Pennsylvania

3 P.S. § 914.6 established the Land Trust Reimbursement Program, which allows land trusts to receive reimbursement from the State for funds expended in acquiring property for use as agricultural conservation easements. Reimbursement may be used to cover a variety of expenses in pursuit of the acquisition; however reimbursements are “limited to $5,000 per easement.”

Pennsylvania has also developed an Agricultural Conservation Easement Program. Parcels acquired as easements must consist of a minimum of 50 acres, however counties may choose to allow farmlands to be preserved which consist of at least 35 acres. If a piece of agricultural land is located next to another existing conservation easement, then the minimum size of the new easement may be 10 acres.