

...From Pages 13 and 14 of Policies and Procedures for the Michigan Agricultural Preservation Fund, Approved June 27, 2006 by the Michigan Agricultural Preservation Fund Board:

DEFINITION OF ELIGIBLE FARMLAND

9. POLICY: In order to qualify for submission of a grant, each parcel submitted in an application must meet or exceed the definition of "farmland" as found in Section 36201(h). This definition reads as follows:

(h) "Farmland" means 1 or more of the following:

- (i) A farm of 40 or more acres in 1 ownership, with 51% or more of the land area devoted to an agricultural use.
- (ii) A farm of 5 acres or more in 1 ownership, but less than 40 acres, with 51% or more of the land area devoted to an agricultural use, that has produced a gross annual income from agriculture of \$200.00 per year or more per acre of cleared and tillable land. A farm described in this subparagraph enrolled in a federal acreage set-aside program or a federal conservation reserve program is considered to have produced a gross annual income from agriculture of \$200.00 per year or more per acre of cleared and tillable land.
- (iii) A farm designated by the Department of Agriculture as a specialty farm in 1 ownership that has produced a gross annual income of \$2,000.00 or more from an agricultural use. Specialty farms include, but are not limited to, greenhouses; equine breeding and grazing; the breeding and grazing of cervidae, pheasants, and other game animals; bees and bee products; mushrooms; aquaculture; and other similar uses and activities.
- (iv) Parcels of land in 1 ownership that are not contiguous but which constitute an integral part of a farming operation being conducted on land otherwise qualifying as farmland may be included in an application under this part.

A parcel must also contain over 50% prime or unique soils as defined by the USDA-NRCS Washtenaw County Soil Survey.