



WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ACT MEMO

2013 Wisconsin Act 352
[2013 Senate Bill 437]

**Size of Agricultural
Enterprise Areas**

Under the farmland preservation program, administered by the Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection (DATCP), a farmer is eligible for farmland tax credits if the farmer's land is in an area zoned as a farmland preservation zone or if the farmer has entered into a farmland preservation agreement with DATCP. DATCP is barred from entering into new farmland preservation agreements unless the farmland subject to the agreement is in an agricultural enterprise area. Agricultural enterprise areas are areas targeted for agricultural preservation and development, designated by DATCP, by order, upon petition of local units of government and affected land owners.

Under prior law, agricultural enterprise areas were limited to not more than 1,000,000 acres. 2013 Wisconsin Act 352 increases this size limit to 2,000,000 acres.

The Act also repeals an obsolete provision of the statutes relating to agricultural enterprise areas.

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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.wisconsin.gov>.