

PFAS Testing Program - Application Form

Please read below for the program overview, eligibility and prioritization:

Overview:

This PFAS Testing Program, administered by MFT and MOFGA, assists farmers who have concerns regarding potential per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) contamination.

The program will pay for testing of home or irrigation water for contamination with these chemicals.

The program will also cover testing of products or inputs if a farm has any concerns relating to the purchase of inputs (hay, milk etc.) from a farm known to have contamination.

A simple application form will assess eligibility for the program and several farms will be selected upon a weekly review to participate in the program.

Eligibility and prioritization:

All commercial farms (a farm that sells to consumers outside of the household) are eligible

Farms must state that they require financial assistance for PFAS testing.

Farms who are seeking to test materials associated with land that was licensed and/or spread with biosolids.

Farms which derive at least 50% of their family income from their farm will be prioritized.

Farms classified as "Tier 1" licensed sites will be prioritized.

Applicants self-identified as Indigenous and are growing food and medicine in community do not need to meet commercial farm eligibility criteria

We have limited resources and unfortunately may not be able to fund all eligible applications. Award decisions will be made according to available testing program funds, applicant eligibility and priorities.

Confidentiality:

Test results will need to be shared with MFT or MOFGA as we will seek reimbursement from DEP and DACF for high test results in order to replenish the testing fund for other farmers to access. We will not share this information outside of our organizations, DACF, and DEP.

Maine DEP info page: <https://www.maine.gov/dep/spills/topics/pfas/>

Maine DACF info page : <https://www.maine.gov/dacf/ag/pfas/index.shtml>

* Required

Eligibility and fund priorities

1. Name *

2. Farm Name *

3. Email Address

4. Phone Number

5. Physical Address *

6. Are you actively farming commercially, selling to consumers outside of your household? *

Mark only one oval.

Yes

No

7. Is at least 50% of your household income derived from farm income? *

Mark only one oval.

Yes

No

8. Are you an Indigenous food or medicine producer? *

Mark only one oval.

Yes

No

9. If you are an Indigenous food or medicine producer, please explain your production and how it relates to your need for testing.

10. Do you need financial support for PFAS testing? Is this something you wouldn't otherwise do? *

Mark only one oval.

- Yes
 No
 Maybe

11. Have you previously tested the water, land, inputs or farm products for PFAS? *

Mark only one oval.

- Yes
 No

12. Please tell us more about your prior testing and why you have a need for additional testing.

13. Do you have reason to believe that your farm products like milk, meat or cheese are contaminated by purchased inputs like hay or milk? Do you know if these products come from licensed sites in Tier 1 towns? Please explain.

14. Do you have reason to believe your land was spread with biosolids or regulated residuals? *

Mark only one oval.

- Yes - my farmland was part of a license to apply biosolids
Skip to question 15
- Yes - my farmland was not part of a license but had biosolids or regulated residuals spread *Skip to question 15*
- Not sure *Skip to question 15*
- No, but there is a Tier 1 site within a half mile of my farm
Skip to question 20
- No *Skip to question 20*

Skip to question 20

Land History

15. Is the farmland you want to test classified as a Tier 1 site? *

Mark only one oval.

- Yes
- No
- I don't know

16. Please indicate the years when the land was part of a license to apply biosolids.

17. Please indicate the years when the land had biosolids or regulated residuals spread (and the number of times in total.)

18. If you are unsure whether biosolids or regulated residuals were spread on the farm, please explain why you think they may have been and why you are unsure.

19. Please provide additional physical addresses for lands that were spread; the type of material; amount and location spread; and the crops grown in those fields.

Final Considerations

20. What kind of tests are you seeking financial support for? *

Check all that apply.

- Water
- Other materials
- Not sure

21. Is there anything else you need to share with us?

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