



PENNSYLVANIA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE  
 BUREAU OF FARMLAND PRESERVATION  
 2301 N CAMERON ST  
 HARRISBURG, PA 17110

**CERTIFICATION FOR  
 QUALIFIED BEGINNER FARMER**

**PENNSYLVANIA REALTY TRANSFER  
 TAX EXEMPTION ACT 13**

OFFICIAL USE ONLY  
 DATE RECEIVED

8-2020

**QUALIFIED BEGINNER FARMER** – According to Act 13 of 2019, realty transfer tax shall not be imposed upon a transfer of real estate that is subject to an agricultural conservation easement when the grantee is a qualified beginner farmer. A qualified beginner farmer is defined as the following:

- 1) Has demonstrated experience in the agriculture industry or related field or has transferrable skills as determined by the Department of Agriculture.
- 2) Has not received Federal gross income from agricultural production for more than the ten most recent taxable years.
- 3) Intends to engage in agricultural production within the borders of this Commonwealth and to provide the majority of the labor and management involved in that agricultural production.
- 4) Has obtained written certification from the Department of Agriculture confirming “qualified beginner farmer” status.

**CERTIFICATION INSTRUCTIONS** – Please complete the following information and email the completed application and any supporting documents to [RA-farmland@pa.gov](mailto:RA-farmland@pa.gov).

**APPLICANT – GRANTOR(S) (Sellers)**

**APPLICANT – GRANTEE(S) (Buyers)**

NAME(S)			NAME(S)		
STREET ADDRESS			STREET ADDRESS		
CITY	STATE	ZIP CODE	CITY	STATE	ZIP CODE
SSN OR EIN#			SSN OR EIN#		

**To be completed by the grantee claiming qualified beginner farmer status:**

- I hereby certify that I have experience in the agriculture industry or related field or other transferrable skills. Please include a form of supporting documentation including but not limited to Schedule F (Form 1040), receipts from the sale of agricultural commodities, certificates indicating farm apprenticeships, etc.
- I hereby certify that I have not received Federal gross income from agricultural production for more than the ten most recent taxable years.
- I hereby certify that I intend to engage in agricultural production within the borders of this Commonwealth and to provide the majority of the labor and management involved in that agricultural production.

**SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT CLAIMING QUALIFIED BEGINNER FARMER STATUS**

\_\_\_\_\_  
 SIGNATURE

\_\_\_\_\_  
 DATE

**DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE CERTIFICATION OF QUALIFIED BEGINNER FARMER STATUS  
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I hereby certify that the information provided to the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture by the applicant – grantee meets the “Qualified Beginner Farmer” status as defined in Act 13 of 2019.

\_\_\_\_\_  
 SIGNATURE

\_\_\_\_\_  
 DATE

**Act 13 Qualified Beginner Farmer – Additional Information**

Please provide as much of the information below to aid in the review of your application.

**APPLICANT CONTACT INFORMATION**

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Phone number: \_\_\_\_\_  Check here if preferred method of contact

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_  Check here if preferred method of contact

**FARM INFORMATION**

County/Township: \_\_\_\_\_

Physical Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Parcel Number(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Acreage: \_\_\_\_\_

Anticipated Settlement Date: \_\_\_\_\_

-OR-

Actual Settlement Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Date farm was preserved (if known): \_\_\_\_\_

Name of owner(s) who preserved farm (if known): \_\_\_\_\_

Any additional information: \_\_\_\_\_  
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