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SADC Preserves 136-Acre Comly Farm in West Amwell Township

W. AMWELL TWP. – Agriculture Secretary Douglas H. Fisher today announced the preservation of the 136-acre Comly farm on Barry Road in West Amwell Township, Hunterdon County.

The farm, owned by Edward Comly and sons William and John, has been in the Comly family since 1955 when it was purchased by Edward Comly's parents. William Comly says his family decided to preserve the farm because they value the rural nature of the area and wanted to maintain it.

The State Agriculture Development Committee purchased the development rights to the farm. When landowners sell their development rights, they retain ownership of the land but agree to permanent deed restrictions that protect the land for agricultural uses.

The State Agriculture Development Committee administers the Farmland Preservation Program. To date, more than 1,800 farms covering approximately 179,000 acres have been permanently preserved statewide under the program, including 304 farms covering approximately 25,000 acres in Hunterdon County.

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