



SUGGESTIONS ON
PRESENTING AN
AGRICULTURAL SECURITY
AREA PETITION

We are requesting the creation of an Agricultural Security Area for the following reasons:

1. To preserve and protect agriculture.
2. To encourage the development and improvement of ag lands for food production.
3. To preserve natural and ecological resources which provide open space.
4. To preserve the aesthetic, rural appearance of the area.
5. To preserve a productive base for one of our local industries who supply jobs.
6. To slow the development of conflicting land uses.
7. Lessen costs of public services.
8. To provide climate that will encourage and allow youth to enter agriculture.

Act 43, "The Agriculture Security Act", authorizes this in Section 5a "Any owner or owners of land may submit a proposal to the governing body for the creation of an agricultural area within such local government unit, provided that such owner or owners own at least 500 acres of viable agricultural land in the proposed area".

We've discussed this with farmers of the area. _____ of us have agreed to file the petition. The acreage included in the proposed agriculture security area is _____.

We've already listed what we feel will be benefits to the township. We urge you to appoint an Agricultural Area Advisory committee as required in the law, review the proposal and adopt the ag security areas as proposed.

We are willing to work with you to answer questions and to discuss the proposal. We also suggest you may want to use other resources available to you in reviewing the proposed area:

Cooperative Extension
The Soil Conservation Service
Pennsylvania State University and SCS Soil Maps
The County Planning Commission

The following farmers in the township have indicated they are willing to serve on the Agricultural Area Advisory Committee:
