



## Barn Preservation Programs

**Does your state have a barn preservation program? Are you serious about preserving or rehabilitating an historic barn? Here are some resources to get you started.**

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This typical midwest dairy barn in Wisconsin includes a second-story large hayloft and space below for livestock.

Do you look twice ...

... every time you pass a barn on the highway?

Barns have a way of capturing our attention (they're large!) and our imaginations (what's behind those wind-worn walls?)

Barn histories and styles are the focus of "Barns of America" by Audrey Pavia.

Serious about barn preservation (or want to learn more)?

The National Barn Alliance can whet your barn preservation appetite. Does your state have a preservation program? Sign up for a free newsletter Learn how to establish documentation for an historic barn View a gallery of barns Link to national organizations that offer guidelines, like the National Register of Historic Places. They have a list of historic barn types and the following advice on it's website:

### 7 Barn Rehab Considerations

Keep these 7 points in mind before you jump into a barn preservation and/or rehabilitation project: Preserve the historic setting of the barn as much as possible.

Repair and repaint historic siding rather than cover barns with artificial siding.

Repair rather than replace historic windows whenever possible, and avoid "blocking them down" or covering them up.

Avoid changing the size of door openings whenever possible.

Consider a new exterior addition only if it is essential to the continued use of a historic barn.

Retain interior spaces and features as much as possible.

Retain as much of the historic internal structural system as possible.

### Historic Barn Types

- Dutch Barns
- Bank Barns
- Crib Barns
- Round Barns
- Prairie Barns
- Others Finnish log barns
- "Threebay" English barns
- New England connected barn
- Upper midwest dairy barns
- Tobacco barns
- Hop-drying barns
- Rice barns
- "Kit" barns build to patterns

Source: National Park Service, Technical Preservation Services, Preservation Brief, The Preservation of Historic Barns

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