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TO: Milk Dealers, Producer-Dealers and Milk Sub-Dealers
FROM: Julie-Marie Bickford, Executive Director
SUBJECT: Application for Maine Milk Commission License for 2026

The State of Maine requires a valid milk license for any **dealer** who purchases, markets, or processes milk from producers for sale, **sub-dealer** who distributes, sells or offers to sell packaged milk in any market in the State of Maine, or a **producer-dealer** who both produces, processes and/or packages, and provides milk for sale in another location other than on the farm.

("A retailer may not sell or offer to sell milk in any market in the State that the retailer has purchased in Maine from an unlicensed dealer." MRS Title 7, Part 7, Chapter 603, Section 2955)

Applications are being accepted for a milk license for the calendar year 2026. Please return the attached form and the \$1.00 license fee, as required. Please make checks out to the Maine Milk Commission and send them to the address listed above.

The following statutory definitions explain who is required to be licensed.

A **dealer** is defined as person or business that purchases or receives milk for sale as the consignee or agent of a producer, or handles for sale, shipment, storage or processing (*such milk*) within the State.

A **producer** is any person or farm business that produces raw milk and sells such milk only to dealers for bottling or processing.

A **producer-dealer** is a producer who processes and/or packages their milk and sells it through a retail store location or locations separate from the farm.

A **sub-dealer** is any person or business that does not process milk and who purchases milk from a dealer, and sells such milk in the same containers and condition as received from the dealer. This includes a distribution warehouse for delivery to individual stores, but does not include the retail stores themselves.

A **store** is defined as "a grocery store, dairy product store, canteen, milk vending machine operator, milk dispensing operator or any similar commercial establishment or outlet or any other sale where milk is sold to consumers for consumption off the premises where sold." (*MRS Title 7, Part 7, Chapter 603, Section 2951*)

All licensees must file reports and pay fees of \$.05/cwt (hundredweight—or 100 lbs.) based on the quantity of milk purchased or produced in the state, no later than the 20th of each month.

Licensees selling less than 100 quarts of milk per day can contact the office to set up quarterly payments, but they are still required to file monthly reports.

If you have any questions, please contact me (see information below) or call our office at 207-287-3221. Thank you.

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