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COMMERCIAL FARM PFAS TESTING REIMBURSEMENT PROGRAM

The Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry (DACF) may reimburse a commercial farm for the costs the farm incurred for self-testing soil, water, and/or farm products for the presence of per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS). Reimbursement depends on meeting the requirements that are explained below.

What are the requirements to be reimbursed for PFAS sampling costs? ?

1. You must be a commercial farm that Maine Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) records indicate: had sludge or septage spread on it **OR** your farm received feed or other products (like manure) that came from a farm with a record of sludge or septage spread on it **OR** your farm is located near a location where DEP records show sludge or septage was spread.
2. Your farm **took the tests before DACF became involved in your farm's testing.**
3. Lab results from a DEP-accredited laboratory show PFAS **above** state levels for:
 - a) Soil at or above existing PFOS crop-specific soil screening levels; **or**
 - b) Water at or above Maine's interim Drinking Water standard of 20 parts per trillion (ppt) for the sum of 6 PFAS substances; **or**
 - c) Milk (Maine's Action Threshold is currently 210 ppt PFOS); **or**
 - d) Beef (Maine's Action Threshold is currently 3.4 parts per billion (ppb) PFOS)); **or**
 - e) Feed, vegetables or livestock products that have elevated levels of PFAS, in conjunction with **a** or **b** listed above.
4. If you self-tested (you didn't use a private company to sample), you followed DEP's sampling guidance.
5. Complete test results must be shared with DACF.

What costs are covered? \$

Reimbursable costs can include laboratory sampling costs and third-party sampling services for soil, milk, feed, beef tissue, vegetative tissue, grain, and water. **Note: Water sampling must be for water sources for farm usage.**

If winter soil sampling occurred that required equipment rental (example: front-end loader), rental fees are reimbursable. DACF reserves the right to review the invoices of third-party contractors to assess billing rates and other charges to determine whether they are acceptable for reimbursement.

What needs to be submitted?

1. Reimbursement application form created by DACF; **and**
2. Test results from a laboratory certified by the State of Maine to perform PFAS analysis; **and**
3. Documentation of testing expenses, including: copies of receipts, itemized invoices, and proof of payment; **and**
4. A completed State of Maine Vendor Authorization form.

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