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If you represent an agency or institution that works with Maine farmers and are interested in presenting to the **Beginning Farmers Resource Network**, please contact Tori Jackson, Chair, at [tori.jackson@maine.edu](mailto:tori.jackson@maine.edu).



If you haven't already, please take a moment to complete the [COVID-19 Maine Farmer Survey](#). (See [Results from 179 Farms, March 18-27, 2020.](#))

### [COVID-19 & Maine Agriculture FAQ](#)

### COVID-19 Information

- [Maine CDC COVID-19 page](#)

### Food Safety Standard Operating Procedures for Farms

- [DACF COVID-19 Information for Agriculture and Food Businesses](#) (outlines agricultural essential services)
  - [Farmers Market Guidance from DACF \(PDF\)](#)
- [Recommended Steps for Farm Safety during the COVID-19 Pandemic \(PDF\)](#)
- [DOL Guidance for Agricultural Employers with housing in Maine for Addressing COVID-19](#)
- [Mask patterns and guidance \(Google Doc\)](#)
- Standard Operating Procedures:
  - [Standard Operating Procedure Two Farmers Farm example](#)
  - [Standard Operating Procedures suggestions \(Google Doc\)](#)
  - [Creating your own SOP](#)
  - [Prioritized farm checklists \(PDF\)](#)
- [USDA Food Safety and Corona](#) and [FDA food safety and corona](#)
- [EPA list of Products effective for killing Covid-19](#)
- [UMaine Extension COVID-19 support page](#)
- [UVM resource page for farmers](#)

### Financing

- [Financing during COVID-19 \(Google Doc\)](#), MOFGA resource- email [nlindholm@mofga.org](mailto:nlindholm@mofga.org) for additions
- [Farmers' Legal Action Group guide to COVID-19 Relief](#)
- Contact your local FSA office for loan and servicing options.
  - [FSA Farm Loans \(PDF\)](#)
  - [FSA Loan Servicing \(PDF\)](#)
  - [FSA Office Locator](#)
  - [Maine Agricultural Mediation Program](#) helps farmers communicate with their lenders

### Employment and legal issues

- [Department of Labor Families First Coronavirus Response Act](#)
- [Paycheck protection program \(PDF\)](#) through the SBA
  - [Borrower application](#)
  - [PPP FAQ's](#)
- [CARES act guide](#)
- Employee legal guidance
  - [Unemployment FAQs](#)
  - [H2A Update \(PDF\)](#)
- [What Farms Need to Know: COVID-19 and Unemployment \(PDF\)](#)
- [What Farms Need to Know: COVID-19 Employee Sick Time and Leave \(PDF\)](#)

### Farmer Networking

- [Farmer to farmer suggestions for navigating COVID-19](#)
- ME veg and berry listserv to coordinate and connect with other farmers
  - Email [meveg-berry-subscribe-request@lists.maine.edu](mailto:meveg-berry-subscribe-request@lists.maine.edu)

### Agricultural Lab Services

- [UMaine Soil Lab \*IS\* receiving samples](#)
- [UMaine Plant Disease Diagnostic Lab only accepting digital photos currently](#)
- [UMaine Insect Identification Lab only accepting digital photos currently](#)
- [UMaine Vet Diagnostic lab is accepting samples by appointment only](#)

### Marketing

- [Marketing during COVID-19 \(Google Doc\)](#), MOFGA resource, email [nlindholm@mofga.org](mailto:nlindholm@mofga.org) for additions
- [Maine Farm and Seafood Products Directory](#)
- [E-commerce and alternative marketing resources](#)
- [Direct Sales Software Platforms](#)

### Stress, Mental Health, and Well-Being

- [211](#) — to find counselors who can speak with you
- National Suicide Prevention Lifeline: 1.800.273.TALK (8255)
- Crisis Text Line: Text "CONNECT" to 741741
- [Recognizing the Signs of Farm Family Stress](#)
- [UMaine AgrAbility Resources](#)
- [FarmAid](#) — available M-F, 9-5 1-800-FARM-AID (1.800.327.6243)
- [FarmStrong](#)

### Tools

- [Bulletin #1064, Standard Operating Procedures and Their Use on Farms and a template for writing an SOP \(PDF\)](#)
- [Bulletin #1065, How Can Livestock Farmers Prepare for the Coronavirus Outbreak?](#)
- [Bulletin #1066, Standard Operating Procedures on Your Dairy Farm: Prepare Now!](#)
- [Farm Crisis Operations Planning Tool](#)
- [Farmer's Response to Disease Outbreaks Like COVID-19](#)
- [Prioritized Farm Chore Checklist \(fillable PDF\)](#)

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