

AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY COMMITTEE

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REPORTS DUE TO THE AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY COMMITTEE
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Reports Due Annually:

<u>MRSA Title/Section</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Due Date</u>	<u>From</u>
Resolve 1995, c.69, §10	Resolve to require DAFRR to take various actions to support the dairy industry , including estimates of when each item will be accomplished and goals for the following year.	Annual: By 1/1	DAFRR
13 §1956, sub-§8	Report on the operations of the Maine Agricultural Bargaining Board .	Annual: On or before 1/15	Maine Agricultural Bargaining Board
7 §4213	Report on nutrient management including the number of people certified, a summary of the notifications received, the number of applications and the number of permits issued, the availability of financing for storage facilities and the barriers to implementation of the program.	Annual: By 2/15	Commissioner of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources
12 §1839, 12 §1853 and 12 §1862	Report on nonreserved public land, public reserved land and submerged lands . The Agriculture Committee shall submit a written recommendation regarding the bureau's proposed budget to the Appropriations Committee by March 15 annually.	Annual: By 3/1	Bureau of Parks and Lands
7 §351, sub-§4	Report on the Agricultural Water Management and Irrigation Fund and the status of agricultural irrigation in the State.	Annual: By 3/1, 1 st rpt due 3/1/06	DAFRR
7 §435, sub-§5	Report summarizing loans made from the Agriculture Marketing Loan Fund during the previous calendar year and loans outstanding categorized by the types of agricultural enterprises receiving them.	Annual: By 3/1	Commissioner of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources
7 §332, sub-§7	Report on the irrigation activities of the Aroostook Water and Soil Management Board , including meetings, agreements, demonstration projects, research findings, informational activities, an evaluation and recommendations.	Annual	Aroostook Water and Soil Management Board

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7 §320, sub-§1, ¶G	Report on the impact and effectiveness of the Maine Farms for the Future Program.	Annual: By 3/15	DAFRR
36 §305, sub-§6	Report on the transfer in ownership of parcels of land 10,000 acres or greater within the unorganized territory of the State.	Annual: By 9/1	Bureau of Revenue Services
7 §125, sub-§6	Report on the meetings of the Board of Agriculture with recommendations regarding changes or improvements in the programs and the budget.	Annually to JSC on Agriculture and Board of Trustees of the University of Maine	Board of Agriculture
7 §2404	Report on council activity including priorities for integrated pest management research, education, demonstration and implementation, goals for expansion of integrated pest management and advancing the level of integrated pest management.	Annual	Integrated Pest Management Council
12 §206	Report on the status of technology advances related to agricultural conservation projects via the Challenge Grant Program.	Annual	DAFRR
7 §2315, sub-§10	Report to the Governor and the Legislature covering the activities of the Pest Control Insurance Fund for the preceding year.	Annual	Governing Board of the Pest Control Insurance Fund
7 §2157, sub-§6	Report summarizing the field trial program and address total sales of new seedstock, adoption of new potato varieties by the State's farmers, yields, quality and other indicators of performance.	Annual	Agronomist of the Maine Agricultural Experiment Station
12 §8878-A	Report summarizing clearcutting statewide by geographic region and by ownership class.	Annual	Director of the Maine Forest Service
P&SL 1989, c. 108, §6, sub-§5	Annual financial report to the Commissioner of Conservation, Director of SPO, Treasurer of the State, State Auditor, and ACF.	Within 20 days after the close of its fiscal year	Wells National Estuarine Research Reserve Management Authority

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Reports Due Annually and Jointly to the Legal and Veterans Affairs Committee:

<u>MRSA Title/Section</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Due Date</u>	<u>From</u>
8 §267	Account of actions, receipts, and recommendations.	Annual: By 1/31 to the Governor, JSC on Agriculture and Legislative Council	State Harness Racing Commission
8 §275-D, sub-§9	Report on the effects of off-track betting facilities on the local economy, public interest and integrity of live racing.	Annual: By 1/1	DAFRR
8 §285, sub-§12	Report on the activities of the Harness Racing Promotional Board and expenditures from the Harness Racing Promotional Fund.	Annual: By 2/15	Harness Racing Promotional Board

Reports Due Jointly to the Natural Resources Committee:

<u>MRSA Title/Section</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Due Date</u>	<u>From</u>
7 §353, sub-§6	Report on the sustainable agricultural water source program.	Biennial beginning in 2007 by 1/30	Maine Agricultural Water Management Board
10 §997-B sub-§2	Report on the activities of the commission, including deposits and expenditures from the Agriculturally Derived Fuel Fund.	Annual	Agricultural Products Utilization Commission

Reports Due Jointly to the Taxation Committee:

<u>MRSA Title/Section</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Due Date</u>	<u>From</u>
7 §3906-B, sub-§15	Report outlining summary of cases of cruelty to animals, a summary of final dispositions of those cases and with respect to companion animals, the number of animal shelter intakes, sterilizations and euthanizations, and an account of deposits into and payments from the Companion Animal Sterilization Fund.	Annual: By 3/1	Commissioner of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources

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One-time Reports to the Committee:

<u>MRSA Title/Section</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Due Date</u>	<u>From</u>
P.L. 2005, c. 12, sec. U-1	Report on the pilot project for issuing burn permits electronically. Final report to include the number of permits issued electronically, the number issued electronically as a percent of total permits issued in the pilot region and the revenue generated and costs associated with electronic issuance and recommendations of changes to the program.	Preliminary rpt 2/1/06, Final Rpt 2/1/07.	DOC
P.L. 2006, c. 598, sec. 5	Report on the Henderson Brook Bridge in the Allagash Wilderness Waterway study.	Preliminary rpt 11/1/06, Final Rpt 1/15/07.	Commission to Study the Henderson Brook Bridge in the Allagash Wilderness Waterway
P.L. 2006, c. 550, sec.8	Report on the review of submerged lands leasing program.	1/2/07	DOC
P.L. 2006, c. 550, sec.7	Report on the interest in and feasibility of establishing outcome-based forestry in experimental areas.	1/2/07	DOC
P.L. 2006, c. 553, sec.3	Report on the risks and benefits of the application of pesticides near marine waters to control browntail moths.	1/2/07	Board of Pesticides Control
P.L. 2006, c. 598, sec.4	Report on changes proposed to the 1999 Allagash Wilderness Waterway management plan.	1/15/07	DOC
Resolve 2006, c. 198, sec. 2	Report on the result of the outreach activities conducted by DAFRR pertaining to animal identification.	1/15/2007	DAFRR
Resolve 2006, c. 197, sec. 3	Report on actions taken to increase snowmobiling opportunities in the Katahdin Region.	3/15/2007	DOC

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Additional Reports Due This Biennium:

<u>MRSA Title/Section</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Due Date</u>	<u>From</u>
5 §6206, sub-§1, ¶E	Report on expenditures from the Land for Maine's Future fund and the Public Access to Maine Waters fund, including revisions to strategies and guidelines, a summary of projects that land or interest in land is acquired by a cooperating entity, a county-by county summary of the expenditures, and cumulative totals by county of acreage conserved through acquisition of fee or less-than-fee interest.	1/1 of each odd-numbered year	Land for Maine's Future Board
12 §8879	Report on the condition of Maine's forests, including information on the number of parcels, classified by size categories, for the organized and unorganized territories of the State.	1/1 of each odd numbered year	Director of Forest Services
12 §8612, sub-§4	Report on activities under the field forester program including a description of the types of assistance given to landowners and wood processors, and of the activities the field foresters; and any recommendations for changes in the program.	Biennial beginning in 1991 by 2/1	Commissioner of Conservation
7 §222, sub-§6	Report on activity of the Maine Agricultural Internship and Training Program	Biennial: by 3/1 of each odd numbered year	Commissioner of DAFRR
7 §2, sub-§5 and 7 §401-B, sub-§6	Report on methods of stimulating the growth and modernization of agricultural enterprises in the State, and an updated estimate of the percentage of food consumed in Maine that is produced in Maine.	12/1 of each even numbered year	DAFRR
7 §216, sub-§11	Report on the activities of the Maine Food Policy Council.	Biennial: by 12/15 of each odd numbered year	Maine Food Policy Council

OTHER REPORTS OF INTEREST TO THE AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY COMMITTEE

<u>MRSA TITLE/Section</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Due Date</u>	<u>From</u>
P.L. 2006, c. 546, sec. 2	Report regarding the number of cases prosecuted and the results of cases regarding Maine's timber theft laws.	3/1/08 to the JSC on CRJ	DOC

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<u>MRSA TITLE/Section</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Due Date</u>	<u>From</u>
12 §8886, sub-§2	Report by zones on stumpage prices paid for forest tree species.	Annual	Forest Bureau
36 §4604	Audit of the financial records of the Maine Potato Board to commissioner of DAFRR.	Annual	State Auditor
Resolve 2001, c. 31, sec. 2	Report to the State Planning Office regarding conservation easements held.	Annually	IF&W, DOC, DAFRR, and the Atlantic Salmon Commission
8 §263-C, sub-§4	Report to the Governor, Legislature and recommendations to the Commissioner of DAFRR regarding harness racing and off-track betting operations and the need for changes in statutes and rules.	Upon request	State Harness Racing Commission

Repeals of Interest to the Committee

22 §1444, sub-§4	Repeals the limits on pesticides applications near coastal waters in Cumberland, Sagadahoc and York counties to control browntail moths.	3/31/07
22 §1445	Repeals the restrictions on applications of pesticides to control browntail moths.	3/31/07

LAWS THAT GRANT THE AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY COMMITTEE THE POWER TO REPORT OUT LEGISLATION

<u>MRSA Title/Section</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Date</u>
P.L. 2003, c 648, sec. 6	Authorize legislation to implement the committee's recommendations regarding dairy stabilization and the tiered price support.	1 st Regular Session of the 123 rd Legislature
P.L. 2003, c 648, sec. 7	Authorize legislation to implement the committee's recommendations regarding the Milk Income Loss Contract.	1 st Regular Session of the 123 rd Legislature
P.L. 2006, c. 553, sec.4	Authorize legislation regarding the application of pesticides near marine waters to control browntail moths.	1 st Regular Session of the 123 rd Legislature
P.L. 2006, c. 550, sec.7	Authorize legislation regarding outcome-based forestry.	1 st Regular Session of the 123 rd Legislature
P.L. 2006, c. 598, sec.4	Authorize legislation regarding the management of the Allagash Wilderness Waterway.	1 st Regular Session of the 123 rd Legislature

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**MAJOR SUBSTANTIVE RULEMAKING DUE TO THE
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<u>MRSA Title/Section</u>	<u>Agency Given Rulemaking Authority</u>	<u>Rule Description</u>	<u>Committee of Jurisdiction</u>
7 §2910	DAFRR	Uniform standards for milk and milk products.	AFC
12 § 685-C, sub-§§ 3 and 5	LURC	Schedule of reasonable fees.	AFC

**GOVERNMENT EVALUATION REVIEWS BY THE AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION
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<u>Statutory Cite</u>	<u>Agency</u>	<u>Year Review Due</u>
3 §959	Maine Dairy and Nutrition Council	2007
3 §959	Maine Dairy Promotions Board	2007
3 §959	Maine Milk Commission	2007
3 §959	State Harness Racing Commission	2007
3 §959	Land for Maine's Future Board	2007

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