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## Farming in Androscoggin County?

Here is a directory of government resources that assist Maine farms

The **Maine Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry (DACF)** is Maine's largest natural resource agency. It supports Maine's land-based, natural resource interests, including: agriculture, forests, outdoor recreation and public-access. Four Bureaus: Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources; Forestry; Parks and Lands; and Resource Information and Land Use Planning, perform a wide range of duties from protecting the food safety, stopping forest fires and mapping the ocean floor; to keeping our parks and public lands pristine and accessible, planning wise land utilization, and helping beginning farmers.

The **Bureau of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources**, has three Divisions: Agricultural Resource Development; Animal and Plant Health; Quality Assurance and Regulation - as well as the Maine Milk Commission, Maine Harness Racing Commission and Maine Board of Pesticide Control. The back of this page includes department contact information. Contact information for many other local, state and federal agencies that serve most of Maine's agricultural businesses is also included.

This directory is updated annually by the **Division of the Agricultural Resource Development (ARD)**. **ARD's** mission is to encourage agricultural development and sustainability through education, annual industry events, technical assistance, research, economic development and environmental stewardship of Maine's existing and future farm businesses. **ARD:**

- **Assists** agricultural businesses with market development and promotion, business development and planning, labor, farmland protection, and foreign trade assistance.
- **Oversees** several grant and loan programs that help producers adopt new technology, conduct market research, and/or promote new products.
- **Coordinates** the Maine Agricultural Trades Show in January and sponsors or promotes other special agricultural events throughout the year, like Open Farm Day and local agricultural fairs.
- **Administers** Maine Senior FarmShare and The Emergency Food Assistance Program.



- **Sells "get real. get Maine!" promotional materials** that help farmers and food producers market their Maine made and branded products.
- **Maintains *getrealmaine.com*** the free promotional website to help farmers and food producers better share their stories and perspectives about Maine agriculture with their communities. The website helps visitors learn more about the importance of Maine's farms and why Maine grown and raised foods are valuable and of high quality.

**Please stay in touch!** Visit <http://www.maine.gov/dacf/ard/index.shtml> and sign up to receive DACF electronic newsletters and agricultural resource updates and event announcements!

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<http://www.maine.gov/dacf/index.shtml>

**Bureau of Agriculture, Food & Rural Resources 287-3491**

<http://www.maine.gov/dacf/ag/index.shtml>

**Agricultural Resource Development - 287-3491**

<http://www.maine.gov/dacf/ard/index.shtml>

**Animal and Plant Health - 287-3891**

<http://www.maine.gov/dacf/php/index.shtml>

**Board of Pesticides Control - 287-2731**

<http://www.maine.gov/dacf/php/pesticides/applicators/licensing.html>

**Quality Assurance & Regulations Quality - 287-3841**

<http://www.maine.gov/dacf/licensing/index.html>

**University of Maine Cooperative Extension**

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**Maine Small Business Development Centers**

Maine SBDC at AVCOG  
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Auburn, ME 04210  
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- Jane Mickeriz, Certified Business Advisor  
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<http://www.mainesbdc.org>

**New Ventures Maine**

NVME, LAC – Lewiston  
51-55 Westminster Street  
Lewiston, ME 04240  
(207) 753-6622

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<http://newventuresmaine.org/find-a-center-2/western/>

**FEDERAL**

**United States Department of Agriculture  
Farm Service Agency (FSA)**

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**Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS)**

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**Rural Development Area Office**

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[http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/ME\\_Home.html](http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/ME_Home.html)

**United States Small Business Administration & SCORE**

SCORE Androscoggin County Chapter  
125 Manley Road  
Auburn, ME.04210  
207-782-3708  
<https://androscoggincounty.score.org/>

**Beginning Farmer Resource Network of Maine** <https://extension.umaine.edu/beginning-farmer-resource-network/>

**Maine Forest Service** [http://www.maine.gov/dacf/mfs/policy\\_management/woodwise/index.html](http://www.maine.gov/dacf/mfs/policy_management/woodwise/index.html)

**Maine Forest Service** <http://www.aboutmywoods.org/index.html>

**Maine Secretary of State - Small Business Resources** <http://www.maine.gov/sos/cec/corp/smallbusiness.html>

**USDA New Farmers Website** <https://newfarmers.usda.gov/>