

Introduction

Welcome!

Thank you for responding to this survey regarding Dane County's recertification of the Farmland Preservation Plan. Your opinions and experiences are a valuable tool that will help shape the future of farming in Dane County.

Dane County is currently in process of recertifying the Farmland Preservation Plan, as the previous iteration was certified in 2012. The Farmland Preservation Plan serves many goals with the most prominent being eligibility of farmland for tax credits under the State Farmland Preservation Plan (Under State Statute Ch. 91.51). This tax credit allows for farmers who meet conservation standards under the Land Conservation Committee to be eligible for a per acre tax credit.

The Farmland Preservation Plan showcases the importance of agriculture to the state and county economy, as well as discusses the threat of fringe development on our farmlands. Ultimately, the Farmland Preservation Plan serves as a way for farmers and their organizations to ensure that their concerns are addressed and heard at the county level, and dictate how the future of agriculture will look across the county.

More information on the current Farmland Preservation Plan and updates for our recertification can be found at the following link:

<https://plandev.countyofdane.com/planning/Farmland-Preservation-Plan>

1. What town, village, or city do you live in?

2. Do you work in the agriculture field? (Farming, Implement Dealer, Etc)

Yes

No

Dane County is one of Wisconsin's fast growing urban centers, but it also leads the state in most categories of agricultural production, with a total market value of Dane County Agriculture being over 500 million dollars. Below you can see the data from the 2017 Agriculture Census that showcases all of Dane County's agricultural ventures and their valuation, and state and national rank.

Economically significant crops

Values of Sales By Commodity Group	Market Value (in \$ 1,000)	State Rank	US Rank	US Percentiles
Other animals and other animal products	Undisclosed	23	Undisclosed	0.00
Milk and other dairy products from cows	230,212	4	25	98.68
Sheep, goats, and their products	580	20	294	90.15
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	151,584	1	172	94.10
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	980	5	42	96.97
Cattle and calves	79,037	2	170	94.44
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	14,170	5	186	92.85
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	777	3	257	91.35
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	7,705	13	255	90.96
Other crops and hay	8,141	8	314	89.67
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	1,578	16	367	86.64
Hogs and pigs	10,547	3	369	87.08
Aquaculture	Undisclosed	10	Undisclosed	0.00
Tobacco	856	1	168	47.99
Poultry and eggs	2,143	23	694	76.92
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	-	-
Total	509,073	1	97	96.85

3. The following are several statements that suggest choices about future directions for **farming communities in Dane County**. Please rate each.

Strongly Agree Somewhat Agree Somewhat Disagree Strongly Disagree Unsure

Dane County's farming communities should be low density communities	<input type="radio"/>				
Dane County's farming communities should promote more commercial development	<input type="radio"/>				
Most new development should occur adjacent to areas which are already developed in Dane County's farming communities	<input type="radio"/>				
Dane County's farming communities should promote the preservation of farmland	<input type="radio"/>				

Dane County's farming communities should strengthen policies to better guide growth

Most new development should occur adjacent to areas which are already developed in Dane County's farming communities

Farming is an important part of the future of Dane County's farming communities

Agricultural businesses should be promoted in Dane County's farming communities

Farmers and other rural landowners should be able to sell their land for a limited amount of development

Land use conflicts between agriculture and residential development are a problem in Dane County's farming communities

Land use conflicts between commercial and residential development is a problem in Dane County's farming communities

Housing affordability is a growing problem in Dane County's farming communities

It is important to have coordinated land use plans with surrounding communities

Dane County's farming communities should pursue High Speed

Internet Service.

Dane County should be using taxpayer dollars to preserve farmland and natural resources

4. How would you rate efforts of the County to guide where development occurs?

- Too much planning, policies and ordinances directing development
- About the right amount of planning, policies and ordinances directing development
- Not enough planning, policies and ordinances directing development
- Unsure

5. How do you feel about the future of farming in Dane County over the next 20 years? Please Explain:

6. What do you want to know about the Farmland Preservation Plan, and/or farming in Dane County?