



## **AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT AREA (ADA)**

### **Purpose:**

To establish a methodology for the Morris County Agriculture Development Board to delineate where agriculture is the preferred, but not necessarily the exclusive, use of land. This policy is designed to meet the criteria reflected in N.J.S.A. 4:1C-18.

### **Policy:**

To be eligible for inclusion in the Agricultural Development Area (ADA) the premises must fulfill one the following:

1. Permanently Preserved Farmlands.
2. Lands in Eight Year Farmland Preservation Programs
3. Lands pending permanent farmland preservation by a non-profit, Morris County or the State Agriculture Development Committee

If none of the above has been fulfilled, then the following criteria must be met:

- a. Land that is at least 10 acres.
- b. Land that receives farmland assessment.
- c. Lands comprising the premises have common ownership.
- d. The land must be at least 50% tillable, or have at least 25 tillable acres.
- e. Lands less than 25 acres in size shall not contain more than 80 percent soils with slopes in excess of 15 percent as identified on a USDA, Natural Resource Conservation Service SSURGO version 2.2 or newer soils map.
- f. The land is located in a municipality whose zoning permits agriculture or in which agriculture is permitted as a non-conforming use.

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