



State of Wisconsin
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**PURCHASE OF AGRICULTURAL CONSERVATION EASEMENT (PACE)
2011 GRANT PROGRAM**

Landowner Eligibility Requirements- DRAFT

In order to be eligible for consideration for a grant under the DATCP PACE program, an application must meet all of the following:

1. The entire property must be located in a farmland preservation area designated in the county's certified farmland preservation plan.
2. The entire property must be located in an area consistent with a local comprehensive plan, if any.
3. A qualified farm conservation plan must be in effect for the property.*
4. At least 50% of the property must be cropland, pasture, or grassland.
5. The landowner must sign a statement indicating that they produced at least \$6,000 in Gross Farm Revenue during the relevant tax year or \$18,000 during the last three years, including the relevant tax year.
6. The application must be submitted by a qualified cooperating entity (a political subdivision or a qualified non-profit conservation organization).
7. All landowners must sign an agreement indicating that they are willing to convey the proposed agricultural conservation easement.

Please note that other requirements will have to be met before an actual grant is awarded, such as evidence of compliance with Soil and Water Conservation Standards and proof that material title defects or conflicting property interests have been eliminated or subordinated.

* A qualified farm conservation plan means a plan prepared by local, state or federal conservation agency staff for the purposes of compliance with state or federal Soil and Water Conservation Standards including ATCP 50.

** "Gross Farm Revenues" means gross receipts, excluding rent, from the land's agricultural use, less the cost or other basis of livestock or other items purchased for resale that are sold or otherwise disposed of during the taxable year. If a landowner rents out farmland, "Gross Farm Revenues" may include farm revenues received by the renter but produced from the owner's farmland.

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