



## Researcher/Impacted Producer Connection Request Form

The Maine Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry (DACF) will facilitate the connection of researchers with agricultural producers (producers) impacted by contamination from per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) on their property. It is not a guarantee that a connection will be made; it is up to the producers to respond to requests.

When complete, this form will be shared with producers who have indicated to DACF that they are open to hosting research. Producers often receive multiple requests for research connections and may not have the capacity or interest in hosting research at the time a request is sent.

By sending this form to producers who have indicated that they are open to hosting research, the DACF does not endorse or claim any connection to the research described on this form.

In the event of a connection, it is suggested that farmers and researchers enter into a contractual agreement, an example of which is available in the DACF PFAS Fund's [PFAS Response Kit, Section 10](#). The DACF expects that any PFAS research happening within the State of Maine follows all local, state and federal laws, including, but not limited to, restrictions applicable to the movement and/or appropriate disposal of any PFAS impacted material into or out of the state, labor laws, and animal welfare. Please return this form to Maddy Bruno, DACF PFAS Fund, at [madeline.s.bruno@maine.gov](mailto:madeline.s.bruno@maine.gov).

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Institution/Business: \_\_\_\_\_

Department/Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Research Project Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Project Funding Source: \_\_\_\_\_

Project Start Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Expected End Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Please provide a brief description of your research organization, business, or background:

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Describe your research goals and any relevant previous work associated with this project:

Are there any **required** aspects or features of the host site/farm? Examples include lactating dairy animals, a plot of land, or a specific volume of soil with PFAS contamination above a certain threshold.

Are there other things the agricultural producer would ideally provide? Examples include time, approximate space of plot, a specified quantity of soil, livestock, equipment, sampling assistance, monitoring:

What will you provide the agricultural producer in exchange for hosting your research or working with your team? Compensation for agricultural providers who host research is not required, but the DACF suggests considering the time and material demands upon host farms.

What is the intended final use of the data that will be result from this partnership, and will it be shared with the agricultural producer?

How should interested agricultural producers contact you about this project?

**Please let the DACF PFAS Fund know if a successful match is made by emailing Maddy Bruno, DACF PFAS Fund, at [madeline.s.bruno@maine.gov](mailto:madeline.s.bruno@maine.gov).**