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PRESERVATION statistics

Farmland Preservation

Fiscal Year 1985 to Fiscal Year 2011

The tables on this page report farmland permanently preserved for agriculture by the use of public funds to purchase the development rights on privately owned land.

The statistics are broken down by municipality to show the preservation accomplishments in each town from 1985 to June 2011.

This chart reports statistics for large farms that cross municipal boundaries. Statistics accounting for multi-municipal farms have not been compiled before. Statewide, 7% of all preserved farms have land that occupies more than one municipality. More than 4,400 preserved acres are located in other municipalities which are adjacent to the "home" farm. As a result, it is important to provide an accounting of these multi-municipal farms if the goal is a proper tabulation of acreage preserved in each town. Only the Garden State Preservation Trust has tabulated the acreage in these various municipalities for these "split" farms.

There is preserved land that is not tallied here.

Farmland restricted from development without the use of State public funds is EXCLUDED. This would occur when farmland is preserved in a transfer of development rights (TDR) program. This also would occur when land is acquired by counties or by private land trusts without State funding. This also would occur when farmland or development rights on land are donated. And it would occur when State-owned land is converted into preserved farmland and sold at auction.

explanation of statistics