## Shared-Use Farm Equipment (SUFE) Club

Through this service, MFT and MOFGA are providing an opportunity for farmers to borrow farm equipment at a reasonable cost. Farmers can join the club for an annual enrollment fee of $100, giving them access to the following equipment.

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Farmers can participate in the Club by:
1. Paying the annual enrollment fee in full and attending an equipment training
2. Scheduling the use of equipment on-line or by contacting MFT
3. Picking up and returning the equipment to MOFGA according to schedule

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**Buckeye Tractor’s 2360 Seedbed Cultivator** is a ‘one-pass’ harrow that creates a well prepared seedbed from secondary tillage. It consists of S-tine cultivators with leveling bar and rolling basket attachments to prepare seedbed for planting. The full-width rolling basket is scaled for one-bed vegetable growers. It has a 6-ft working width on a 7-ft wide frame weighing about 700 lbs. It uses a category I three-point hitch and requires 45 horsepower to operate.

**The Brillion 2-shank sub-soiler** is perfect for achieving deep tillage and breaking up hardpan. It has a working depth of 16”. It uses a category II three-point hitch and requires 60 horsepower (may require a little less in sandy soil). It is 50” wide and weighs 460 lbs.
Buckeye Tractor’s 2212 Mulch Layer/Bed Former with drip irrigation attachment is rugged and versatile. It can prepare beds 2-4 ½’ wide and as much as 6” high. It can handle plastic mulch up to 6’ wide. It can be used to just form beds without mulch. It uses a category I three-point hitch and requires 45 horsepower. It’s about 8’ wide and weighs roughly 1200 lbs.

The Ridge Tiller was built at MOFGA with (3) s-tine assemblies and 4” goosefoot sweeps along with 16” discs on a 7-foot wide frame to create ridges and easily adaptable and adjustable to a variety of situations. It is intended to build two rows of ridges in 1-2 passes. It uses a category I three-point hitch. For more details on this piece of equipment, contact Katy Green (kgreen@mofga.org).

The Strip Tiller - was built at MOFGA with two row cleaners and four 13-wave coulters on a 7-foot wide frame. This unit is intended to create a planting strip in one pass and is easily adaptable and adjustable to a variety of situations. On smaller tractors the distance between rows may be fixed, but in larger tractors there is more variability with this unit. For more details on this piece of equipment, contact Katy Green (kgreen@mofga.org).

To enroll or for more info, contact:

Mike Gold at (207) 948-6575 or mgold@mainefarmlandtrust.org
Shared Use Farm Equipment (SUFE) Annual Enrollment Form

Year 2014

Name: ____________________________  Farm: ________________________________

Phone: ____________________________  Email: ________________________________

Address: __________________________________________________________________

Total # of farm acres______  # of acres in crops______  # of acres in livestock____

The annual enrollment dues for 2014 is $100

_____ Check here if you would like to become a member of Maine Farmland Trust (MFT) at no extra cost.

*Make check payable to Maine Farmland Trust

Amount paid  $______________  Date paid  ____________

*Please carefully read and acknowledge your understanding of the following “SUFE Definitions” and
“SUFE Policies & Procedures” below and on the following pages.

SUFE DEFINITIONS:

An “Enrolled Participant” is someone who has agreed to join the SUFE club as a farmer who is
entitled to borrow the available farm equipment under the “SUFE Policies & Procedures”, and whose
annual dues and any other possible balances are paid in full.

A “Borrower” is an enrolled participant that has a current or pending reservation to use
equipment.
Maine Farmland Trust (MFT) SUFE POLICIES & PROCEDURES

EQUIPMENT BORROWED UNDER THESE TERMS AND CONDITIONS:

1. Reservations to schedule equipment use are to be made only by Enrolled Participants by either completing an entry on the appropriate shared Google Calendar by stating the name of the Borrower, the equipment to be borrowed, the town or city of the Borrower, the contact info of the Borrower, and the duration of the reservation; or by providing this info to the appropriate MFT or MOFGA staff.

2. Once a reservation to use equipment is made by the Borrower, the Borrower must give immediate notice to MFT and MOFGA so that arrangements can be made for MFT and MOFGA staff to accommodate the Borrower in checking-in and checking-out the equipment. In the event that the reservation must be changed or canceled, the Borrower must notify MFT and MOFGA immediately so that the equipment can be made available to another borrower.

3. Permission will only be granted to persons who wish to transport equipment who are not Enrolled Participants in SUFE if a “Transport Liability Release Form” is accepted with that person’s signature and submitted to MFT or MOFGA.

4. A Borrower may only use equipment that he or she has been trained on and only persons that have been trained may operate the equipment, as indicated by the “SUFE Equipment Training Log”.

5. Borrowing is only for the duration of time stated in The “Borrower Equipment Use Agreement”, and shall not exceed 3 days; unless a 2 day extension is granted by MFT or MOFGA at the request of the Borrower. Equipment is to be returned back to MOFGA the day it is due unless prior arrangements are made by the Borrower with MOFGA or MFT.

6. A late fee of $50.00 shall be charged to the Borrower and made payable to MFT for each day or portion of a day (including Saturdays, Sundays or holidays) if the equipment is not returned to MOFGA (or with permission from MFT or MOFGA, to the next scheduled Borrower) on or before the date the equipment is due to be returned.

7. The Borrower agrees to thoroughly clean the equipment of noxious weeds, soil particles, unused seed, plastic or any other debris before returning or a $25.00 cleaning fee, made payable to MFT, will be charged to the Borrower.

8. The Borrower agrees to submit any and all necessary payments or balances due to MFT within 2 weeks from the time in which they were incurred, excepting annual membership dues which must
be paid in full before equipment can be borrowed. The Borrower forfeits their right to borrow equipment if any payments incurred by the Borrower remain due.

9. The Borrower agrees not to permit the use of any equipment on another person’s farm without expressed written consent from MFT.

10. The Borrower acknowledges that he or she is familiar with and knows how to safely operate and transport the equipment, and that he or she has the proper sized towing equipment to tow and operate the equipment.

11. The Borrower represents that he or she has in full force and effect insurance coverage to protect the equipment while towing or in use and public liability for any personal injury or property damage resulting from the use or transportation of the equipment.

12. The Borrower shall indemnify and hold harmless MFT and MOFGA from any personal injury or property damage arising directly or indirectly out of the use or transportation of the equipment.

13. The Borrower agrees that the equipment is in good working order at the time the equipment is borrowed (as noted in the “Equipment Use Report”) and the equipment will be inspected upon return to MOFGA. The borrower further agrees to immediately repair or replace any equipment damaged due to his or her negligence, stolen or destroyed while being used by or under his or her direction. Damage from the normal wear and tear of use is the responsibility of MFT and MOFGA.

14. It is understood that any plastic, seed, or other supplies needed to operate the equipment is the responsibility of the borrower.

15. Failure to comply with any of these SUFE Policies & Procedures is grounds for immediate disqualification from participating in the SUFE Club.

By signing this Shared Use Farm Equipment (SUFE) Enrollment Form and paying the annual enrollment dues in full, I am an enrolled participant until one year from the date of the first deposit made and therefore entitled to use the available equipment under the policies and procedures of the SUFE project. I have read and understand fully the policies and procedures of the SUFE project and agree to abide by them in all instances.

Signed: __________________________________________ Date: ______________________

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