

SAVING

MICHIGAN'S FARMS



AGRICULTURE IS VITAL TO MICHIGAN



2ND

most agriculturally diverse state in the nation,
with more than 200 different commodities.

Only California is more diverse.

FOOD & AGRICULTURE
INDUSTRY CONTRIBUTES

\$101.2



52,194

FARMS IN OPERATION

Compared to 56,014 farms reported in 2007



9.95

MILLION ACRES
IN PRODUCTION



FARMING CONTINUES TO ERODE

BETWEEN 2007-2012,
MICHIGAN LOST

83,243

ACRES OF
FARMLAND



2012 MARKED THE FIRST YEAR MICHIGAN DROPPED BELOW 10 MILLION ACRES



DURING THE SAME TIME, THE NUMBER OF FARMS DECREASED

2007

56,014

2012

52,194



WHAT'S THE SOLUTION?

Michigan's Farmland & Open Space Preservation Program



SINCE

1975



THE PROGRAM HAS HELPED PROVIDE A STABLE LAND BASE FOR
FARMING AND SUPPORT YOUNG FARMERS' ACCESS TO LAND

FARMLAND
DEVELOPMENT
RIGHTS

CONSERVATION
AGREEMENTS

AGRICULTURE
PRESERVATION
FUND

33%

OF ALL MICHIGAN'S
FARMLAND
IN PRODUCTION

24,115

ACRES OF PERMANENTLY
PROTECTED FARMLAND

\$1,618,505

TOTAL GRANTS MADE 2005-2007

\$1.7M

(program generated funds)

2006

\$460,000

2013

FUNDING
IS
DOWN

DESPITE AN
EXPRESSED
NEED AMONG
FARMERS

Current State of the Farmland Preservation Program

600+

APPLICATIONS
SUBMITTED EACH YEAR

\$0

AG PRESERVATION FUND

\$0

LOCAL GOVERNMENT GRANTS

2

UNFUNDED POSITIONS

Michigan needs dedicated

FARM PRESERVATION FUNDING



Learn more about preserving our farms at
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PLACES CREATE STORIES



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