



PA Act 100 of 1979, Agricultural Lands Condemnation Approval Board (ALCAB) – established the Agricultural Lands Condemnation Approval Board (ALCAB) as an independent administrative board with approval authority over the condemnation of productive agricultural land for highway projects.



PA Act 43 of 1981, Agricultural Security Areas (ASAs) – enables landowners to propose the creation of Agricultural Security Areas (ASAs) to municipal governments. Under PA Act 43, an application for approval to condemn non-exempt ASA lands in agricultural production must be filed with ALCAB.



4 Pa Code Chapter 7, § 7.301 et seq. Agricultural Land Preservation Policy (ALPP) – outlines agricultural preservation standards that all state agencies must support. It is intended to protect and preserve the Commonwealth's "prime agricultural land." "Prime agricultural land" is categorized into five priority categories: preserved farmland; Agricultural Security Areas; farmland enrolled in Act 319 (Clean and Green); agricultural zoning; and farmland with soil capability classes I-IV.



7 U.S.C. § 4201, Farmland Protection Policy Act (FPPA) of 1981 – The purpose is to minimize the extent to which federal programs contribute to the unnecessary and irreversible conversion of farmland to nonagricultural use. The Act recognizes four categories of farmland soils: Prime Farmland Soils; Unique Farmland Soils; Farmland Soils of Statewide Importance; and Locally Important Farmland Soils. Land does not have to be in active agricultural use for consideration under this program.