



WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ACT MEMO

2011 Wisconsin Act 253
[2011 Senate Bill 497]

**Designation of Agricultural
Enterprise Areas**

To be eligible for the farmland preservation tax credit, farm land must be either under a farmland preservation contract with the Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection (DATCP) or located within a farmland preservation zoning district. The DATCP may not enter land into a new farmland preservation agreement unless the land is located within an agricultural enterprise zone targeted for agricultural preservation and development.

Under prior law, the DATCP designated agricultural enterprise areas by administrative rule, and had authority to use the emergency rule-making process for this purpose. 2011 Wisconsin Act 253 specifies that the DATCP designate agricultural enterprise areas by order, rather than by rule.

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This memo provides a brief description of the Act. For more detailed information, consult the text of the law and related legislative documents at the Legislature's Web site at: <http://www.legis.state.wi.us/>.