.

Annual Summary 2016

Farm Board Members as of January

At-Large: Jonathan Rinde, *Chair*
Farmer: John H. Corkum
Farmer: Stephen C. Quigley
Elected Official: Arthur C. Bustard
Builder: Brett Altman

County Commissioners: Valerie A. Arkoosh, MD, MPH, *Chair*
 Josh Shapiro, *Vice Chair*
 Joseph C. Gale

Planning Commission Director: Jody L. Holton
Staff Administrator: Danielle C. Weiden

Funding This Year:

Total State Allocation
\$31,000,000
State Funding to Montgomery County
\$1,414,827
Montgomery County Funding
\$51,292
Total County Funding in 2016
\$1,466,119
Number of New Applicants in 2016
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Farms Going to Settlement This Year:

	Farm Name	Municipality	Acres
	Sheldon C. Derstine	Lower Salford	28
	J. Laadan and Anne D. Moyer	Salford	50
	George E. Leidig & Eleanor Vallone	New Hanover	54
	Philip & Christine McMahon	Upper Hanover	34
2016 Total	4	-	166
Total to Date	158	-	9,261

Public Farm Board Meetings: February 23 August 23
 May 24 December 20

Significant Events:

1. Brett Altman appointed to the Farm Board.
2. Elizabeth Emlen retires in June after almost 20 years as the Administrator.
3. Danielle Weiden hired in October as the new Administrator.
4. State preserved its 5,000th farm in August.

Annual Summary 2015

Farm Board Members as of January

At-Large: Jonathan Rinde, *Chair*
Farmer: John H. Corkum
Farmer: Stephen C. Quigley
Elected Official: Arthur C. Bustard
Builder: Michael A. Gambone

County Commissioners: Josh Shapiro, *Chair*
 Leslie S. Richards, *Vice Chair*
 Bruce L. Castor, Jr., *Commissioner*

Planning Commission Director: Jody L. Holton
Staff Administrator: Elizabeth Emlen

Funding This Year:

Total State Allocation
\$30,000,000
State Funding to Montgomery County
\$1,183,983
Montgomery County Funding
\$61,098
Total County Funding in 2015
\$1,245,081
Number of New Applicants in 2015
3

Farms Going to Settlement This Year:

	Farm Name	Municipality	Acres
	Trust of Carl Barndt	Salford	66
	Estate of Winifred Linsenmaier	Upper Frederick	78
2015 Total	2	–	144
Total to Date	154	–	9,095

Public Farm Board Meetings:

February 17	September 15
April 28	October 20
May 26	December 15
August 18	

Significant Events:

1. County Comprehensive Plan adopted by County Commissioners | January 15, 2015.
2. Commissioner Leslie Richards left 1/16/15 to become PA Secretary of Transportation.
3. Valerie Arkoosh appointed 1/29/15, replacing Leslie Richards as Commissioner.
4. Two present and one new County Commissioners elected for 2016.
5. Russell Redding confirmed as PA Secretary of Agriculture on May 14, 2015.

Annual Summary 2014

Farm Board Members as of January

At-Large: Jonathan Rinde, *Chair*
Farmer: John H. Corkum
Farmer: Stephen C. Quigley
Elected Official: Arthur C. Bustard
Builder: Michael A. Gambone

County Commissioners: Josh Shapiro, *Chair*
 Leslie S. Richards, *Vice Chair*
 Bruce L. Castor, Jr., *Commissioner*

Planning Commission Director: Jody L. Holton
Staff Administrator: Elizabeth Emlen

Funding This Year:

Total State Allocation
\$30,000,000
State Funding to Montgomery County
\$1,222,787
Montgomery County Funding
\$71,783
Total County Funding in 2014
\$1,294,570
Number of New Applicants in 2014
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Farms Going to Settlement This Year:

	Farm Name	Municipality	Acres
	Stanley Detwiler	Franconia	29
	Robert & Marianne Landis	Franconia	34
	Gloria Marriott	Upper Frederick	88
	Charolette Maynard	Limerick	85
2014 Total	4	-	236
Total to Date	152	-	8,951

Public Farm Board Meetings: February 18 September 16
 May 20 October 21
 June 17 November 18
 July 15

Significant Events:

1. Arthur Bustard, Michael Gambone & Stephen Quigley appointed to Farm Board.

Annual Summary 2013

Farm Board Members as of January

At-Large: Jonathan Rinde, *Chair*

Farmer: John H. Corkum

Farmer: A. Harris Mosher

Elected Official: W. Keith Freed

Builder: Robert A. Ayerle

County Commissioners: Josh Shapiro, *Chair*

Leslie S. Richards, *Vice Chair*

Bruce L. Castor, Jr., *Commissioner*

Planning Commission Director: Jody L. Holton

Staff Administrator: Elizabeth Emlen

Funding This Year:

Total State Allocation
\$33,000,000
State Funding to Montgomery County
\$1,406,094
Montgomery County Funding
\$128,306
Total County Funding in 2013
\$1,534,400
Number of New Applicants in 2013
4

Farms Going to Settlement This Year:

	Farm Name	Municipality	Acres
	Ellen Stock & Family	Upper Hanover	46
	Chad & Julie Yoder	Lower Salford	25
2013 Total	2	–	71
Total to Date	148	–	8,715

Public Farm Board Meetings:	January 15	July 23
	February 19	August 20
	March 19	September 17
	May 21	December 17
	June 18	

Significant Events:

1. Jody Holton started as MCPC director May 13, 2013.
2. Board member Keith Freed resigned in August.
3. Board member Harris Mosher resigned (retired) in December.
4. *Keep Farming in Montgomery County* conference held February 22, 2013.

Annual Summary 2012

Farm Board Members as of January

At-Large: Jonathan Rinde, *Chair*

Farmer: John H. Corkum

Farmer: A. Harris Mosher

Elected Official: W. Keith Freed

Builder: Robert A. Ayerle

County Commissioners: Josh Shapiro, *Chair*

Leslie S. Richards, *Vice Chair*

Bruce L. Castor, Jr., *Commissioner*

Planning Commission Interim Director: Steven L. Nelson

Staff Administrator: Elizabeth Emlen

Funding This Year:

Total State Allocation
\$24,000,000
State Funding to Montgomery County
\$971,714
Montgomery County Funding
\$88,608
Total County Funding in 2012
\$1,060,322
Number of New Applicants in 2012
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Farms Going to Settlement This Year:

	Farm Name	Municipality	Acres
	Charles & Deborah Beaver	Douglass	34
	Leon & Ruth Detwiler	Franconia	17
	Lester & Russell Halteman	Franconia	50
	Living Hope Farm	Lower Salford	36
	Gordon & Sandra Moser	Upper Hanover	66
	George K. Sterner	Douglass	57
2012 Total	6	–	259
Total to Date	146	–	8,644

Public Farm Board Meetings: February 14 September 11
August 14 December 11

Significant Events:

1. Steven L. Nelson hired as interim Planning Commission director.
2. Sterner farm was first cross-county easement in Montgomery County.

Annual Summary 2011

Farm Board Members (as of January 1)

At-Large: Jonathan Rinde, *Chair*

Farmer: John H. Corkum

Farmer: A. Harris Mosher

Elected Official: W. Keith Freed

Builder: Robert A. Ayerle

County Commissioners: James R. Matthews, *Chair*

Joseph M. Hoeffel, *Vice Chair*

Bruce L. Castor, Jr., *Commissioner*

Planning Commission Director: Kenneth B. Hughes

Staff Administrator: Elizabeth Emlen

Funding This Year:

Total State Allocation
\$22,000,000
State Funding to Montgomery County
\$1,023,348
Montgomery County Funding
\$270,280
Total County Funding in 2011
\$1,293,628
Number of New Applicants in 2011
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Farms Going to Settlement This Year:

	Farm Name	Municipality	Acres
	D. Allen Brady	Towamencin	35
	New Goshenhoppen Church	Upper Hanover	74
	John H. & Edith C. Mack	Upper Frederick	44
2011 Total	3	–	153
Total to Date	140	–	8,385

Public Farm Board Meetings: January 11 October 11
 April 19 November 15
 July 12

Significant Events:

1. PA Secretary of Agriculture, George Greig, confirmed May 2011.
2. Some farmland funding used for stewardship as allowed by Act 156.
3. Director Kenneth B. Hughes retired after 40 years with MCPC.
4. Two new and one previous County Commissioners elected for 2012.
5. Hurricane Irene and Tropical Storm Lee caused damage on farms.
6. Program book review, due every 7 years, completed by Farm Board.

Annual Summary 2010

Farm Board Members (as of January 1)

At-Large: Jonathan Rinde, *Chair*
Farmer: John H. Corkum
Farmer: A. Harris Mosher
Elected Official: W. Keith Freed
Builder: Robert A. Ayerle

County Commissioners: James R. Matthews, *Chair*
 Joseph M. Hoeffel, *Vice Chair*
 Bruce L. Castor, Jr., *Commissioner*

Planning Commission Director: Kenneth Hughes
Staff Administrator: Elizabeth Emlen

Funding This Year:

Total State Allocation
\$20,000,000
State Funding to Montgomery County
\$1,507,899
Montgomery County Funding
\$1,379,535
Total County Funding in 2010
\$2,887,434
Number of New Applicants in 2010
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Farms Going to Settlement This Year:

	Farm Name	Municipality	Acres
	Aldo, Jean & Frank Cucé	Worcester	38
	Elizabeth Glatfelter	Douglass	64
	Mary Louise Graham	Worcester	17
	Bengt & Josephine Jansson	Lower Frederick	45
	Michael & Ellen Kostrubiak	Towamencin	40
	Joseph & Regina Kwapisz #1	Upper Frederick	51
	Joseph & Regina Kwapisz #2	Upper Frederick	47
	Brian & James Landis	Upper Hanover	36
	Dorothy D. McGrane	Worcester	16
	Harris & Marjorie Mosher #2	Salford	69
	Harris & Marjorie Mosher #3	Salford	32
	Johnnie & Doris Niehls	Douglass	23
	Roger & Angela Notz	New Hanover	37
	Merrill & Martha Yoder #2	Franconia	12
2010 Total	14	-	527
Total to Date	137	-	8,232

Public Farm Board Meetings

March 9
 April 13
 July 13

September 14
 November 16

Significant Events

1. Newsletter distribution began via e-mail only, not U.S. mail (to cut costs).
2. On February 8, 2010, the Montgomery County program was 20 years old.
3. County Comp Plan Y2025 goal - 225 farms on 17,000 acres preserved.

Annual Summary 2009

Farm Board Members (as of January 1)

Farmer: Curtis Kratz, *Chair*

Farmer: A. Harris Mosher

Elected Official: John R. Harris

Builder: Robert A. Ayerle

At-Large: Jonathan Rinde

County Commissioners: James R. Matthews, *Chair*

Joseph M. Hoeffel, *Vice Chair*

Bruce L. Castor, Jr., *Commissioner*

Planning Commission Director: Kenneth Hughes

Staff Administrator: Elizabeth Emlen

Funding This Year:

Total State Allocation
\$23,000,000
State Funding to Montgomery County
\$1,986,516
Montgomery County Funding
\$4,000,000
Act 319 Rollback Tax to Farmland Program
\$153,047
Total County Funding in 2009
\$6,139,563
Number of New Applicants in 2009
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Farms Going to Settlement This Year:

	Farm Name	Municipality	Acres
	Robert & Valeria Freed	Lower Salford	26
	Michael & Michele Libor	Marlborough	37
	Family Partnership of Marcho, #2	Franconia	68
	Cope Walbridge	Whitpain	42
2009 Total	4	-	173
Total to Date	123	-	7,704

Public Farm Board Meetings

February 3	September 1
March 3	October 6
April 7	November 10
July 7	

Significant Events

1. *Keep Farming in Montgomery County* conference held February 27, 2009.
2. Deadline for applications changed to March 1 of each year.
3. John Corkum appointed as farmer member of Farm Board. February 19, 2009.
4. W. Keith Freed appointed as elected official member of Farm Board. February 19, 2009.

Annual Summary 2008

Farm Board Members (as of January 1)

Farmer: Curtis Kratz, *Chair*

Farmer: A. Harris Mosher

Elected Official: John R. Harris

Builder: Robert A. Ayerle

At-Large: Jonathan Rinde

County Commissioners: James R. Matthews, *Chair*

Joseph M. Hoeffel, *Vice Chair*

Bruce L. Castor, Jr., *Commissioner*

Planning Commission Director: Kenneth Hughes

Staff Administrator: Elizabeth Emlen

Funding This Year:

Total State Allocation
\$33,000,000
State Funding to Montgomery County
\$2,826,342
Montgomery County Funding
\$6,000,000
Act 319 Rollback Tax to Farmland Program
\$423,114
Total County Funding in 2008
\$9,249,456
Number of New Applicants in 2008
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Farms Going to Settlement This Year:

	Farm Name	Municipality	Acres
	Scott Clemens & Sloane Six	Lower Salford	90
	Charles & Barbara Marsch	Marlborough	47
	Harris & Marjorie Mosher	Salford	77
	Eugene & Margaret Sopel	Upper Hanover	79
2008 Total	4	–	293
Total to Date	119	–	7,531

Public Farm Board Meetings

February 21	September 2
June 3	October 7
July 1	December 2

Significant Events

1. Statewide review of all counties' farmland programs by Legislative Office of Budget and Finance.
2. One farm subdivided into two farms, increasing number of farms, but not acres.

Annual Summary 2007

Farm Board Members (as of January 1)

Farmer: Curtis Kratz, *Chair*

Farmer: A. Harris Mosher

Elected Official: Donald R. Lodge

Builder: Robert A. Ayerle

At-Large: Jonathan Rinde

County Commissioners: Thomas Jay Ellis, Esq., *Chair*

James R. Matthews

Ruth S. Damsker

Planning Commission Director: Kenneth Hughes

Staff Administrator: Elizabeth Emlen

Funding This Year:

Total State Allocation
\$40,000,000
State Funding to Montgomery County
\$3,288,361
Montgomery County Funding
\$4,000,000
Act 319 Rollback Tax to Farmland Program
\$265,861
Total County Funding in 2007
\$7,554,222
Number of New Applicants in 2007
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Farms Going to Settlement This Year:

	Farm Name	Municipality	Acres
	Linford & Anna Barndt	Salford	73
	Earl & Clyde Moyer	Franconia	68
	Elizabeth Schierenbeck	Worcester	45
	Oliver & Rosalie Smith	Worcester	23
	Willow Creek Farms	Worcester	102
	Charles, Jane & Matthew Wismer #3	Trappe	45
2007 Total	6	–	355
Total to Date	114	–	7,239

Public Farm Board Meetings

February 6

September 11

June 6

November 13

July 17

Significant Events

1. Roadside signs were placed throughout the county showing preserved farms.
2. County Commissioners Matthews, Hoeffel, and Castor elected November 6, 2007.
3. John R. Harris appointed as elected official member of Farm Board. December 20, 2007.

Annual Summary 2006

Farm Board Members (as of January 1)

Farmer: Curtis Kratz, *Chair*
Farmer: A. Harris Mosher
Elected Official: Donald R. Lodge
Builder: Robert A. Ayerle
At-Large: Jonathan Rinde

County Commissioners: Thomas Jay Ellis, Esq., *Chair*
 James R. Matthews
 Ruth S. Damsker

Planning Commission Director: Kenneth Hughes
Staff Administrator: Elizabeth Emlen

Funding This Year:

Total State Allocation
\$102,000,000
State Funding to Montgomery County
\$8,063,318
Montgomery County Funding
\$3,600,000
Act 319 Rollback Tax to Farmland Program
\$681,390
Montgomery County Nontraditional Funding
\$400,000*
Total County Funding in 2006
\$12,744,708
Number of New Applicants in 2006
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Farms Going to Settlement This Year:

	Farm Name	Municipality	Acres
	Gerald, Virginia, Ronald, & Michael Moser	Douglass	46
	Harold & Patricia Hunsicker	Franconia	56
	Marcho Family Partnership	Franconia	40
	Terry & Sandy Sacks	Lower Frederick	94
2006 Total	4	-	236
Total to Date	108	-	6,884

Public Farm Board Meetings

January 6	August 1
February 7	October 24
June 6	December 5
July 6	

Significant Events

- *1. The Farm Board preserved the first *county nontraditional program*-funded farm, Moser.
2. In May, Act 46 passed, reducing the minimum acreage to 35 for state funding.
3. Perkiomen Township preserved two farms (Manns & Meyers) using only municipal funds.

Annual Summary 2005

Farm Board Members (as of January 1)

Farmer: Curtis Kratz, *Chair*

Farmer: A. Harris Mosher

Elected Official: Donald R. Lodge

Builder: Robert A. Ayerle

At-Large: Jonathan Rinde

County Commissioners: James R. Matthews, *Chair*

Thomas Jay Ellis, Esq.

Ruth S. Damsker

Planning Commission Director: Kenneth Hughes

Staff Administrator: Elizabeth Emlen

Funding This Year:

Total State Allocation
\$36,000,000
State Funding to Montgomery County
\$2,732,474
Montgomery County Funding
\$1,500,000
Act 319 Rollback Tax to Farmland Program
\$301,476
Total County Funding in 2005
\$4,533,950
Number of New Applicants in 2005
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Farms Going to Settlement This Year:

	Farm Name	Municipality	Acres
	Sandra DeHaven	Salford	54
	Franklin Frederick	Franconia	29
	Arlin & Georgina Halteman	Towamencin	73
	Barbara Heist	Upper Hanover	53
	John Hiryak	Douglass	23
	James & Scott Rittenhouse	Franconia	53
	Mary Rose	Salford	27
	Theodore & Nonna Stankunas	Upper Hanover	48
2005 Total	8	-	359
Total to Date	103	-	6,648

Public Farm Board Meetings

January 18

March 18

July 22

August 31

September 23

December 20

Significant Events

1. Second *Keep Farming in Montgomery County* conference held in Towamencin, February 2005.
2. Commonwealth voters passed Growing Greener II \$625M bond referendum on May 17, 2005 (61% yes).
3. County Comprehensive plan adopted by County Commissioners September 22, 2005.
4. Act 61, allowing equine activity on preserved farms, passed November 1, 2005.

Annual Summary 2004

Farm Board Members (as of January 1)

Farmer: Curtis Kratz, *Chair*

Farmer: A. Harris Mosher

Elected Official: Donald R. Lodge

Builder: Robert A. Ayerle

At-Large: Jonathan Rinde

County Commissioners: James R. Matthews, *Chair*

Thomas Jay Ellis, Esq.

Ruth S. Damsker

Planning Commission Director: Kenneth Hughes

Staff Administrator: Elizabeth Emlen

Funding This Year:

Total State Allocation
\$43,000,000
State Funding to Montgomery County
\$3,205,994
Montgomery County Funding
\$1,250,000
Act 319 Rollback Tax to Farmland Program
\$497,059
Total County Funding in 2004
\$4,953,053
Number of New Applicants in 2004
25

Farms Going to Settlement This Year:

	Farm Name	Municipality	Acres
	Earl Anders	Franconia	28
	Curtis & Gladys Nice	Franconia	78
	Richard Scarlett	Worcester	50
	Irwin & Mary Ziegler	Lower Salford	57
2004 Total	4	-	213
Total to Date	95	-	6,289

Public Farm Board Meetings

January 27
February 24
June 22

July 27
September 28
November 23

Significant Events

1. Full-time agricultural technician Gus Meyer was hired in November by the Conservation District to work with nutrient management, farm preservation, and other technical areas.
2. Perkiomen Township passes 1/8% Earned Income Tax for Open Space and Farm Preservation on November voter referendum.
3. One farm subdivided into two farms, increasing number of farms, but not acres.

Annual Summary 2003

Farm Board Members (as of January 1)

Farmer: Curtis Kratz, *Chair*
Farmer: A. Harris Mosher

Elected Official: Vacant

Builder: Robert A. Ayerle

At-Large: Jonathan Rinde

County Commissioners: Michael D. Marino, Esq., *Chair*

James R. Matthews

Ruth Damsker

Planning Commission Director: Kenneth Hughes

Staff Administrator: Elizabeth Emlen

Funding This Year:

Total State Allocation
\$40,000,000
State Funding to Montgomery County
\$2,811,820
Montgomery County Funding
\$1,250,000
Act 319 Rollback Tax to Farmland Program
\$137,204
Total County Funding in 2003
\$4,199,024
Number of New Applicants in 2003
12

Farms Going to Settlement This Year:

	Farm Name	Municipality	Acres
	Conrad Fisher	New Hanover	87
	Ilah M. Fisher	New Hanover	43
	Frederick Hansen #3	Douglass	53
	Frederick Hansen #4	Douglass	16
	Charles & Berneice Jones	Salford	22
	John Kimbel, Jr.	New Hanover	74
	Douglas G. & Kristen N. Moyer	Salford	19
	Paul M. Nyce	Franconia	57
	Blaine & Linda Souder #2	Franconia	44
	Edward Stokes	New Hanover	73
2003 Total	10	-	488
Total to Date	90	-	6,077

Public Farm Board Meetings

 January 29
 March 11
 May 6

 June 4
 August 26
 October 7

November 14

Significant Events

1. Donald R. Lodge, elected official, appointed to Farm Board July 10, 2003.
2. Open Space Referendum, authorizing \$150M for Open Space Program, was approved by Montgomery County voters November 4, 2003.

Annual Summary 2002

Farm Board Members (as of January 1)

Elected Official: Charles Allebach, *Chair*
Farmer: Curtis Kratz
Farmer: A. Harris Mosher
Builder: Robert A. Ayerle
At-Large: Jonathan Rinde

County Commissioners: Michael D. Marino, Esq., *Chair*
 James R. Matthews
 Ruth Damsker

Planning Commission Director: Kenneth Hughes
Staff Administrator: Elizabeth Emlen

Funding This Year:

Total State Allocation
\$40,000,000
State Funding to Montgomery County
\$2,971,948
Montgomery County Funding
\$1,250,000
Act 319 Rollback Tax to Farmland Program
\$185,520
Total County Funding in 2002
\$4,407,468
Number of New Applicants in 2002
18

Farms Going to Settlement This Year:

	Farm Name	Municipality	Acres
	Delaware Valley College	U. Gwynedd	124
	William Hutt	U. Frederick	38
	William D. & Kathleen N. Hut	New Hanover	22
	Daniel Moser	Douglass	10
	Arlene Smith, et al	Salford	98
	Blaine & Linda Souder #1	Franconia	56
	Charles Wismer #2	Trappe	11
	Walton & Sally Yoder	Franconia	33
	William J. Zimmerman	Douglass	14
2002 Total	9	-	406
Total to Date	80	-	5,588

Public Farm Board Meetings

April 2
May 22

July 9
August 19

Significant Events

1. There were two farm subdivisions, increasing number of farms, but not acres

Annual Summary 2001

Farm Board Members (as of January 1)

Elected Official: Charles Allebach, *Chair*
Farmer: Curtis Kratz

Farmer: A. Harris Mosher

Builder: Robert A. Ayerle

At-Large: Jonathan Rinde

County Commissioners: Michael D. Marino, Esq., *Chair*

James R. Matthews

Ruth Damsker

Planning Commission Director: Kenneth Hughes

Staff Administrator: Elizabeth Emlen

Funding This Year:

Total State Allocation
\$47,000,000
State Funding to Montgomery County
\$3,088,332
Montgomery County Funding
\$1,000,000
Act 319 Rollback Tax to Farmland Program
\$16,454
Total County Funding in 2001
\$4,104,786
Number of New Applicants in 2001
18

Farms Going to Settlement This Year:

	Farm Name	Municipality	Acres
	Charles & Arlene Butts	Limerick Township	11
	Nan Erb	Douglass Township	39
	John & Melanie Harris	Worcester Township	53
	Richard & Merris Ann Hoffman	U. Hanover Township	80
	Richard Markley	Worcester Township	41
	Frederick & Josephine McConnell #2	Upper Salford	15
	E. Barbara Reichert, et al	Douglass Township	67
	Henry Reifsneider #2	Limerick Township	104
	Stanley, Francis, & Ethel Soffa	U. Hanover Township	67
	Henry & Mae Zajac	Douglass Township	56
2001 Total	10	-	534
Total to Date	69	-	5,183

Public Farm Board Meetings

 March 6
 June 5
 July 18

 September 5
 November 7

Significant Events

1. Act 14, Amendment to Act 43, removes \$10,000 per acre cap established for acquiring farmlands through easements, as well as allows cross-county purchases.
2. *Keep Farming in Montgomery County* conference held February 15, 2001.
3. 5,000 acre celebration took place on the Gordon Moser farm in Douglass Township, commemorating the 5,000 acres of preserved farmland obtained in the county, October 11, 2001.
4. Worcester was the first municipality to contribute funding for farmland preservation in its township.
5. Voters in Skippack and Franconia Townships each approved a small tax increase to help fund open space and farmland preservation in their respective townships.
6. One farm subdivided into two farms, increasing number of farms, but not acres.

Annual Summary 2000

Farm Board Members (as of January 1)

Elected Official: Charles Allebach, *Chair*
Farmer: Curtis Kratz
Farmer: A. Harris Mosher
Builder: Anthony Gambone
At-Large: Jonathan Rinde

County Commissioners: Michael D. Marino, Esq., *Chair*
 James R. Matthews
 Ruth Damsker

Planning Commission Director: Kenneth Hughes
Staff Administrator: Elizabeth Emlen

Funding This Year:

Total State Allocation
\$45,000,000
State Funding to Montgomery County
\$2,585,004
Montgomery County Funding
\$600,000
Act 319 Rollback Tax to Farmland Program
N/A
Total County Funding in 2000
\$3,185,004
Number of New Applicants in 2000
17

Farms Going to Settlement This Year:

	Farm Name	Municipality	Acres
	J. Robert Astheimer	Limerick	71
	Richard & Marlene Bieler	Upper Hanover	121
	Viola Gerhart family trust	Salford	76
	Stephen Virus	Upper Hanover	54
2000 Total	4	-	322
Total to Date	58	-	4,649

Public Farm Board Meetings

February 7
 June 5
 August 8

October 24
 November 29

Significant Events

1. Robert A. Ayerle, builder, was appointed to the Farm Board June 1, 2000.

Annual Summary 1999A

The Accelerated Preservation Program (1999A) was established by the state, which allowed more farms to apply for the increased available funding by both the state and the county. All information regarding the County Commissioners and Farm Board members, as well as settlements made in 1999 can be found in the annual summary for 1999.

Funding This Year:

Total State Allocation
\$42,000,000
State Funding to Montgomery County
\$2,668,718
Montgomery County Funding
\$600,000
Act 319 Rollback Tax to Farmland Program
N/A
Total County Funding in 1999A
\$3,268,718
Number of New Applicants in 1999A
28

Annual Summary 1999

Farm Board Members (as of January 1)

Elected Official: Charles Allebach, *Chair*
Farmer: Curtis Kratz
Farmer: Vacant
Builder: Anthony Gambone
At-Large: Jonathan Rinde

County Commissioners: Mario Mele, *Chair*
 Richard Buckman
 James W. Maza

Planning Commission Director: Kenneth Hughes
Staff Administrator: Elizabeth Emlen

Funding This Year:

Total State Allocation
\$28,000,000
State Funding to Montgomery County
\$1,847,044
Montgomery County Funding
\$400,000
Act 319 Rollback Tax to Farmland Program
N/A
Total County Funding in 1999
\$2,247,044
Number of New Applicants in 1999
11

Farms Going to Settlement This Year:

	Farm Name	Municipality	Acres
	Ken Geyer, KGs Windward Farm, Inc.	New Hanover	61
	Maurice & Vivian Henry	Upper Hanover	123
	John & Vivian Keebler	Douglass	124
	Frederick & Josephine McConnell #1	Upper Salford	66
	Beulah Mest	U. Frederick	101
	Harold & Dorothy Moser #1 and #2	Douglass	67
	Palmer & Patty Retzlaff #2	New Hanover	51
	Elva K. Schlegel	Douglass	29
	Robert Varner #2	U. Providence	30
1999 Total	10	-	652
Total to Date	54	-	4,327

Public Farm Board Meetings

January 12
 February 24
 March 17

June 30
 September 14
 November 17

Significant Events

1. Accelerated Preservation Program was established by the state, allocating more funds for easements, including a second round of easements in 1999 (see 1999A).
2. A. Harris Mosher was appointed to Board as farmer member November 18, 1999.

Annual Summary 1998

Farm Board Members (as of January 1)

Elected Official: Charles Allebach, *Chair*
Farmer: Curtis Kratz
Farmer: Harry T. Wentz
Builder: Anthony Gambone
At-Large: Jonathan Rinde

County Commissioners: Mario Mele, *Chair*
 Richard Buckman
 Joseph Hoeffel, III

Planning Commission Director: Kenneth Hughes
Staff Administrator: Elizabeth Emlen

Funding This Year:

Total State Allocation
\$28,000,000
State Funding to Montgomery County
\$1,878,974
Montgomery County Funding
\$400,000
Act 319 Rollback Tax to Farmland Program
N/A
Total County Funding in 1998
\$2,278,974
Number of New Applicants in 1998
13

Farms Going to Settlement This Year:

	Farm Name	Municipality	Acres
	Mark Austerberry	Douglass	95
	David & Linda Boyer	New Hanover	11
	John & Alice Corkum	Skippack	40
	Henry S. Fretz	Upper Hanover	281
	Melvin E. Haas	Upper Hanover	44
	Frederick A. Hansen #2	Douglass	91
	Earl Kline	Douglass	46
	Harold & Gladys Knechel	Lower Salford	48
	Ruth Nikerle	U. Frederick	86
	Gary & Betty Jane Schuler	Franconia	45
	Fern Weiss #1 and #2	Douglass	94
	Robert, John, & Maxwell Wood	New Hanover	73
1998 Total	13	-	954
Total to Date	44	-	3,676

Public Farm Board Meetings

March 25
July 10

August 26
December 1

Significant Events

1. Act 156, Amendment to Act 319, mandates the use of roll-back tax interest for farm preservation.
2. Act 138: Amendment to Act 43, allows any local government unit that has created an ASA to participate in farmland easements.

Annual Summary 1997

Farm Board Members (as of January 1)

Elected Official: Charles Allebach, *Chair*
Farmer: Curtis Kratz

Farmer: Harry T. Wentz

Builder: Anthony Gambone

At-Large: Jonathan Rinde

County Commissioners: Mario Mele, *Chair*

Richard Buckman

Joseph Hoeffel, III

Planning Commission Director: Kenneth Hughes

Interim Staff Administrator: Steven Nelson

Funding This Year:

Total State Allocation
\$35,000,000
State Funding to Montgomery County
\$2,682,061
Montgomery County Funding
\$500,000
Act 319 Rollback Tax to Farmland Program
N/A
Total County Funding in 1997
\$3,182,061
Number of New Applicants in 1997
8

Farms Going to Settlement This Year:

	Farm Name	Municipality	Acres
	John Lutz #2	Douglass	50
	Larry J. Wentz	Upper Hanover	101
1997 Total	2	-	151
Total to Date	31	-	2,722

Public Farm Board Meetings

 January 22
 February 28
 June 12

 November 25
 December 5

Significant Events

1. Elizabeth Emlen hired as administrator, April 1997.
2. Quarterly newsletter, *Farmland Preservation in Montgomery County*, first distributed.

Annual Summary 1996

Farm Board Members (as of January 1)

Elected Official: Charles Allebach, *Chair*
Farmer: Curtis Kratz
Farmer: Harry T. Wentz
Builder: Anthony Gambone
At-Large: Jonathan Rinde

County Commissioners: Mario Mele, *Chair*
 Jon Fox
 Joseph Hoeffel, III

Planning Commission Director: Kenneth Hughes
Staff Administrator: Sue Costello

Funding This Year:

Total State Allocation
\$31,000,000
State Funding to Montgomery County
\$2,440,362
Montgomery County Funding
\$500,000
Act 319 Rollback Tax to Farmland Program
N/A
Total County Funding in 1996
\$2,940,362
Number of New Applicants in 1996
18

Farms Going to Settlement This Year:

	Farm Name	Municipality	Acres
	Davis & Mary Haldeman	Douglass	43
	Frederick Hansen Farm #1	Douglass	122
	Henry Reifsneider	Limerick	72
1996 Total	3	-	237
Total to Date	29	-	2,571

Public Farm Board Meetings

February 28
 April 17
 May 29
 July 3

August 28
 October 16
 November 14

Significant Events

Annual Summary 1995

Farm Board Members (as of January 1)

Elected Official: Charles Allebach, *Chair*

Farmer: Curtis Kratz

Farmer: Harry T. Wentz

Builder: Anthony Gambone

At-Large: Jonathan Rinde

County Commissioners: Mario Mele, *Chair*

Jon Fox

Joseph Hoeffel, III

Planning Commission Director: Arthur Loeben

Staff Administrator: Mary Ann Cover

Funding This Year:

Total State Allocation
\$21,000,000
State Funding to Montgomery County
\$1,974,294
Montgomery County Funding
\$400,000
Act 319 Rollback Tax to Farmland Program
N/A
Total County Funding in 1995
\$2,374,294
Number of New Applicants in 1995
14

Farms Going to Settlement This Year:

	Farm Name	Municipality	Acres
	Raymond Graber	Douglass	78
	Gerald & Virginia Moser	Douglass	134
	Mary M. Rupp, Inc	U. Gwynedd	96
	John & Edith Schmidt	New Hanover	102
	Kenneth & Patricia Schultz	Upper Hanover	82
	Edward & Barbara Slater	U. Frederick	107
	Robert Varner #1	U. Providence	61
	Paul & Florence Weaver	Limerick	60
1995 Total	8	-	720
Total to Date	26	-	2,334

Public Farm Board Meetings

February 22
May 18
June 29

August 31
October 19
November 16

Significant Events

1. Sue Costello hired as administrator.

Annual Summary 1994

Farm Board Members (as of January 1)

Elected Official: Charles Allebach, *Chair*
Farmer: Curtis Kratz
Farmer: Harry T. Wentz
Builder: Julian V. Miraglia
At-Large: Maryanne Rickenbach

County Commissioners: Mario Mele, *Chair*
 Jon Fox
 Joseph Hoeffel, III

Planning Commission Director: Arthur Loeben
Staff Administrator: Mary Ann Cover

Funding This Year:

Total State Allocation
\$20,000,000
State Funding to Montgomery County
\$1,967,708
Montgomery County Funding
\$750,000
Act 319 Rollback Tax to Farmland Program
N/A
Total County Funding in 1994
\$2,717,708
Number of New Applicants in 1994
16

Farms Going to Settlement This Year:

	Farm Name	Municipality	Acres
	Wilmer & Millie Alderfer	Limerick	53
	John Lutz #1	Douglass	72
	Aldo & Anna Magazzeni	New Hanover	79
	Palmer & Patty Retzlaff #1	New Hanover	161
	Robert & Edith Zawada	U. Frederick	83
1994 Total	5	-	448
Total to Date	18	-	1,614

Public Farm Board Meetings

January 10	August 5
March 24	October 5
June 16	November 17

Significant Events

1. A state fund shortage until July limited approvals during this year of the program.
2. Two new board members appointed on February 24, 1994: Anthony Gambone, builder member; and Jonathan E. Rinde, at-large member.
3. County starts 10-year, \$100 million Open Space program, which includes Farmland Preservation.

Annual Summary 1993

Farm Board Members (as of January 1)

Elected Official: Charles Allebach, *Chair*
Farmer: Curtis Kratz
Farmer: Harry T. Wentz
Builder: Julian V. Miraglia
At-Large: Maryanne Rickenbach

County Commissioners: Mario Mele, *Chair*
 Jon Fox
 Joseph Hoeffel, III

Planning Commission Director: Arthur Loeben
Staff Administrator: Mary Ann Cover

Funding This Year:

Total State Allocation
\$19,000,000
State Funding to Montgomery County
\$2,647,391
Montgomery County Funding
\$500,000
Act 319 Rollback Tax to Farmland Program
N/A
Total County Funding in 1993
\$3,147,391
Number of New Applicants in 1993
6

Farms Going to Settlement This Year:

	Farm Name	Municipality	Acres
	George & Katherine Jacob	Upper Hanover	112
	Henry Reifsneider Farm #1	Limerick	65
	Meda Renninger	Douglass	66
	Mark & Carol Slater	New Hanover	110
	Thomas & Richard Sowieralski	New Hanover	77
	Merrill Yoder	Franconia	45
1993 Total	6	-	474
Total to Date	13	-	1,166

Public Farm Board Meetings

February 2
 May 7
 July 7

September 16
 October 18
 November 30

Significant Events

1. Nutrient Management Act (Act 6) requires concentrated animal operations that generate or utilize manure, to develop a management plan in order to prevent environmental damage to surface and ground waters and appropriates financial assistance to implement the plan.

Annual Summary 1992

Farm Board Members (as of January 1)

Elected Official: Charles Allebach, *Chair*
Farmer: Curtis Kratz
Farmer: Harry T. Wentz
Builder: Julian V. Miraglia
At-Large: Maryanne Rickenbach

County Commissioners: Mario Mele, *Chair*
 Jon Fox
 Joseph Hoeffel, III

Planning Commission Director: Arthur Loeben
Staff Administrator: Mary Ann Cover

Funding This Year:

Total State Allocation
\$15,000,000
State Funding to Montgomery County
\$1,481,037
Montgomery County Funding
\$300,000
Act 319 Rollback Tax to Farmland Program
N/A
Total County Funding in 1992
\$1,781,037
Number of New Applicants in 1992
9

Farms Going to Settlement This Year:

	Farm Name	Municipality	Acres
	Gordon & Sandra Moser	Douglass	79
	Howard Moser	Douglass	148
	Franklin & Elizabeth Schlegel	Douglass	70
	Clarence Standthardt	Douglass	95
	John Virus	Douglass	60
	Charles Wismer #1	Trappe	164
	Clark Yoder	Douglass	75
1992 Total	7	-	691
Total to Date	7	-	691

Public Farm Board Meetings

January 28
 March 4
 August 11

September 22
 October 30
 December 15

Significant Events

1. Informational meeting held in Creamery with a turnout of 60 farmers.
2. Montgomery County's first permanently preserved farm (Wismer) goes to settlement.

Annual Summary 1991

Farm Board Members (as of January 1)

Elected Official: Charles Allebach, *Chair*

Farmer: Curtis Kratz

Farmer: Harry T. Wentz

Builder: Albert J. Westrum

At-Large: Maryanne Rickenbach

County Commissioners: Paul Bartle, *Chair*

Floriana Bloss

Rita Banning

Planning Commission Director: Arthur Loeben

Staff Administrator: Mary Ann Carpenter

Funding This Year:

Total State Allocation
\$21,000,000
State Funding to Montgomery County
\$1,305,903
Montgomery County Funding
\$300,000
Act 319 Rollback Tax to Farmland Program
N/A
Total County Funding in 1991
\$1,605,903
Number of New Applicants in 1991
5

Farms Going to Settlement This Year:

	Farm Name	Municipality	Acres
1991 Total	-	-	-
Total to Date	-	-	-

Public Farm Board Meetings

January 23
March 27
May 9

June 4
July 2
August 7

September 4
October 2
November 20

Significant Events

1. Following resignation of board member Albert J. Westrum, Julian V. Miraglia was appointed as builder member.

Annual Summary 1990

Farm Board Members (as of February 8)

Elected Official: Charles Allebach, *Chair*
Farmer: Curtis Kratz
Farmer: Harry T. Wentz
Builder: Albert J. Westrum
At-Large: Maryanne Rickenbach

County Commissioners: Paul Bartle, *Chair*
 Floriana Bloss
 Rita Banning

Planning Commission Director: Arthur Loeben
Staff Administrator: Mary Ann Carpenter

Funding This Year:

Total State Allocation
1989: \$25,000,000 1990: \$20,000,000
State Funding to Montgomery County
1989: \$1,661,000 1990: \$1,310,416
Montgomery County Funding
1989: \$400,000 1990: \$200,000
Act 319 Rollback Tax to Farmland Program
N/A
Total County Funding in 1990
1989: \$2,061,106 1990: \$1,510,416
Number of New Applicants in 1990
13

Farms Going to Settlement This Year:

	Farm Name	Municipality	Acres
1990 Total	-	-	-
Total to Date	-	-	-

Public Farm Board Meetings

February 13
 March 13
 July 19
 August 24

September 6
 November 28
 December 18

Significant Events

1. Establishment of the Montgomery County Agricultural Land Preservation Program by Commissioner resolution 90-C.74. February 8, 1990.
2. Commissioners appoint five Farm Board members. February 8, 1990.



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