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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 or Class A materials 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 **conducted the tests before DACF became involved at your farm (took tests for you)**. Please contact DACF if you are interested in sampling being done by the state, as DACF may be able to accommodate the request.
3. Lab results from a [PFAS-accredited laboratory](#). Certain laboratories [accept private samples](#).
4. If you self-tested (you didn't use a private company to sample), you followed [DEP's sampling guidance for water sampling](#). Commercial farms are strongly encouraged to work with DACF or a knowledgeable third party for the sampling of soil or other media.
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.**

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](#).

*DACF reserves the right to amend program parameters and criteria at any time. Commercial Farm PFAS Testing Reimbursement Program payments are subject to the availability of DACF's PFAS funding.*

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