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Dear Maine Producer:

We would like to invite you to participate in the 27th Anniversary of Open Farm Day scheduled on Sunday, July 24th, 2016! We are looking forward to this opportunity to promote Maine's diverse agricultural community.

Open Farm Day is the perfect way to connect with neighbors, your town, interested visitors and tourists and teach them about how their food and fiber is produced. Many who attend bring children to learn and connect with local farms. If you would like to participate, please sign up online at: [http://maine.gov/dacf/ard/market\\_promotion/open\\_farm\\_day-signup.shtml](http://maine.gov/dacf/ard/market_promotion/open_farm_day-signup.shtml) and complete the online form. Please mail or email a copy of your Certificate of Insurance, to:

Maine Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry  
ATTN: Open Farm Day  
28 State House Station  
Augusta, ME 04333-0028  
Or Fax: (207) 287-7548

The completed form and certificate of insurance must be received NO LATER than Tuesday, May 24th. If we do not receive your materials by this date, your farm will not be listed in the promotional materials used to showcase this event. Farms that do not provide a Certificate of Insurance are not eligible to participate.

All new participants who meet the requirements and deadline for promotions will receive an official Open Farm Day Participant flag, while supplies last, to help promote your involvement in this annual event. Other promotions for this year's event will include press releases, website promotions, posters and inclusion in a supplemental newsletter listing all the participating farms. The supplement will be distributed to all tourism information centers throughout the State of Maine and will be inserted in daily newspapers throughout the state prior to this event.

Again, please put Sunday, July 24th on your calendar and plan to join us for the 27th Anniversary of Open Farm Day! We look forward to working with you on this exciting and worthwhile event. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the Maine Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry at (207) 287-7620 or [samantha.howard@maine.gov](mailto:samantha.howard@maine.gov)

Sincerely,

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