

Our Goal

To preserve the County's rich history of agricultural excellence through agricultural easements, ensuring natural resources are set aside for future generations.

What are Agricultural Easements?

Easements are legally binding agreements between landowners and the easement issuer, restricting land use for agricultural and other directly related activities in perpetuity.

Once an easement is made, you still own the land and can farm/sell it in the future.

How do Preserved Farms help our goal?

By preserving farmland, we protect areas from land development. This ensures rich, essential soils are protected for future agricultural usage. This in turn preserves Perry County's farming industry and strengthens the local economy.



Contact the Program's Administrator

If you have questions or are interested in being a part of Perry County's Farmland Preservation Program, please feel free to stop by our office or give us a call. As the program's administrators, the Conservation District is excited to guide you through this process.

Visit our Office

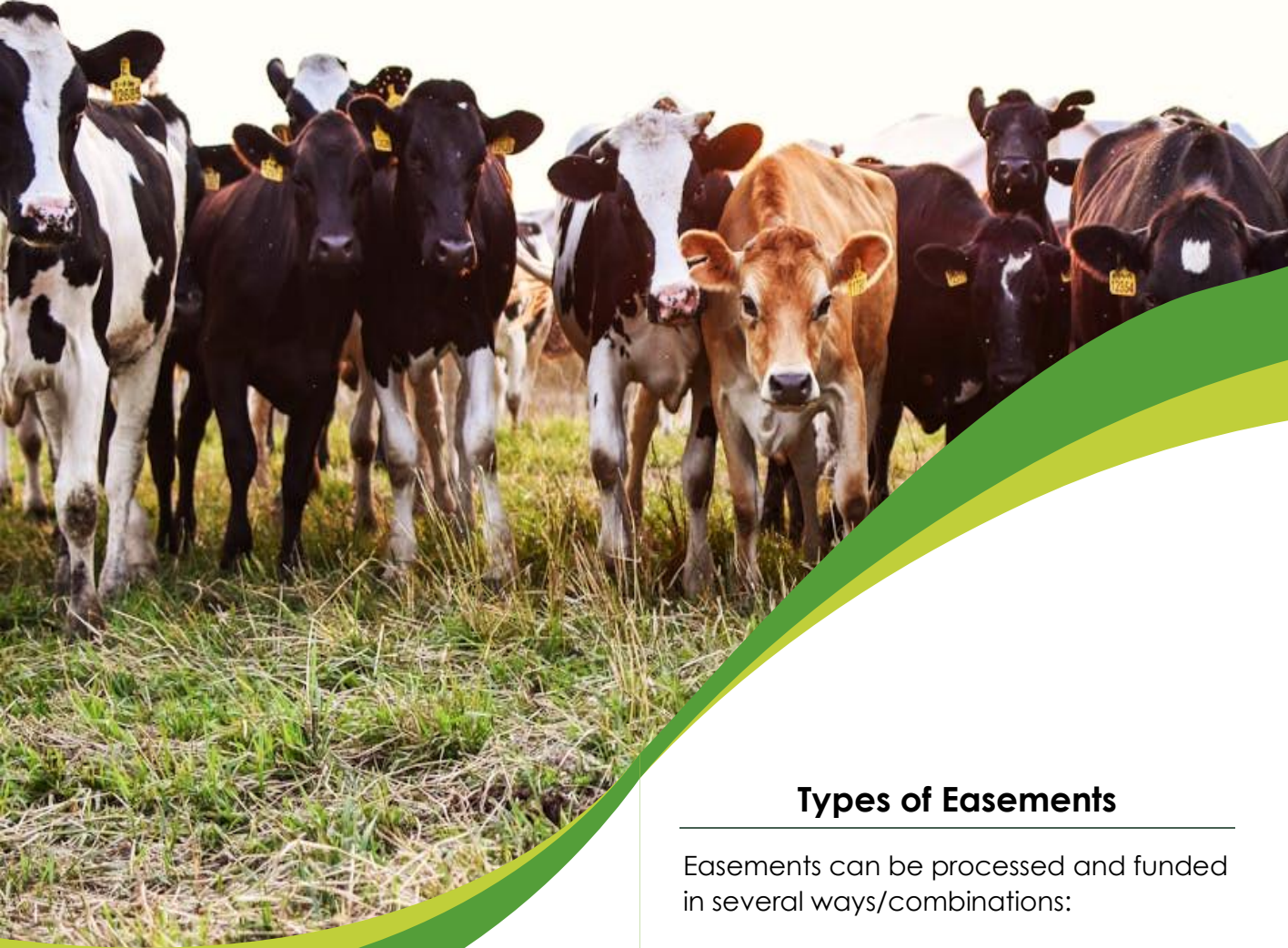
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Perry County's Farmland Preservation





What does an Easement Restrict?

- ❖ Non-agricultural land use
- ❖ Limit of one subdivision for:
 - 2 acres for building or
 - 52 acres min. plots
- ❖ Restricts additional impervious ground coverage beyond 6%

Types of Easements

Easements can be processed and funded in several ways/combinations:

- ❖ Federal government
- ❖ State government
- ❖ County government
- ❖ Donations (no funding needed)

Each of the easement programs have different requirements and funding pools available each year. Based on fund availability and individual circumstances, one of these options will be decided upon by the Perry County Farmland Preservation Board.

What are some Easement Qualifications?

- ❖ Property lies within an Agricultural Security Area
- ❖ 50 or more continuous acres of farmland under one deed
- ❖ Impervious land coverage less than 6% of total acreage (except for federal applicants)
- ❖ At least 50% of soils in the tract are agriculturally productive

Easement Application Process

Applications undergo a numerically ranked evaluation. This ranking system is designed to prioritize farmland most at risk of development. Due to limited and variable funding each year, not all applications may be accepted. Applications not accepted, remain on file in the applicant pool for 10 years; during which time, applicants may be selected for the program.

Interested?

Inquire for more information and a full list of requirements/exemptions.

