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Maine Food Trader

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In collaboration with the U.S. EPA Region I, the Center works throughout New England to advance three objectives: (1) the mitigation of and adaptation to climate change; (2) the understanding and practice of smart growth; and (3) development of the local food economy.

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The EFC is a founding member of the Environmental Finance Center Network, a national partnership of ten public universities funded in part by the U.S. EPA to advance these and related goals.

"In the past, our farm has listed on several sites promoting our products with very limited success. The first week on Maine Food Trader we had many inquiries that resulted in several sales. I hope all Maine producers will take advantage of this excellent opportunity to promote their farms and products."

Bruce & Donna Fournier
Meadowsweet Lamb & Herb Farm



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With support from:



Maine Food Trader

A free website for buying, selling, trading and donating local food.

Keep food from going to waste and help make food production a good way to make a living in Maine.



Maine Food Trader

MEFOODTRADER.ORG

Mefoodtrader.org is **free** for all users and provides online classified advertising for any food that is caught, grown, or produced in Maine. Also on the site is an *Events Calendar*, a great place to post Food events you want to share.

Individuals

Whether cooking for a professional kitchen or a family, those interested in viewing a diverse selection of the freshest, local ingredients can use Maine Food Trader to see what's fresh today or else ask for what you need.

Farmers & Commercial Fishermen

If you grow or catch food in Maine and want to sell directly to local consumers, you submit a listing for what's fresh and available now. With Food Trader, you don't have to set up your own website to sell online.



Businesses & Organizations

Restaurants, bakeries, school departments and other institutions wishing to serve local food ingredients can use Food Trader to find food or post what they need. Look on Maine Ag Trader (below) for bulk pricing.

Non-profits/Charities

Mefoodtrader.org can also help food pantries locate local food that's ready to be donated and/or request what they need.



Food producers will also want to check out www.meagtrader.org!



Meagtrader.org is a companion site to mefoodtrader.org that allows users to buy, sell or trade products such as hay, compost, livestock and equipment. Find suppliers for bottles and machinery and advertise to bulk buyers on Ag Trader. It's free for all, just like the Food Trader.

How do you join?

1. To join mefoodtrader.org, click on "create account" in the top of the homepage, seen below.



2. Indicate which group your use of the site falls under (producer/farmer, charity or consumer) and fill out the remaining account information.
3. A login password will be sent to the email address you provide.
 - To ensure security, every new listing is approved before it posts online. This takes from one to three business days.

How does the site work?

- **Search** for specific items by category or by county.

- **Browse** through listings by the most recent, or select a tab to view only certain listings.

All Listings				
All	Available	Wanted	Donations	Events
[A] Whole Trapped Shrimp				2010/02/17
[A] Local Maine Honey				2010/02/16
[W] Farmington Food Co-op seeking bulk food				2010/02/16
[A] Pemaquid Co-op Invites You To Enjoy Fresh Seafood				2010/02/16
[A] maple products				2010/02/10
[A] apples				2010/02/07
[E] Recipe to Market: Cashing in on Value-Added Opportunities				2010/05/13
[A] Organic Eggs - Skowhegan area				2010/01/28
[A] CSA Summer and Winter shares 2010				2010/01/24
[A] Carrots, certified organic				2010/01/24
[A] We're encouraging early poultry and pork orders!				2010/01/24
[A] All Natural Frozen Beef				2010/01/23
[A] Blueberry Vinaigrette and Blueberry Jam				2010/01/23