



STATE OF MAINE  
 DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION & FORESTRY  
 BUREAU OF AGRICULTURE, FOOD & RURAL RESOURCES  
 28 STATE HOUSE STATION  
 AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333

JANET T. MILLS  
 GOVERNOR

AMANDA E. BEAL  
 COMMISSIONER

**APPLICATION FOR COMMERCIAL FARM PFAS TESTING REIMBURSEMENT**

PRODUCER MUST COMPLETE ALL INFORMATION BELOW AND PROVIDE COPIES OF REQUIRED DOCUMENTATION

NAME OF PRODUCER: \_\_\_\_\_

NAME OF COMMERCIAL FARM: \_\_\_\_\_

MAILING ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

STATE: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_ EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

BUSINESS THAT PERFORMED SAMPLING (insert N/A if self-tested):  
 \_\_\_\_\_

IF SELF-TESTED, DID YOU FOLLOW DEP'S WATER SAMPLING GUIDANCE:  YES  NO

LABORATORY USED: \_\_\_\_\_

NAME OF DACF STAFF PERSON FAMILIAR WITH FARM: \_\_\_\_\_

REASON FOR CONDUCTING PFAS TESTING (i.e., history of sludge application at farm)?  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

REIMBURSEMENT AMOUNT REQUESTED: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**INFORMATION THAT MUST BE SUBMITTED WITH THIS APPLICATION**

1. Test results from a laboratory certified by the State of Maine to perform PFAS analysis (list of certified labs available here: <https://www.maine.gov/dhhs/mecdc/environmental-health/dwp/cet/documents/PFASlabs.pdf>). NOTE: water sampling must be affiliated with water sources for farm usage.
2. Supporting documentation of the testing expenses, including:
  - a. Copies of receipts;
  - b. Itemized invoices; and
  - c. Proof of payment.
3. A completed State of Maine Vendor Authorization Form, available here: [https://www.maine.gov/osc/sites/maine.gov/osc/files/inline-files/vendor\\_ME\\_W9v5.pdf](https://www.maine.gov/osc/sites/maine.gov/osc/files/inline-files/vendor_ME_W9v5.pdf)

NANCY MCBRADY, BUREAU DIRECTOR  
 AGRICULTURE, FOOD & RURAL RESOURCES  
 90 BLOSSOM LANE, DEERING BUILDING



PHONE: (207) 287-3491  
 FAX: (207) 287-7548  
 WWW.MAINE.GOV/DACF

I certify, under penalty of law, that the information given in this application is correct and completed to the best of my knowledge.

SIGNATURE : \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

**Send completed application and all required materials to: [Michelle.Mason-Webber@maine.gov](mailto:Michelle.Mason-Webber@maine.gov) or**

Michelle Mason Webber  
Bureau of Agriculture, Food & Rural Resources  
28 State House Station  
Augusta, ME 04333-0028

---

### **Sampling Reimbursement Conditions**

1. Maine Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) records indicated a historical record of sludge or septage spreading at the farm; or
2. The farm received feed or other inputs that, from DEP records, indicate are from a farm that has a history of sludge or septage spreading; or
3. The farm is located near<sup>1</sup> a location where DEP records indicate sludge or septage was spread; and
4. Lab results from a Maine-accredited and DEP-approved laboratory indicate PFAS contamination for:
  - a. Soil (at or above existing PFOS crop specific soil screening [levels](#));
  - b. Water (at or above Maine’s current Interim Drinking Water standard of 20 parts per trillion (ppt) for the sum of 6 PFAS); 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, vegetable, or other livestock products that have elevated levels of PFAS, in conjunction with a or b above.
5. The Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry (DACF) reserves the right to review the invoices of third-party sampling contractors (if utilized) to assess billing rates and total charges and determine whether acceptable.
  - a. DACF’s experience with winter and spring soil sampling, when the ground is frozen or newly thawed, is that soil samples are extremely wet and sample results are unreliable as to accuracy. Therefore, soil sampling conducted when the soil is frozen or newly thawed will not have costs reimbursed.
6. The laboratory reimbursement amount is generally capped at a cost equal to DACF’s standard rate from its contracted companies (e.g. \$200-\$450 per lab sample).

---

<sup>1</sup> “Located near” may include but not be limited to an adjacent or abutting parcel, or where the farm is downgradient from the location where historic sludge or septage spreading was permitted, or where DEP advises hydrogeological attributes may indicate the potential for contaminated groundwater to impact the non-spread farm.

***DACF reserves the right to amend program parameters and criteria at any time. PFAS Testing Reimbursement payments are subject to the availability of DACF’s PFAS funding. Payments represent taxable income.***