

Application

6-18-15

TOWN OF WINSLOW

VOLUNTARY MUNICIPAL FARM SUPPORT PROGRAM

Application and Requirements



Voluntary Municipal Farm Support Program
PART A - Landowner's Statement of Intent

Pursuant to M.R.S.A. Title 7, Chapter 2-C, Section 4 Rules: Farm Application Requirements

We, the undersigned, declare that:

We wish to enter into a **Farm Support Arrangement** with the Town of Winslow on _____ acres of farmland. If our application is approved by the Town of Winslow, it is our intent to continue to farm this land to produce:

_____ *(list of crops and/or agricultural products)*

and/or to raise:

_____ *(list types of livestock)*

for the next 20 (twenty) years.

In choosing to pursue this Farm Support Arrangement we *(please check one)*:

☐ Have retained legal counsel _____ *(name of attorney)*
to help us review the Agricultural Conservation Easement document.

☐ Have read the attached Improvident Transfers Act and have elected not to seek
legal counsel.

We also declare that should our Farm Support Arrangement be approved by the Town of Winslow, we agree to pay all of the required costs for preparing and filing the Agricultural Conservation Easement in the Kennebec County Registry of Deeds located at 1 Weston Court, Augusta , Maine.

Legal Owner(s) of the farmland property must sign this application to validate eligibility.

Signature: _____

Printed Name: _____

Signature: _____

Printed Name: _____

Signature: _____

Printed Name: _____

Signature: _____

Printed Name: _____

Dated _____

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PART B (1) - Land & Buildings Subject to Easement

Pursuant to M.R.S.A. Title 7, Chapter 2-C, Section 4 Rules: Farm Application Requirements

Use a separate page for each separately assessed parcel.
See PART E for sample application

PARCEL 1

Tax Map-Lot Number _____

Physical Location _____

Description - List Registry of Deeds Book/Page References _____

Is your land surveyed? ☐ NO ☐ YES **** Number of Acres _____

Farm Buildings Subject to Easement - list each building separately

	Description	Dimensions	Current Use
Bldg 1			
Bldg 2			
Bldg 3			
Bldg 4			
Bldg 5			
Bldg 6			
Bldg 7			
Bldg 8			

Use additional sheets if needed to list additional structures.

Mortgaged Assets - please list any current mortgage(s) associated with this parcel

Lender Name	Lender Address & Phone Number	Mortgage Number	Loan Amount	Pay-Off Date

Use additional sheets if needed to list additional mortgages.

Annual Farm Income Report - please provide a detailed accounting of the income derived from this parcel on the reverse side of this form as instructed.

****** Please Note:**

If you checked YES, please provide a copy of the survey with the application.

If you checked NO and Farmland Support Arrangement is approved, you may choose, at your own expense; to survey the land that will be subject to the easement. Otherwise, the aerial photograph that outlines and labels the farmland, farm buildings and easement boundaries will be considered sufficient documentation.

PART B (1) - Annual Farm Income Report

Pursuant to M.R.S.A. Title 7, Chapter 2-C, Section 4 Rules: Farm Application Requirements

1. Please provide detailed information regarding the income derived from crops and/or agricultural products during the previous calendar year.
2. If you filed a Tax Form Schedule F for income tax purposes, please attach a copy.
3. If you did not receive a monetary payment for crop and/or agricultural product on this parcel then you must state the fair market value of the product harvested.

PARCEL 1

The following information represents the calendar year of

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PART B (2) - Land & Buildings Subject to Easement

Pursuant to M.R.S.A. Title 7, Chapter 2-C, Section 4 Rules: Farm Application Requirements

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See PART E for sample application

PARCEL 2

Tax Map-Lot Number _____

Physical Location _____

Description - List Registry of Deeds Book/Page References _____

Is your land surveyed? ☐ NO ☐ YES **** Number of Acres _____

Farm Buildings Subject to Easement - list each building separately

	Description	Dimensions	Current Use
Bldg 1			
Bldg 2			
Bldg 3			
Bldg 4			
Bldg 5			
Bldg 6			
Bldg 7			
Bldg 8			

Use additional sheets if needed to list additional structures.

Mortgaged Assets - please list any current mortgage(s) associated with this parcel

Lender Name	Lender Address & Phone Number	Mortgage Number	Loan Amount	Pay-Off Date

Use additional sheets if needed to list additional mortgages.

Annual Farm Income Report - please provide a detailed accounting of the income derived from this parcel on the reverse side of this form as instructed.

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If you checked YES, please provide a copy of the survey with the application.

If you checked NO and Farmland Support Arrangement is approved, you may choose, at your own expense; to survey the land that will be subject to the easement. Otherwise, the aerial photograph that outlines and labels the farmland, farm buildings and easement boundaries will be considered sufficient documentation.

PART B (2) - Annual Farm Income Report

Pursuant to M.R.S.A. Title 7, Chapter 2-C, Section 4 Rules: Farm Application Requirements

1. Please provide detailed information regarding the income derived from crops and/or agricultural products during the previous calendar year.
2. If you filed a Tax Form Schedule F for income tax purposes, please attach a copy.
3. If you did not receive a monetary payment for crop and/or agricultural product on this parcel then you must state the fair market value of the product harvested.

PARCEL 2

The following information represents the calendar year of

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PART B (3) - Land & Buildings Subject to Easement

Pursuant to M.R.S.A. Title 7, Chapter 2-C, Section 4 Rules: Farm Application Requirements

Use a separate page for each separately assessed parcel.
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PARCEL 3

Tax Map-Lot Number _____

Physical Location _____

Description - List Registry of Deeds Book/Page References _____

Is your land surveyed? ☐ NO ☐ YES **** Number of Acres _____

Farm Buildings Subject to Easement - list each building separately

	Description	Dimensions	Current Use
Bldg 1			
Bldg 2			
Bldg 3			
Bldg 4			
Bldg 5			
Bldg 6			
Bldg 7			
Bldg 8			

Use additional sheets if needed to list additional structures.

Mortgaged Assets - please list any current mortgage(s) associated with this parcel

Lender Name	Lender Address & Phone Number	Mortgage Number	Loan Amount	Pay-Off Date

Use additional sheets if needed to list additional mortgages.

Annual Farm Income Report - please provide a detailed accounting of the income derived from this parcel on the reverse side of this form as instructed.

**** Please Note:

If you checked YES, please provide a copy of the survey with the application.

If you checked NO and Farmland Support Arrangement is approved, you may choose, at your own expense; to survey the land that will be subject to the easement. Otherwise, the aerial photograph that outlines and labels the farmland, farm buildings and easement boundaries will be considered sufficient documentation.

PART B (3) - Annual Farm Income Report

Pursuant to M.R.S.A. Title 7, Chapter 2-C, Section 4 Rules: Farm Application Requirements

1. Please provide detailed information regarding the income derived from crops and/or agricultural products during the previous calendar year.
2. If you filed a Tax Form Schedule F for income tax purposes, please attach a copy.
3. If you did not receive a monetary payment for crop and/or agricultural product on this parcel then you must state the fair market value of the product harvested.

PARCEL 3

The following information represents the calendar year of _____

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PART C - Sample Letters of Support

Pursuant to M.R.S.A. Title 7, Chapter 2-C, Section 4 Rules: Farm Application Requirements

Submit 2 (two) letters of support from either individuals or businesses within the town of Winslow that describes the importance of supporting and protecting the specific farmland and farm buildings that will be covered under your Farm Support Arrangement.

Samples:

Dear Town of Winslow Council,

*I am writing to offer my enthusiastic endorsement of a Farm Support Arrangement for _____.
Protecting and sustaining Maine's farms is vitally important to our community, as well as the entire state.*

By promoting small and diverse farms like _____ and providing our communities with the chance to buy local food, we all contribute to strengthening Maine's agricultural industry. A strong farming sector means a healthy farm infrastructure - more equipment and implement dealers, more support for agricultural research and development, more agri-tourism, and more markets for Maine farms.

Plus, the clean air, clean water, and generally sustainable environment that small farms promote and provide makes Maine a better place for everyone....farmer and non-farmer alike.

I hope that you will accept a Farm Support Agreement from Robin's Egg Farm.

Sincerely,

Dear Town of Winslow Council,

As a local business owner, employer and taxpayer, I am incredibly enthusiastic about the proposed Farm Support Arrangement for _____. At my business, _____, we aim to serve locally sourced food when possible. By doing so, we know that we are giving the customers the finest, choicest ingredients possible, all while supporting a neighbor and community partner.

Our customers often tell us how much they value the quality of food that we provide and we relish being able to source our ingredients from known, reliable vendors. The year round herbs and lettuce from _____ provides our customers unique dishes that we otherwise could not offer.

We have also found great value in hosting "Farm to Table" nights at our restaurant, which allow our customers to meet the farmers growing their food and to learn more about the diversity of agriculture in their backyard. These exchanges help build a sense of community and help educate the general public about local food sources.

I hope that you will approve _____ Support Arrangement and keep this valuable resource in our town for many years to come.

Warm Regards,

Owner

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PART D - Application Instructions

Pursuant to M.R.S.A. Title 7, Chapter 2-C, Section 4 Rules: Farm Application Requirements

PART A. Statement of Intent - complete every field as required. This statement covers all land and buildings intended to be included in the Municipal Support Arrangement with the Town of Winslow. All owners of record must sign this page.

PART B. Land and Buildings Subject to Easement - for each parcel separately assessed by the Town of Winslow, provide detailed information as required. Part B (1) covers Parcel 1, Part B (2) covers Parcel 2, and thereafter.

Part B(1) - Provide all relative information regarding the land and buildings specific to PARCEL 1.

Tax Map and Lot Number - refer to your most current tax bill or contact the Winslow Assessor's office.

Physical Location - street name and street number if applicable.

Description - provide the Kennebec Registry book and page reference for the deed or deeds that pertain to this parcel.

Land Survey - please indicate whether you have a certified survey of your land covered in this parcel. If yes, you are required to provide a copy as part of this application.

Number of Acres - the total number of acres on this parcel.

Farm Buildings - each building subject to the easement and located on this parcel must be listed in detail. Contact the Winslow Assessor for assistance.

Mortgaged Assets - provide lender's name, address, document number and loan amount as required.

Annual Farm Income Report - provide data regarding the type of product located on this parcel that generated a farm income in the last calendar year. A sample form has been provided. Please note that if no financial income was received, then you may declare the fair market value of the product consumed, donated, traded and/or harvested.

Part B(2) - Provide all relative information regarding the land and buildings specific to PARCEL 2.

PART C. Letters of Support - provide 2 written referrals

PART D. Application Instructions

PART E. Application Sample

PART F. Improvident Transfers Act

PART G. Program Description & Guidelines

Voluntary Municipal Farm Support Program
PART E SAMPLE - Landowner's Statement of Intent

Pursuant to M.R.S.A. Title 7, Chapter 2-C, Section 4 Rules: Farm Application Requirements

We, the undersigned, declare that:

We wish to enter into a **Farm Support Arrangement** with the Town of Winslow on 83.5 acres of farmland. If our application is approved by the Town of Winslow, it is our intent to continue to farm this land to produce HAY PRODUCTION (list of crops and/or agricultural products)

and/or to raise:

CATTLE & POULTRY (list types of livestock)

for the next 20 (twenty) years.

In choosing to pursue this Farm Support Arrangement we *(please check one)*:

☒ Have retained legal counsel ABC FARM ESQUIRE (name of attorney) to help us review the Agricultural Conservation Easement document.

☐ Have read the attached Improvident Transfers Act and have elected not to seek legal counsel.

We also declare that should our Farm Support Arrangement be approved by the Town of Winslow, we agree to pay all of the required costs for preparing and filing the Agricultural Conservation Easement in the Kennebec County Registry of Deeds located at 1 Weston Court, Augusta , Maine.

Legal Owner(s) of the farmland property must sign this application to validate eligibility.

Signature: _____

Printed Name: _____

Signature: _____

Printed Name: _____

Signature: _____

Printed Name: _____

Signature: _____

Printed Name: _____

Dated _____

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PARCEL E SAMPLE - Land & Buildings Subject to Easement

Pursuant to M.R.S.A. Title 7, Chapter 2-C, Section 4 Rules: Farm Application Requirements

Use a separate page for each separately assessed parcel.

PARCEL 1

Tax Map-Lot Number

MAP 8 LOT 12-C

Physical Location

36 HEYWOOD ROAD

Description - List Registry of Deeds Book/Page References

1281/3 & 1833/15

Is your land surveyed?



NO



YES

Number of Acres

83.5

Farm Buildings Subject to Easement - list each building separately

	Description	Dimensions	Current Use
Bldg 1	BARN	40 X 60	CATTLE
Bldg 2	STORAGE BLDG	60 X 80	HAY BAIL STORAGE
Bldg 3	OUTBUILDING	24 X 40	TRACTOR & IMPLEMENTS
Bldg 4	SHED	14 X 16	CHICKEN COOP
Bldg 5	GARAGE	24 X 24	FARM IMPLEMENT SHOP
Bldg 6			
Bldg 7			
Bldg 8			

Use additional sheets if needed to list additional structures.

Mortgaged Assets - please list any current mortgage(s) associated with this parcel

Lender Name	Lender Address & Phone Number	Mortgage Number	Loan Amount	Pay-Off Date
CAMDEN NATIONAL	872-5555 12 MAIN ST WATERVILLE	12-10008	\$128,000	6/15/2020

Use additional sheets if needed to list additional mortgages.

Annual Farm Income Report - please provide a detailed accounting of the income derived from this parcel on the reverse side of this form as instructed.

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PART E SAMPLE - Annual Farm Income Report

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2. If you filed a Tax Form Schedule F for income tax purposes, please attach a copy.
3. If you did not receive a monetary payment for crop and/or agricultural products from this parcel then you must state the fair market value of the product harvested.

An example of this form is located in the informational pamphlet.

The following information represents the calendar year of 2014

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