

I Own a Farm, What's Next?

Office of Agriculture: 401-222-2781

<https://dem.ri.gov/natural-resources-bureau/agriculture-and-forest-environment/agriculture>

IF YOU GROW PRODUCE

Annual registration is a requirement for all farms growing, harvesting, packing, and holding produce for public consumption. An Exemption form can be filled out once registration is completed. Our Produce Safety Portal Page (linked below) can assist with any questions or concerns, or you can email: DEM.Produce@dem.ri.gov
<https://dem.ri.gov/natural-resources-bureau/agriculture-and-forest-environment/agriculture/produce-safety>

IF YOU USE PESTICIDES

If the application of pesticides is occurring in land owned by you, or land owned or rented by your employer, AND you will be using restricted use or state limited use pesticides, you need a Private Applicator Certificate. Click the link below for more information. <https://dem.ri.gov/natural-resources-bureau/agriculture-and-forest-environment/agriculture/pesticides/pesticide-safety-training>

IF YOU RAISE LIVESTOCK

RI requires licensing for livestock dealers to buy, sell, or transport livestock legally. This license can be applied for on our online licensing portal here: <https://demri.my.site.com/agr/s/login/>

To access the Animal Health section on the RI DEM website, click here: [Animal Health | Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management](#) To view Title 4 of Rhode Island General Law regarding Animals and Animal Husbandry, click here: webserver.rilegislature.gov/Statutes/TITLE4/INDEX.HTM To view the Rules and Regulations regarding Animal Health, including importation, livestock welfare, and identification Regulations, click here: [Welcome to the Rhode Island Code of Regulations - Rhode Island Department of State](#)

IF YOU HAVE A GREENHOUSE/NURSERY

Annual licensing is required prior to offering for sale nursery stock, which is hardy plants with a persistent woody stem that are capable of propagation. A Nursery Worker's License, inspection, and certification is needed for offering for sale nursery stock that you grow or propagate. A Nursery Stock Dealer's License is needed if you don't grow or propagate but you offer for sale nursery stock that you obtain from another licensed nursery or dealer. Please see nursery licensing FAQ here: <https://dem.ri.gov/natural-resources-bureau/agriculture-and-forest-environment/agriculture/regulatory-services/nursery>

Contact the nursery program with any questions at Matt.Green@dem.ri.gov or 401-537-4273.

GRANT OPPORTUNITIES

Visit this page for updated RIDEM Grant Opportunities: <https://dem.ri.gov/natural-resources-bureau/agriculture-and-forest-environment/agriculture/ag-business-development-grants>

FARMER'S MARKETS + SENIOR FARMER'S MARKET NUTRITION PROGRAM

We have two state run farmers markets that are free to attend, however an application and admittance is required, as well as registration for produce growers. The application and further information are here: [RI Grown Farmers Markets | Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management](#)

Farmers Market Nutrition programs: www.dem.ri.gov/sfmnp [WIC Farmer's Markets | Department of Health](#)

FARM, FOREST, OPEN SPACE + APIARIES

Farmland Designation Program (Under Farm, Forest, and Open Space): Farms earning \$2,500 or more gross annual income from farming activity are eligible for the Farmland Designation Program, which offers property tax reductions for their farm. **Application:** https://dem.ri.gov/sites/g/files/xkqbur861/files/2023-02/ffosa_application-farmland.pdf **Citizen's Guide:** https://dem.ri.gov/sites/g/files/xkqbur861/files/2023-02/ffosa_citizens_guide.pdf

Apiary Program: Annual registration for Apiaries is required, do so here: <https://dem.ri.gov/natural-resources-bureau/agriculture-and-forest-environment/agriculture/regulatory-services/apiary>

If you are importing or exporting live bees, hives, or used equipment it is required to obtain an Apiary Entry Permit. With the Apiary Entry Permit it is also required to have a certificate of health issued by the State Apiary Inspector from the state origin, if one can not be obtained, please contact the Rhode Island Apiary Inspector Tyler Hertzwig to schedule a health inspection tyler.hertzwig@dem.ri.gov or 401-537-4279

Questions Regarding the following with their respective contact:

Animal Welfare and Exotic Permits please contact Dr. Scott Marshall at scott.marshall@dem.ri.gov

Deer Damage Permits please contact Tyler Hertzwig at tyler.hertzwig@dem.ri.gov

Forest Environment and Health please contact Forestry at 401-222-2445 or email DEM.foresteny@dem.ri.gov

Household Pests and Processing of Foods please contact RIDOH at 401-222-5960