

# MAINE'S FOOD SYSTEM NEEDS YOUR HELP!

*ASK YOUR  
LEGISLATOR AND  
GOV. MILLS TO  
SUPPORT:*

**LD 2094 &  
LD 1252**

*INVESTING IN  
MAINE'S FOOD  
SUPPLY, FARMS,  
AND FORESTS.*



**CEI**

learn more at:  
[www.ceimaine.org](http://www.ceimaine.org) (TBD)

# WHY THIS MATTERS

## FUNDING FAST FACTS:

- 7,500+ Maine farms feed our communities, but need local support and funding to grow.
- In 2022, 800+ farmers & food businesses needed \$180 million, but only \$19.3 million was funded.
- In 2024, 83 ready-to-go projects asked CEI's Tastemakers program for \$8.3 million, but funding fell far short again.
- LD 2094 & LD 1252 mean \$24 million in funding to create jobs, improve food security, and increase sales of Maine-made products.



**HOW YOU CAN HELP**

# #1: IF YOU SUPPORT OR BUY MAINE-MADE PRODUCTS

**ASK YOUR LEGISLATOR TO SUPPORT FUNDING  
FOR AGRICULTURE, FOOD & FOREST PRODUCTS  
BY VOTING FOR LD 2094 AND FUNDING LD 1252**

Email: [AFA@legislature.maine.gov](mailto:AFA@legislature.maine.gov)

Message starter:

“I urge you to support LD 2094 and LD 1252. Maine’s food and forest economy matters to me because...”

Share 2–3 sentences about:

- Why supporting Maine food, farms, and forest products matters to you or your family.
- How local supply chains support your family, community, or small businesses like you.
- How investing in local agriculture and forestry helps your neighbors or friends.

**SHARE WITH YOUR NEIGHBOR**

# #2: IF YOU GROW, PRODUCE, PROCESS, OR SELL MAINE GOODS

**SHARE HOW INVESTMENT IN AGRICULTURE AND FOOD MANUFACTURING WILL HELP YOU STRENGTHEN OR GROW YOUR BUSINESS.**

Email: [ACF@legislature.maine.gov](mailto:ACF@legislature.maine.gov) and [AFA@legislature.maine.gov](mailto:AFA@legislature.maine.gov)

Message starter:

“I’m asking you to support LD 2094 and LD 1252. This Fund is critical for my business because...”

Share 2–3 sentences about:

- Infrastructure or equipment challenges you are experiencing and the solutions you need.
- How funding local suppliers will help you expand and serve your community.
- How existing gaps in your industry are limiting your business or workforce from growing.

**SHARE YOUR STORY!**

# THIS MATTERS FOR MAINE'S WORKING LANDS AND HERITAGE INDUSTRIES

## HELP FUND MAFFPIF THROUGH LD 2094 OR LD 1252. HOW?

- Share your story with the Appropriations and Financial Affairs Committee (AFA) at: [\*\*\*AFA@legislature.maine.gov\*\*\*](mailto:AFA@legislature.maine.gov)
- Share this post with friends and family who support Maine-grown foods or Maine-made goods.
- Tag your legislators and Governor Mills, so they see you support investment in Maine farms, food, and forest products.



**TAKE ACTION TODAY!**

*The Fund is ready. It just needs your support to make it possible.*