



# Farmland Preservation Program

2021  
**Annual Summary**  
MONTGOMERY COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA



### **Montgomery County Board of Commissioners**

Valerie A. Arkoosh, MD, MPH, Chair

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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 farmland program was established in Montgomery County in 1990 and to date has preserved over 10,100 acres on 178 farms. This summary contains a yearly review highlighting our preservation efforts. Note that some numbers in this booklet may appear inconsistent due to the application cycle taking anywhere from 1 ½ to 2 years.

For more information, contact Stephen Zbyszinski, Farmland Preservation Planner, at 610-278-5960.

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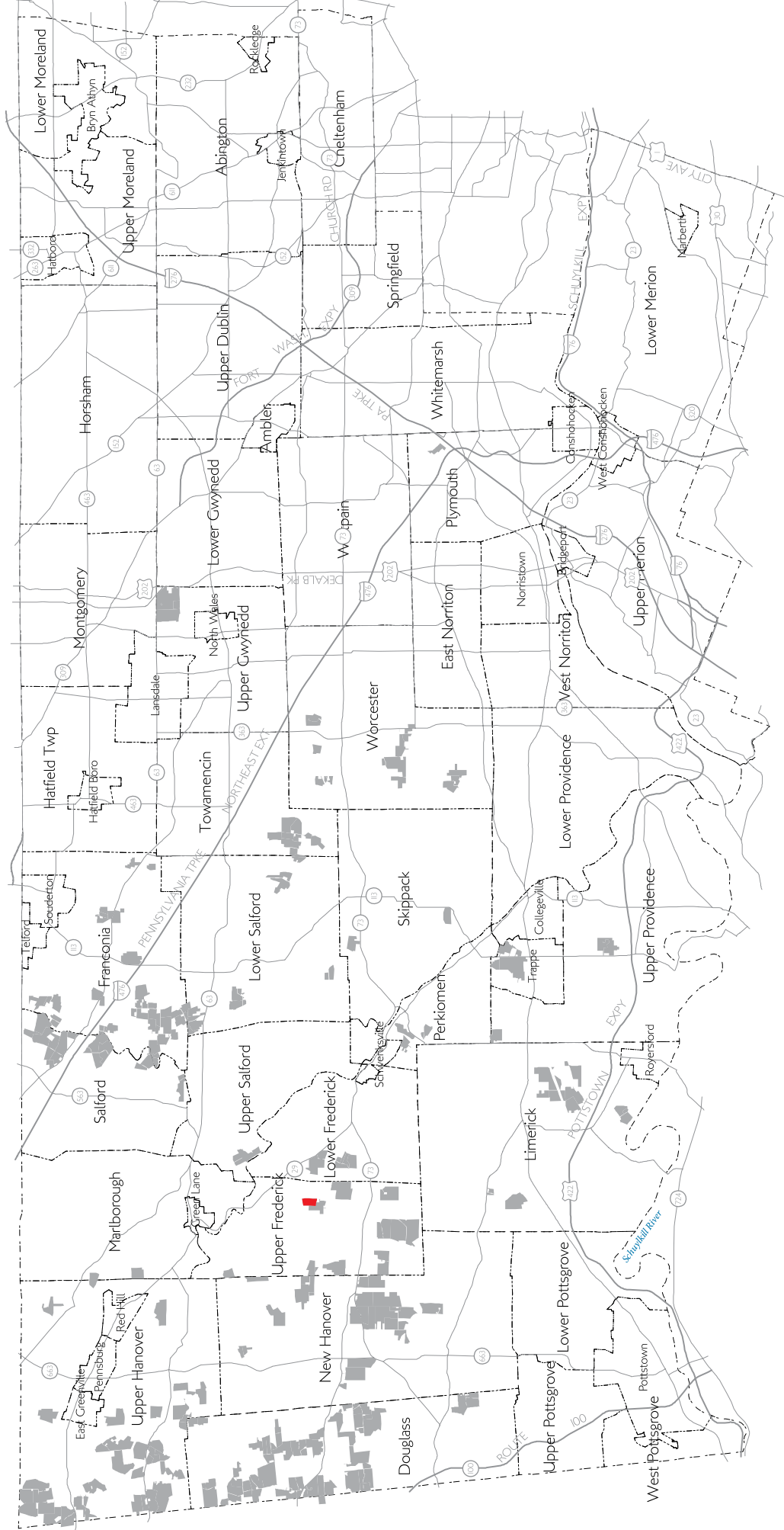
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# Montgomery County Funding for Farmland Preservation

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
2018	\$37,000,000	\$3,126,852	\$1,151,658	\$4,278,510
2019	\$38,000,000	\$2,789,150	\$1,262,488	\$4,051,638
2020	\$38,000,000	\$1,741,994	\$355,000	\$2,096,994
2021	\$38,000,000	\$1,374,483	\$90,575	\$1,465,058
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$1,093,000,000</b>	<b>\$77,867,599</b>	<b>\$35,963,874</b>	<b>\$116,242,413</b>

\*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: 2021



- 2021 Preserved Farm
- Other Preserved Farms

**Montgomery County Planning Commission**

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Base map prepared January 2022

# Annual Summary 2021

## Farm Board Members as of January

**At-Large:** Edward Foley Jr.  
**Farmer:** John H. Corkum, Chair  
**Farmer:** Stephen C. Quigley  
**Elected Official:** Marla Hexter  
**Builder:** Brett Altman, Vice Chair

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

**Planning Commission Director:** Scott France  
**Staff Administrator:** Stephen Zbyszinski

## Funding This Year:

<b>Total State Allocation</b>
\$38,000,000
<b>State Funding to Montgomery County</b>
\$1,374,483
<b>Montgomery County Funding</b>
\$90,575
<b>Total County Funding in 2021</b>
\$1,465,058
<b>Number of New Applicants in 2021</b>
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## Farms Going to Settlement This Year:

	Farm Name	Municipality	Acres
	Brian and Heidi Geverd	Upper Frederick	33
2021 Total	1		33
Total to Date	178	–	10,226

## Public Farm Board Meetings:

January 12  
 February 9  
 April 13  
 June 8  
 July 13  
 September 14  
 October 12

## Significant Events:

1. Edward Foley Jr. was appointed to the county's Farm Board.
2. Pennsylvania reached a milestone of 600,000 preserved acres of farmland.

# Annual Summary 2020

**Farm Board Members as of January**

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

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

**Planning Commission Director:** Scott France  
**Staff Administrator:** Anne Leavitt-Gruberger and Stephen Zbyszinski

**Funding This Year:**

<b>Total State Allocation</b>
\$38,000,000
<b>State Funding to Montgomery County</b>
\$1,741,994
<b>Montgomery County Funding</b>
\$355,000
<b>Total County Funding in 2020</b>
\$2,096,994
<b>Number of New Applicants in 2020</b>
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**Farms Going to Settlement This Year:**

	<b>Farm Name</b>	<b>Municipality</b>	<b>Acres</b>
	Suzanne Banyacsky	Perkiomen/Schwenksville	24
	Dale and Aldine Frankenfield	Franconia	16
	Thomas Latshaw	Upper Hanover	61
	Gary McKeown (Maple Acres)	Plymouth	26
	Scott and Sharon Melanson	Franconia	35
	Ted Stokes	New Hanover	117
	John and Barbara Tim	New Hanover	30
<b>2020 Total</b>	<b>7</b>		<b>309</b>
<b>Total to Date</b>	<b>177</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>10,193</b>

**Public Farm Board Meetings:**

February 11  
 June 9  
 August 11  
 October 13  
 November 10  
 December 8

**Significant Events:**

1. The farmland preservation program reached its 30th year and preserved a milestone 10,000 acres of farmland.
2. Marla Hexter, a Lower Frederick Township Supervisor, joined the county's Farm Board.

# Annual Summary 2019

**Farm Board Members as of January**

**At-Large:** Jonathan Rinde, Chair  
**Farmer:** John H. Corkum  
**Farmer:** Stephen C. Quigley  
**Elected Official:** Theodore F. Poatsy, Jr.  
**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:** Anne Leavitt-Gruberger and Stephen Zbyszinski

**Funding This Year:**

<b>Total State Allocation</b>
\$38,000,000
<b>State Funding to Montgomery County</b>
\$2,789,150
<b>Montgomery County Funding</b>
\$1,262,488
<b>Total County Funding in 2019</b>
\$4,051,638
<b>Number of New Applicants in 2019</b>
4

**Farms Going to Settlement This Year:**

	<b>Farm Name</b>	<b>Municipality</b>	<b>Acres</b>
	Francis and Ann Duhvois	Upper Providence	43
	Robert Godshall	Franconia	48
	Drew and Holly Bechtel	Towamencin	55
	Kenneth and Dana Pfister	Lower Salford & Towamencin	27
	James Yerger	Upper Hanover	50
<b>2019 Total</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>223</b>
<b>Total to Date</b>	<b>170</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>9,884</b>

**Public Farm Board Meetings:**

March 12  
 June 11  
 August 13  
 November 12

**Significant Events:**

- Danielle Dobisch left the planning commission and Stephen Zbyszinski was promoted to Farmland Preservation Planner to eventually assume the administrator role.
- The commissioners held an event at Maple Acres Farm in Plymouth Township to celebrate the farm's anticipated preservation in 2020.



# Annual Summary 2018

## Farm Board Members as of January

**At-Large:** Jonathan Rinde, Chair  
**Farmer:** John H. Corkum  
**Farmer:** Stephen C. Quigley  
**Elected Official:** Theodore F. Poatsy, Jr.  
**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. Dobisch

## Funding This Year:

<b>Total State Allocation</b>
\$37,000,000
<b>State Funding to Montgomery County</b>
\$3,126,852
<b>Montgomery County Funding</b>
\$1,151,658
<b>Total County Funding in 2018</b>
\$4,278,510
<b>Number of New Applicants in 2018</b>
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## Farms Going to Settlement This Year:

	<b>Farm Name</b>	<b>Municipality</b>	<b>Acres</b>
	Wentz Trust	Upper Hanover	80
	Donald Hemsley	Lower Salford	30
	Gary Miller	Upper Hanover	66
	Willow Creek Farms LP	Worcester	34
	Lukof Living Trust	Upper Hanover	47
<b>2018 Total</b>	<b>5</b>	–	<b>257</b>
<b>Total to Date</b>	<b>165</b>	–	<b>9,660</b>

## Public Farm Board Meetings:

January 9  
 March 13  
 May 8  
 June 12  
 August 14  
 September 11  
 October 9  
 November 13  
 December 11

## Significant Events:

- Theodore Poatsy appointed to the Farm Board.
- The Eat Local Montco report, in collaboration with DVRPC, was published March.
- County hosted two AgBrewCulture events in September and October connecting farmers and brewers to promote use of local goods.

# 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:

<b>Total State Allocation</b>
\$36,000,000
<b>State Funding to Montgomery County</b>
\$2,679,345
<b>Montgomery County Funding</b>
\$1,103,066
<b>Total County Funding in 2017</b>
\$3,782,411
<b>Number of New Applicants in 2017</b>
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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:**

<b>Total State Allocation</b>
\$31,000,000
<b>State Funding to Montgomery County</b>
\$1,414,827
<b>Montgomery County Funding</b>
\$51,292
<b>Total County Funding in 2016</b>
\$1,466,119
<b>Number of New Applicants in 2016</b>
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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
<b>2016 Total</b>	4	-	166
<b>Total to Date</b>	<b>158</b>	-	<b>9,261</b>

**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 5,000<sup>th</sup> 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:**

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

**Farms Going to Settlement This Year:**

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

**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:

<b>Total State Allocation</b>
\$30,000,000
<b>State Funding to Montgomery County</b>
\$1,222,787
<b>Montgomery County Funding</b>
\$71,783
<b>Total County Funding in 2014</b>
\$1,294,570
<b>Number of New Applicants in 2014</b>
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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
<b>2014 Total</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>236</b>
<b>Total to Date</b>	<b>152</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>8,951</b>

**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:

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

## Farms Going to Settlement This Year:

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

<b>Public Farm Board Meetings:</b>	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:

<b>Total State Allocation</b>
\$24,000,000
<b>State Funding to Montgomery County</b>
\$971,714
<b>Montgomery County Funding</b>
\$88,608
<b>Total County Funding in 2012</b>
\$1,060,322
<b>Number of New Applicants in 2012</b>
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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
<b>2012 Total</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>259</b>
<b>Total to Date</b>	<b>146</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>8,644</b>

**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:**

<b>Total State Allocation</b>
\$22,000,000
<b>State Funding to Montgomery County</b>
\$1,023,348
<b>Montgomery County Funding</b>
\$270,280
<b>Total County Funding in 2011</b>
\$1,293,628
<b>Number of New Applicants in 2011</b>
4

**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
<b>2011 Total</b>	3	–	153
<b>Total to Date</b>	<b>140</b>	–	<b>8,385</b>

**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:**

<b>Total State Allocation</b>
\$20,000,000
<b>State Funding to Montgomery County</b>
\$1,507,899
<b>Montgomery County Funding</b>
\$1,379,535
<b>Total County Funding in 2010</b>
\$2,887,434
<b>Number of New Applicants in 2010</b>
9

**Farms Going to Settlement This Year:**

	<b>Farm Name</b>	<b>Municipality</b>	<b>Acres</b>
	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
<b>2010 Total</b>	14	-	527
<b>Total to Date</b>	<b>137</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>8,232</b>

**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:**

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

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

<b>Total State Allocation</b>
\$33,000,000
<b>State Funding to Montgomery County</b>
\$2,826,342
<b>Montgomery County Funding</b>
\$6,000,000
<b>Act 319 Rollback Tax to Farmland Program</b>
\$423,114
<b>Total County Funding in 2008</b>
\$9,249,456
<b>Number of New Applicants in 2008</b>
7

**Farms Going to Settlement This Year:**

	<b>Farm Name</b>	<b>Municipality</b>	<b>Acres</b>
	Scott Clemens & Sloane Six	Lower Salford	90
	Charles & Barbara Marsch	Marlborough	47
	Harris & Marjorie Mosher	Salford	77
	Eugene & Margaret Sopel	Upper Hanover	79
<b>2008 Total</b>	4	–	293
<b>Total to Date</b>	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:**

<b>Total State Allocation</b>
\$40,000,000
<b>State Funding to Montgomery County</b>
\$3,288,361
<b>Montgomery County Funding</b>
\$4,000,000
<b>Act 319 Rollback Tax to Farmland Program</b>
\$265,861
<b>Total County Funding in 2007</b>
\$7,554,222
<b>Number of New Applicants in 2007</b>
11

**Farms Going to Settlement This Year:**

	<b>Farm Name</b>	<b>Municipality</b>	<b>Acres</b>
	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
<b>2007 Total</b>	6	–	355
<b>Total to Date</b>	<b>114</b>	–	<b>7,239</b>

**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:**

<b>Total State Allocation</b>
\$102,000,000
<b>State Funding to Montgomery County</b>
\$8,063,318
<b>Montgomery County Funding</b>
\$3,600,000
<b>Act 319 Rollback Tax to Farmland Program</b>
\$681,390
<b>Montgomery County Nontraditional Funding</b>
\$400,000*
<b>Total County Funding in 2006</b>
\$12,744,708
<b>Number of New Applicants in 2006</b>
7

**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
<b>2006 Total</b>	4	-	236
<b>Total to Date</b>	<b>108</b>	-	<b>6,884</b>

**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:**

<b>Total State Allocation</b>
\$36,000,000
<b>State Funding to Montgomery County</b>
\$2,732,474
<b>Montgomery County Funding</b>
\$1,500,000
<b>Act 319 Rollback Tax to Farmland Program</b>
\$301,476
<b>Total County Funding in 2005</b>
\$4,533,950
<b>Number of New Applicants in 2005</b>
17

**Farms Going to Settlement This Year:**

	<b>Farm Name</b>	<b>Municipality</b>	<b>Acres</b>
	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
<b>2005 Total</b>	8	-	359
<b>Total to Date</b>	<b>103</b>	-	<b>6,648</b>

**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:**

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

**Farms Going to Settlement This Year:**

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

**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:**

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

**Farms Going to Settlement This Year:**

	<b>Farm Name</b>	<b>Municipality</b>	<b>Acres</b>
	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
<b>2003 Total</b>	10	-	488
<b>Total to Date</b>	<b>90</b>	-	<b>6,077</b>

**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:**

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

**Farms Going to Settlement This Year:**

	<b>Farm Name</b>	<b>Municipality</b>	<b>Acres</b>
	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
<b>2002 Total</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>406</b>
<b>Total to Date</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>5,588</b>

**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:**

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

**Farms Going to Settlement This Year:**

	<b>Farm Name</b>	<b>Municipality</b>	<b>Acres</b>
	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
<b>2001 Total</b>	10	-	534
<b>Total to Date</b>	<b>69</b>	-	<b>5,183</b>

**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:**

<b>Total State Allocation</b>
\$45,000,000
<b>State Funding to Montgomery County</b>
\$2,585,004
<b>Montgomery County Funding</b>
\$600,000
<b>Act 319 Rollback Tax to Farmland Program</b>
N/A
<b>Total County Funding in 2000</b>
\$3,185,004
<b>Number of New Applicants in 2000</b>
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
<b>2000 Total</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>322</b>
<b>Total to Date</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>4,649</b>

**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

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*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:

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

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

**Farms Going to Settlement This Year:**

	<b>Farm Name</b>	<b>Municipality</b>	<b>Acres</b>
	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
<b>1999 Total</b>	10	-	652
<b>Total to Date</b>	<b>54</b>	-	<b>4,327</b>

**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:**

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

**Farms Going to Settlement This Year:**

	<b>Farm Name</b>	<b>Municipality</b>	<b>Acres</b>
	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
<b>1998 Total</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>954</b>
<b>Total to Date</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>3,676</b>

**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:**

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

**Farms Going to Settlement This Year:**

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

**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:**

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

**Farms Going to Settlement This Year:**

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

**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:**

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

**Farms Going to Settlement This Year:**

	<b>Farm Name</b>	<b>Municipality</b>	<b>Acres</b>
	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
<b>1995 Total</b>	8	-	720
<b>Total to Date</b>	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)

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*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:**

<b>Total State Allocation</b>
\$20,000,000
<b>State Funding to Montgomery County</b>
\$1,967,708
<b>Montgomery County Funding</b>
\$750,000
<b>Act 319 Rollback Tax to Farmland Program</b>
N/A
<b>Total County Funding in 1994</b>
\$2,717,708
<b>Number of New Applicants in 1994</b>
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
<b>1994 Total</b>	5	-	448
<b>Total to Date</b>	18	-	1,614

**Public Farm Board Meetings**

January 10  
 March 24  
 June 16

August 5  
 October 5  
 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.

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**Funding This Year:**

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

**Farms Going to Settlement This Year:**

	<b>Farm Name</b>	<b>Municipality</b>	<b>Acres</b>
	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
<b>1993 Total</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>474</b>
<b>Total to Date</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1,166</b>

**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.

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**Funding This Year:**

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

**Farms Going to Settlement This Year:**

	<b>Farm Name</b>	<b>Municipality</b>	<b>Acres</b>
	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
<b>1992 Total</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>691</b>
<b>Total to Date</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>691</b>

**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.

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Floriana Bloss

Rita Banning

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**Funding This Year:**

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

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**Funding This Year:**

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