**SYWTFIM General Resources**

* The [Beginning Farmer Resource Network](http://umaine.edu/beginning-farmer-resource-network/) of Maine (BFRN)
* [Farm Scoop](http://umaine.edu/agriculture/blog/tag/farmscoop/) Blog for Southern Maine
* [Farm and Food System Newsletter](https://extension.umaine.edu/cumberland/programs/agriculture/farms-and-food-systems-blog/) for Southern Maine
* [Entrepreneurial Checklist Tool for Beginning Farm and Home-Based Businesses](http://www.joe.org/joe/2012february/tt10.php), Journal of Extension
* The [Farmer Veteran Coalition of Maine Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/MaineFVC/) and [National FVC](http://www.farmvetco.org/)
* ATTRA publication [Direct Marketing](https://attra.ncat.org/attra-pub/viewhtml.php?id=263)
* Finding your USDA Service Center - NRCS (Hightunnel cost share and others) and Farm Service Agency (FSA) for low interest operating loans and crop insurance.
* Farm Credit East- Beginning farmer loan and business planning resources. Office in Auburn.
* Ag Decision Maker [Marketing and Market Research](https://www.extension.iastate.edu/agdm/vdmarketing.html) from Iowa State Extension
* [Soil and Water Conservation Districts](http://maine.gov/dacf/about/commissioners/soil_water/index.shtml)
* Find Your Maine Forest Service [District Forester](http://www.maine.gov/dacf/mfs/policy_management/district_foresters.html) and Private Licensed Foresters

**UMaine Extension Fact Sheets and Bulletins**

* UMaine Ext. Bulletin [#2433](http://umaine.edu/publications/2433e/) "So, You Want to Farm in Maine?"
* UMaine Ext. Bulletin [#3009](http://umaine.edu/publications/3009e/) "How to Organize Your Business"
* UMaine Ext. Bulletin [#3005](http://umaine.edu/publications/3005e/) "Your Business Plan"
* UMaine Ext. Bulletin [#3013](http://umaine.edu/publications/3013e/) "So You're in Sales"
* UMaine Ext. Bulletin [#3010](http://umaine.edu/publications/3010e/) "Record Keeping for Profit"
* UMaine Ext. Bulletin [#1160](http://umaine.edu/publications/1160e/) "Why Consumers Buy - and Don't Buy - Your Farm Direct Products"
* UMaine Ext. Bulletin [#3006](http://umaine.edu/publications/3006e/) "Market Potential for Retail Businesses in Maine"
* UMaine Ext. Bulletin [#3011](http://umaine.edu/publications/3011e/) "How to Insure Your Business"
* UMaine Ext. Bulletin [#2190](http://umaine.edu/publications/2190e/)  "Vegetable Varieties for Maine Gardens"
* UMaine Ext. Bulletin [#2288](http://umaine.edu/publications/2288e/) "Know Your Soil"
* UMaine Ext. Bulletin [#2286](http://umaine.edu/publications/2286e/) "Testing Your Soil"
* UMaine Ext. Bulletin #3101, Recipe to Market: How to Start a Specialty Food Business in Maine

**Regulatory & Legal**

* Maine.gov [Business Answers](http://www.maine.gov/tools/whatsnew/index.php?topic=businessanswers_howdoi&id=320719&v=article) for help with state licensing and registrations
* [State, USDA and Custom Slaughter Establishments in Maine](http://www.maine.gov/dacf/qar/inspection_programs/red_meat_poultry_inspection.shtml)
* [Pesticide Applicators Licensing](http://www.maine.gov/dacf/php/pesticides/applicators/licensing.html)
* [Becoming a Certified Organic Operation](http://www.ams.usda.gov/services/organic-certification/faq-becoming-certified) and [MOFGA Certification Services](http://www.mofgacertification.org/)
* Volunteers of America- [Agricultural Mediation Services](http://www.voanne.org/mediation-services)

**Business Planning**

* Univ. of Tennessee Ext.  [PB1540 Establishing and Using a Farm Financial Record-Keeping System](http://trace.tennessee.edu/utk_agexfinman/1/)
* Schedule F [1040 Tax Form Profit or Loss From Farming](https://www.irs.gov/uac/Schedule-F-%28Form-1040%29,-Profit-or-Loss-From-Farming)
* Penn State Ext. [Enterprise Budget Analysis](http://whatcom.wsu.edu/ag/documents/enterbudgets/EnterpriseBudgetAnalysis.pdf) fact sheet
* [AgPlan](https://www.agplan.umn.edu/) Free, Online Business Planning from the Center for Farm Financial Management
* [Insuring Your Farm](http://www.maine.gov/pfr/insurance/consumer/brochures.htm) [www.Maine.gov](http://www.Maine.gov) (listed under “other”)
* [Finding Funds for Farmers](http://www.getrealmaine.com/index.cfm/fuseaction/faqs.showpage/pageID/100/index.htm), Maine Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry