

Selected State Farmland Preservation Programs, with Cost & Fund Type *

Rank	State	Acres Preserved	No. farms	Funds spent to date (state/local) ⁴	State/local funds allocated in 2011 / type	Average cost per acre in 2011
1	Pennsylvania	465,953	4,320	\$1.1 billion state/local	\$42.1 million / dedicated tax	\$2,712
2	Maryland	279,223	2,043	\$588.6 million State plus local match ¹	\$12 million (2-yr)/ transfer tax	\$5,633
3	New Jersey	199,858	2,125	\$1.5 billion (\$990 million state funds)	\$90.6 million for state and local programs/bonds	\$11,145
4	Vermont	170,000	575	\$83 million	\$1.48 million	\$1,520
5	Delaware	104,960	688	\$187.3 million	\$10 million/gen. fund	\$4,352 ²
6	Massachusetts	68,000	800	\$238.5 million	\$5.9 million	\$11,487
7	Ohio	54,143	311	\$51.5 million	\$6.6 million/ all FRPP	\$999
8	New York	45,541	203	\$113.4 million	\$11.7 million / gen. fund	n/a
9	Connecticut	38,600	283	\$150 million	\$11 million / bonds/recordation fee	\$4,565 ⁵
10	West Virginia	17,129	141	\$39.6 million	\$3.4 million/local transfer tax/state gen. fund	\$2,921
11	Virginia	5,525	41	\$12.3 million	\$100,000.00 / gen. fund ³	\$1,334
	TOTALS	1,448,932	11,530	4.06 billion	\$194.8 million	\$4,718 ⁶

* Programs that purchase agricultural conservation easements, also known as purchase of development rights, administered at the state level either fully or as grants or matching funds to localities or both.
 Footnotes: ¹ Md: In 2011 counties allocated \$8.7 million in matching funds.² Delaware average is for the last five years. ³ Va: An unusually low allocation for any state. This does not correlate with settlements in 2011. For FY2012 the Va. program was allocated \$1.2 million. Funding is in the form of grants to certified county programs. ⁴ Excludes federal dollars used, which in some cases is significant and a vital funding component. One example: for WV \$16.5 million to date.⁵ Average is for 2010. ⁶ Combined states average is for eight states that provided average cost for 2011.
 Note: Preserved acre tally for Pa. includes acres approved by state board that are not yet settled.
 Source: Queries by FPR to program administrators and recent published reports, Aug. & Sept. 2012.