



NOTICE OF RENEWAL OF REGISTERED FARMLAND IN 1990/91 (FORM 5B)

INSTRUCTIONS

Send all abutting landowners via certified mail with return receipt. See Form 1 for further instructions.

SIGNATURE(S) IN THE PRESENCE OF A PUBLIC NOTARY

TO: _____
(Owner of the land that abuts parcels of farmland that has been registered)

FROM: _____
(Owner of parcels of farmland that has been registered)

DATE: _____

Pursuant to M.R.S. Title 7, Chapter 2-B, I hereby notify you that, as described in the Notice of Intent to Renew Register of Farmland (Form 4B) mailed to you on (month/day/year) _____ via certified, return receipt mail, I have registered farmland in tax parcel(s) _____ in the town(s) of _____, as shown on the attached tax map(s), and recorded (month/day/year) _____ in the _____ County Registry of Deeds;

Book/Page _____.

Because this farmland was first registered in 1990 or 1991, and renewed by April 1, 2013 the law requires a 100' setback between the edge of the registered farmland and any new inconsistent development or use as listed below on abutting land:

- Residential buildings;
- Public and private wells, drinking water springs and water supply intake points;
- School buildings and any playgrounds, athletic field or other school facilities designed for use by children in the vicinity of school buildings;
- Commercial establishments dispensing of selling food; and
- Public and commercial campgrounds and picnic areas.

You have the right to challenge the eligibility of this farmland by initiating an appeal process at the municipal office within 15 days of your receipt of this notice.

In the future, if you have reason to doubt the continued eligibility of this farmland, you may initiate an appeal once every two years. You may also seek a variance from the setback requirement from the municipality. The municipality may grant a variance if the abutting lot would be rendered unusable by compliance with required setback. As described on the Farmland Registration Fact Sheet (Form 1) that was enclosed with my Notice of Intent to Register Farmland, some abutting lands are exempt. If you have questions about these exemptions or your rights under M.R.S. Title 7, Ch. 2-B, please contact the Maine Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry at (207) 287-34910.

Thank you,

Farmland Owner's Signature