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STATUS OF STATE PACE PROGRAMS

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DESCRIPTION

As of June 2005, 26 states have laws authorizing state-level purchase of agricultural conservation easement (PACE) programs. Montana's PACE statue expired in 2003. This table displays the status and summarizes important information about farm and ranch land protection programs in 20 states that have acquired funding and easements. To be included, the protection of agricultural lands must be a primary, stated conservation purpose of the program.

EXPLANATION OF COLUMN HEADINGS

Year of Inception / Year of First Acquisition

"Year of Inception" is the year the law creating the PACE program was approved. "Year of First Acquisition" is the year the program acquired its first easement.

Easements / Restrictions Acquired

Number of agricultural conservation easements or conservation restrictions acquired through the state program. This number does not necessarily reflect the total number of farms/ranches protected, as some programs acquire a property in stages and may hold multiple easements on the same farm/ranch. Some state programs do not hold easements but instead provide funds for easement purchase to local governments or land trusts.

Acres Protected

Number of acres protected by the program to date.

Program Funds Spent to Date

Dollars spend by each program to acquire easements on farms/ranches. Amounts may include unspent funds that are encumbered for installment payments on completed projects. Unless otherwise noted, this figure does not reflect either incidental land acquisition costs, such as appraisals, insurance and recording fees, or the administrative cost of running the program. These figures do not include additional funds contributed by federal programs, local governments, or private land trusts, foundations or individuals, nor the value of landowner donations.

Additional Funds Spent To Date

Funds contributed toward state program acquisitions by local governments (e.g. counties municipalities) private land trusts, foundations or individuals, and federal programs (see "Sources of Funding" below). The value of landowner donations is not included.

Program Funds Available

Program funds available for the current fiscal year to acquire easements on agricultural land.

Program Funds Available Per Capita

Program funds available per person based on state population figures for 2004 from the U.S. Bureau of the Census.

Outstanding Applications

Backlog of applications reported by program administrators.

Funding Sources

Sources of funding for each program. "Transportation funding" refers to federal money disbursed under the Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act of 1991 and the Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century (ISTEA and TEA-21). ISTEA provided funding for a broad range of highway and transit programs, including "transportation enhancements." Easement acquisitions that protect scenic views and historic sites along transportation routes are eligible for this program. Adopted in May of 1998, TEA-21 reauthorized federal transportation spending through fiscal year 2004 (including extensions). "FRPP" is the federal Farm and Ranch Lands Protection Program. Originally established in the 1996 Farm Bill as the Farmland Protection Program, the FRPP provides matching funds to state, local and tribal agricultural

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PURCHASE OF AGRICULTURAL CONSERVATION EASEMENTS

State	Year of Inception/ Year of First Acquisition	Easements / Restrictions Acquired	Acres Protected	Program Funds Spent To Date	Additional Funds Spent to Date
California					
California Farmland Conservancy Program	1995/1997	88	24,000	$36,000,000 ^	$23,200,000
Colorado					
Great Outdoors Colorado △	1992/1995	137	226,549	$69,050,669 ^	$143,797,065
Connecticut					
Connecticut Farmland Preservation Program	1978/1979	213	30,087	$86,518,128 ^	$4,925,000
Delaware					
Delaware Agricultural Lands Preservation	1991/1996	442	79,649	$88,506,863 ^	$14,957,215
Kentucky					
Division of Agricultural Education and Farmland Preservation	1994/1998	98	20,649	$10,321,041	$5,200,987
Maine					
Farmland Protection Program	1999/1990	17	4,275	$3,358,371	$4,091,000
Maryland		1,964	281,545	$338,090,291	$113,387,467
Maryland Agricultural Land Preservation Foundation	*1977/1980*	*1,693*	*235,299*	*$230,528,310*	*$106,065,747*
Rural Legacy	*1997/1999*	*271*	*46,246*	*$107,561,981 ^*	*$7,321,720*
Massachusetts					
Massachusetts Agricultural Preservation Restriction Program	1977/1980	632	55,516	$141,769,596 ^	$25,706,827
Michigan					
The Farmland and Open Space Preservation Program	1974/1994	72	15,834	$25,620,571 ^	$3,228,902
Montana ×					
Montana Agricultural Heritage Program	1999/2000	8	9,923	$888,000	$1,420,710
New Hampshire		86	10,938	$13,325,308	$5,349,573
Agricultural Lands Preservation Program ×	*1979/1980*	*31*	*2,864*	*$5,000,000*	*$140,000*
Land Conservation Investment Program ×	*1987/1988*	*36*	*6,232*	*$5,349,008*	*N/A*
Land & Community Heritage Investment Program	*2000/2001*	*19*	*1,842*	*$2,976,300 ^*	*$5,209,573*
New Jersey					
The New Jersey Farmland Preservation Program	1983/1985	1,232	133,733	$465,158,017	$237,269,293
New York					
Agricultural and Farmland Protection Program	1996/1998	81	14,140	$33,425,059 ^	$20,012,404
North Carolina					
Conservation Trust for North Carolina	1986/1999	33	4,412	$2,384,500 ^	$26,000,000
Ohio		83	15,410	$12,500,000	$6,900,000
Ohio Agricultural Easement Programs	*1999/1999*	*69*	*12,410*	*$12,500,000*	*$5,400,000*
Southern Ohio Tobacco Agricultural Easement Purchase Program x	*2002/2002*	*14*	*3,000*	*$0*	*$1,500,000*
Pennsylvania					
Bureau of Farmland Preservation	1988/1989	2,565	295,447	$460,719,453 ^	$189,594,540
Rhode Island					
Rhode Island Division of Agriculture	1981/1985	61	4,382	$17,093,097	$9,873,680
South Carolina					
South Carolina Conservation Bank	2002/NA	0	0	$0	$0
Utah *		17	26,157	$5,059,121	$14,176,293
Critical Agricultural Land Conservation Fund	*1999/2001*	*2*	*29*	*$139,000*	*$166,000*
LeRay McAllister Critical Lands Conservation Fund	*1999/2000*	*15*	*26,128*	*$4,920,121*	*$14,010,293*
Vermont					
Vermont Housing and Conservation Board	1987/1987	368	108,945	$42,000,000 ^	$36,695,800
STATE TOTALS		**8,197**	**1,361,591**	**$1,851,788,085**	**$885,786,756**

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Program Funds Available	Program Funds Available Per Capita	Outstanding Applications	Funding Sources
$12,000,000	$0.33	12	Appropriations, bonds, private contributions, FRPP
$8,550,000 ¤	$1.86	13	Local government contributions, portion of lottery proceeds, FRPP
$3,231,872	$0.92	140	Bonds, local government contributions, FRPP
$14,300,000	$17.22	101	Agricultural transfer tax, appropriations, bonds, local government contributions, portion of lawsuit settlement, private/foundation contributions, transportation funding, FRPP, property transfer tax
$1,500,000	$0.36	587	Appropriations, bonds, tobacco settlement funds, FRPP
N/A	N/A	N/A	Appropriations, bonds, credit card royalties, local government contributions, private contributions, FRPP
$30,100,000	$5.42	165	
$28,100,000	*$5.06*	*140*	*Agricultural transfer tax, bonds, local government contributions, private contributions, real estate transfer tax, FRPP*
$2,000,000 ¤	*$0.36*	*25*	*Bonds, local government contributions, private contributions, real estate transfer tax, federal wetlands conservation funds*
$8,500,000	$1.32	100	Bonds, local government contributions, private contributions, transportation funding, FRPP
$1,500,000	$0.15	19	Local government contributions, private/foundation contributions, repayment of tax credits by landowners withdrawing from the state's circuit breaker program, FRPP
$0	$0.00	N/A	Appropriations, FRPP
$0	$0.00	6	
$0	*$0.00*	*0*	*Appropriations, local government contributions, FRPP*
$0	*$0.00*	*0*	*Bonds*
$0	*$0.00*	*6*	*Appropriations*
$127,825,178	$14.69	500	Appropriations, bonds, local government contributions, portion of state sales and use tax, FRPP, private/foundation contributions
$12,600,000	$0.66	0	Bonds, property transfer tax, local government contributions, FRPP
$0	$0.00	2	Appropriations, FRPP
$3,120,000	$0.27	1,107	
$3,120,000	*$0.27*	*1,107*	*Bonds, FRPP*
$0	*$0.00*	*0*	*Tobacco settlement funds*
$25,000,000	$2.02	1,900	Appropriations, bonds, cigarette tax, interest on securities, local government contributions, FRPP
$2,000,000	$1.85	35	Appropriations, bonds, local government contributions, private contributions, FRPP, property transfer tax
$24,185,245 ¤	$5.76	19	Deed/recording fees
$798,000	$0.33	2	
$50,000	*$0.02*	*1*	*Appropriations, FRPP*
$748,000 ¤	*$0.31*	*1*	*Appropriations, local government contributions, private/foundation contributions, FRPP*
$2,100,000	$3.38	58	Appropriations, bonds, Farms for the Future pilot program, local government contributions, private/foundation contributions, property transfer tax, transportation funding, FRPP
$277,310,295		**4,766**	

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easement acquisition programs. The program was expanded in the 2002 Farm Bill to include certain non-governmental organizations. In addition to these sources of funding, several local programs reported financial contributions from private individuals or foundations

NOTES

△ Program activity includes fee simple acquisitions of agricultural land. All programs with fee activity included on this fact sheet have policies requiring resale of the restricted property.

× Program has terminated or is no longer acquiring agricultural conservation easements.

¤ Program funds available include monies for other land conservation purposes.

^ "Program Funds Spent to Date" includes incidental land acquisition costs and/or personnel costs.

* In Utah, the LeRay McAllister Critical Lands Conservation Fund and the Critical Agricultural Land Conservation Fund—administered by the Utah Department of Agriculture and Food (UDAF)—completed seven joint projects. For the purposes of this table, these projects are included in the figures for the LeRay McAllister program. The projects covered 2,526 acres. UDAF contributed $391,000 and holds the easements.