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APPLICATION FOR PRODUCER PFAS INCOME REPLACEMENT PROGRAM SUPPORT

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

TAXPAYER ID # (Provide one TIN only): SSN (person) **or** Federal Employer ID # (Business). TIN: _____

TIN TYPE	Organization Type	Classification		
Social Sec. Number ➔	<input type="checkbox"/> Individual ➔	<input type="checkbox"/> Individual	<input type="checkbox"/> Sole Proprietorship	<input type="checkbox"/> Estate
Employer ID ➔	<input type="checkbox"/> Company ➔	<input type="checkbox"/> Corporation <input type="checkbox"/> Partnership	<input type="checkbox"/> Trust <input type="checkbox"/> Estate	<input type="checkbox"/> Other <input type="checkbox"/> Other non-profit

LEGAL NAME: _____
(Legal name filed with IRS tied to the ID number above (SSN=first & last name or Employer ID = business name))

CONTACT NAME: _____

MAILING ADDRESS: _____

CITY/STATE/ZIP: _____

PHONE: _____ EMAIL: _____

HAVE TEST RESULTS DEMONSTRATING PFAS CONTAMINATION BEEN SHARED WITH DACF?
 YES NO

NAME OF DACF STAFF PERSON FAMILIAR WITH FARM: _____

INFORMATION THAT MUST BE SUBMITTED WITH THIS APPLICATION

1. A separate narrative regarding farm’s business operations and sales prior to the discovery of PFAS. This can include overview of farm history, products, customer base, employees, etc. Please attach as a separate Word or PDF document and limit to one page.
2. A separate narrative regarding impact of PFAS contamination upon the farm business. This can include actions taken upon discovery, documented loss of sales, projected total losses for current year, etc. Please attach as a separate Word or PDF document and limit to one page.
3. Supporting financial documentation, including:
 - a. Complete copy of prior year’s Personal and Business Federal Income Tax Returns, including all schedules. All owners of a business entity (LLC, Corp, partnership) are to provide personal Federal tax returns. Please provide 1099 statements for any farm income, including those for agriculture program payments and patronage dividends.

- b. Prior year's Profit and Loss Statements by month.
- c. Current year Profit and Loss Statements to date, by month.

Note that farms may also choose to average the top three grossing years out of the past five years as the basis for income replacement calculation, instead of the prior year's income. In that case, farms must submit the Federal Income Tax Filings for the five years and indicate the three to be averaged.

- d. Other documentation that the farms feel relevant to share demonstrating loss of sales and current financial situation.
4. Documentation demonstrating financial payments received from state, federal, or non-profit entities specifically related to PFAS assistance (e.g. USDA's Dairy Indemnity Payment Program assistance, MOFGA/MFT income replacement support), by month.
 5. 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))

Note that DACF may request supplemental materials or documents from the applicant as needed.

Note that financial information provided to the Department is not confidential unless applicants request that it be designated confidential pursuant to 7 MRS §20.

APPLICANT REQUEST for designation of confidentiality for its submitted financial documents: YES NO

APPLICANT CERTIFICATION: I certify that all farm/business income sources are included in the tax documentation provided herein or otherwise specified through additional information provided to DACF. I certify that the information given in this application is correct and completed to the best of my knowledge. I acknowledge that, by submitting this application, I grant DACF permission to access other relevant financial records related to PFAS emergency financial support that I have received from third-party entities.

AUTHORIZED SIGNATURE: _____

TITLE & DATE: _____

Send completed application and all required materials to: Amie.Greenham@maine.gov or

Amie Greenham
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28 State House Station
Augusta, ME 04333-0028

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Income Replacement Program Parameters

1. For a farm to qualify for financial support, the farm must have DACF-confirmed unsafe levels of PFAS contamination on its farm. Laboratory reports from the Maine Department of Environmental Protection (DEP)-approved laboratories must show:
 - a. A water test result of 20 ppt or higher for wells servicing their farm/fields and/or soil test results exceeding Maine CDC's current crop-specific soil screening levels; and
 - b. One or more samples of farm products showing PFAS at levels deemed of concern by the Maine CDC.

- i. At present, Maine CDC has established Action Thresholds for Milk (210 ppt) and Beef (3.4 ppb). These thresholds are subject to change.
2. The above results are either shared with DACF in a timely manner and/or obtained by DACF's own testing at the farm.
3. The payment calculation will be predicated on the gross income (GI) as recorded by a farm's complete federal tax filings. Producers will provide complete federal tax returns for the business and owners (individual Federal tax returns) to support requests for income replacement. Farms may choose to submit their Schedule F for the prior year GI OR the average of the top three (3) highest-grossing years over the past five (5) years. Using these tax documents, a baseline calculation for a one-year total GI in the current year will be determined for the farm. The cost of inflation will be included in the calculation (per the rate published by the US Bureau of Labor Statistics and consult the Consumer Price Index). How and when to allocate this amount is further predicated on additional factors, which may change the ultimate payment(s) total(s).
4. Additional payment considerations that may impact the total payment include whether the farm is currently receiving support from USDA's Dairy Indemnity Payment Program, if the farm is successful in returning to some amount of production/sales, if the farm received one-time state or federal grants or other types of support outside of normal income streams in the prior year, or other case-by-case considerations. PFAS income replacement support received by producers from MOGFA and MFT will also be subtracted from the total.

DACF reserves the right to amend program parameters and criteria at any time. Producer PFAS Income Replacement Program payments are subject to the availability of DACF's PFAS funding. Payments represent taxable income.