



# NOTICE OF REGISTERED FARMLAND (FORM 5A)

## 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 Register Farmland (Form 4A) 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 registered on or after July 1, 2012, the law requires a future 50' setback between the edge of the registered farmland and any new incompatible use defined as a well, drinking water spring or water supply intake point on the abutting land.

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,

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Farmland Owner's Signature