

FSCAP Certified Steward

Robert Ensor
Ensor Family Farm



Carroll County farmer Robert Ensor owns and manages 160-acres of land in Manchester, MD. The cropland is leased to a local dairy family, the Sellers, who operate Panora Acres. The property has been in the Ensor family since about 1965: it was a dairy farm, a beef cow/calf operation, and now a cropland and conservation showplace. Best management practices in use on the farm include field strip crops, grassed waterways, diversions, steeper land planted with trees, buffered streams, and wetland preservation. The Ensor farm – which is permanently preserved in the Agricultural Land Preservation Program since the program’s inception in Maryland – demonstrates that owners and farmland renters can work well together to keep land productive and profitable, while maintaining a high level of conservation practices through a solid committed working relationship

