



Can I relinquish participation in this program at any time?

For enrollment in the **VAD** program, **YES**. A single written notice to the Randolph County Agricultural District Board notifying them of your decision is all that is necessary.

For enrollment in the **EVAD** program, **NO**. Enrollment is binding until the terms of the agreement expire., at least 10 years. Afterward, a written request will remove the land from the program. (All EVAD land is recorded with the Clerk of Court.)

Note: Land enrolled in these programs and Conservation Agreements will not be revoked due to death, sale or gift. Recording fees will apply to remove the EVAD terms from the deed.

Applications and additional information may be found at:
<http://randolph.ces.ncsu.edu/site-randolph-randolphvad/>

What is the Voluntary Agricultural District Advisory Board?

The Voluntary Agricultural District Advisory Board is composed of a number of county residents, which includes farmers representing Agricultural Districts. Board members are appointed by the Board of County Commissioners. The Agricultural Advisory Board reviews and approves applications to the Voluntary Agricultural District program. They also advise the Board of County Commissioners on projects, programs, or issues affecting the agricultural economy or way of life within the county.


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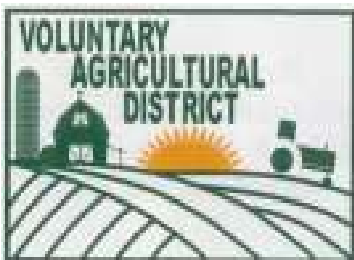


Your Agricultural Land is a Valuable Asset to the Citizens of Randolph County

Citizens of Randolph County derive many benefits from your farmland: clean water and air, plant and animal habitat, locally grown fresh fruits, vegetables, meat and dairy products, horticultural products, and scenic rural vistas. Now you can enroll in a program that demonstrates your pride and commitment to agriculture, and celebrates your contribution to the exceptional quality of life in Randolph County

Purpose

The Randolph County Voluntary and Enhanced Agricultural District Program was created to promote agricultural and environmental values and the general welfare of the county by increasing identity and pride in the agricultural community and its way of life; encourage the economic health of agriculture; and to increase protection from non-farm development and other negative impacts on properly managed farms.



Requirements for Enrollment

To qualify as farmland eligible for this program, it must be real property that:

- is engaged in agriculture as defined in N. C. General Statute 106-581.1.
- Meets the size requirements applicable to its class of use as set out in NC General Statute 105-277.3(a) and which therefore requires at least: 5 acres of horticultural land, 10 acres of agricultural land, or 20 acres of forestry that are in actual production.
- Be managed in acceptable soil and farming practices.
- Be involved in direct agricultural or forestry production in accordance with NC General Statutes.
- Be subject to a Conservation Agreement between the County and property owner(s).

What Enrollment Options are There?

There are two programs available. Both offer similar benefits, but are slightly different .

- Voluntary Agricultural District (VAD) enrollment identifies and protects farmlands. Land will remain enrolled until a written request is made by the land owners to remove the farmland from the program.
- Enhanced Voluntary Agricultural District identify land as farmland and restrict development for a minimum of ten years. After the initial ten-year period, land is automatically

renewed into this program for an additional three-year term until a written notice is received from the land owners.

What are the Benefits of Enrolling?

- The program fosters rural and urban growth while preserving agricultural heritage, quality of life and open space.
- The program Informs by signage, new landowners , and others of a farm presence and potential of dust, noise and smells associated with agriculture possibly reducing conflicts between neighbors.
- Members has increased protection from nuisance lawsuits and other negative impacts affecting participating farms.
- Requires that farmland be used as a last resort if land is considered for a public project that may condemn land.
- Certain abeyances for water, sewer or electricity may apply.
- Certain Federal and State conservation programs may entitle farmlands enrolled in this program priority for consideration and reduced cost-share contributions for conservation improvements.