



## North Carolina Agricultural Development & Farmland Preservation Trust Fund

North Carolina Department of Agriculture & Consumer Services

Farmland Preservation Division

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### *What does the N.C. ADFP Trust Fund do?*

- Assist in the preservation of N.C.'s agricultural economy by providing grants to county governments and non-profit organizations for *conservation easements, agricultural plans and development projects.*
  - Encourages the preservation of qualifying agricultural, horticultural and forestlands to *foster the growth, development and sustainability of family farms.*
  - Prioritize grant funding for *maximum match resource utilization* from private, local and federal constituent partners.
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*Since 2005, the N.C. ADFP Trust Fund has preserved  
10,321 acres of farm and forest lands.*

- The ADFP Trust Fund will preserve another **4,637 acres** by the end of 2016 based on current contract schedules.
  - To date, ADFP Trust Fund grant recipients have secured nearly **\$38 million** in matching funds.
  - ADFP Trust Fund grant recipients anticipate over **\$10 million** in matching funds by the end of 2016.
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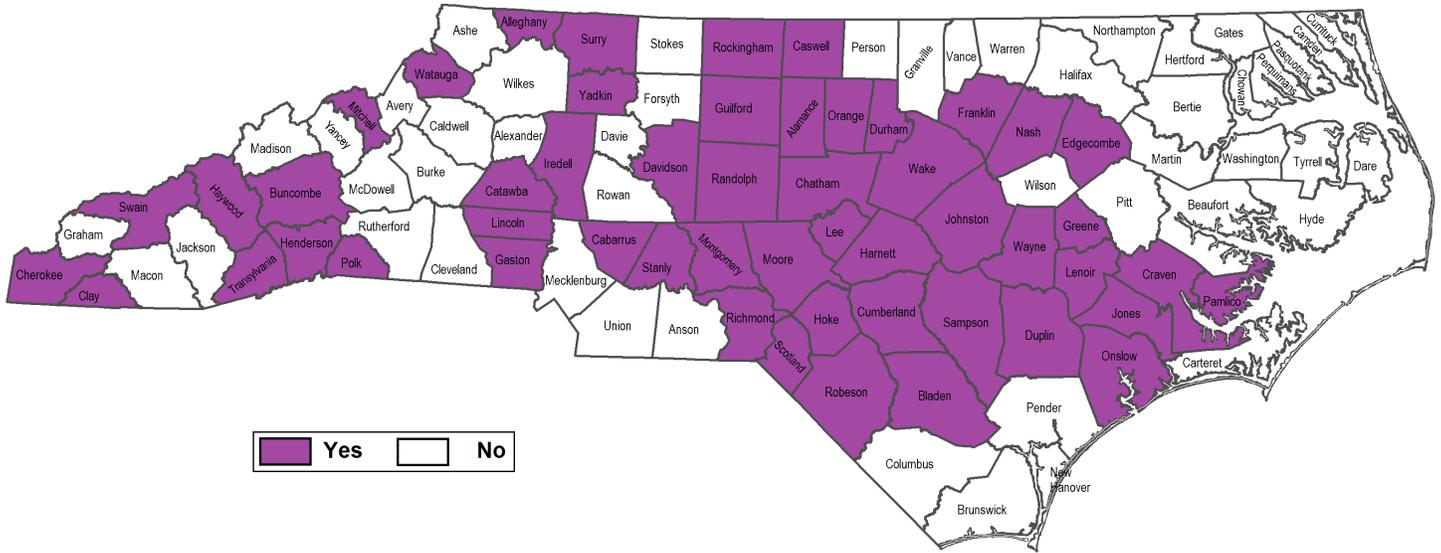
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*The NCDA&CS Farmland Preservation Division works with counties to enact **Farmland Protection Plans** and the **Voluntary Agricultural Districts** program.*

**Farmland Protection Plans:**

- Describe existing agricultural activity in a county.
- List challenges to continued family farming in a county.
- List opportunities for enhancing family farms in the local agricultural economy.
- Describe county plans to maintain a viable agricultural community.
- Create a schedule for implementing the plan and identification of possible funding sources for long-term support of the plan.

Currently, **52 counties** have county-endorsed and NCDA&CS approved Farmland Protection Plans.



**Voluntary Agricultural Districts:**

- Encourage the preservation and protection of farmland.
- Allow landowners to publicly recognize their farms.
- Establish an Agricultural Advisory Board in the county.
- Protect farms from nuisance suits, allow for waivers of water and sewer assessments and public hearings for proposed condemnation.
- Allow Enhanced Voluntary Agricultural Districts to protect farms from development for 10 years.

Currently, **87 counties** in North Carolina have county ordinances for Voluntary Agricultural Districts. **9,848 farms** are enrolled in the program, protecting **807,671 acres** of farmland.

