**Self-identify as a Socially-Disadvantaged Farmer or Producer**

Please fill out the form below (\* indicates required field)

By completing this form, your farm or business information is added to a database maintained by the Massachusetts Department of Agricultural Resources (MDAR). Information provided to MDAR will be used for limited purposes but may be subject to public disclosure as required by the Massachusetts Public Records Law. By completing this form, you acknowledge that MDAR may be required by law to provide certain information.

MDAR is establishing a database of socially-disadvantaged farmers to ensure that self-identified farmers are kept informed of the opportunity to provide produce to the Local Food Purchase Assistance Cooperative Agreement (LFPA) Program, and other Department initiatives, by email and other communication methods.

MDAR recognizes the historic barriers to farmland and agricultural resources for socially-disadvantaged farmers and producers. By maintaining a database of socially-disadvantaged farmers and producers, and through its [Environmental Justice Policy](https://www.mass.gov/environmental-justice), MDAR seeks to enhance communication and ensure equal access to Department opportunities. If you have any questions about MDAR’s Environmental Justice strategy, or how your responses to this form will be used, please contact Rebecca Davidson at 857-202-7699 or [Rebecca.Davidson@Mass.gov](mailto:Rebecca.Davidson@Mass.gov).

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**1. First Name\***

**2. Last Name (optional)** 

**3. Farm or Business Name\***

**4. Email Address\***

**5. Phone Number\***

**6. Mailing Address**

*Address Line 1*

*Address Line 2*

*City*

*State*

*ZIP Code*

**7. Farm or Business Location:**

Same as above

*Farm or Business Location:\**

*Address Line 1*

*Address Line 2*

*City*

*State*

*ZIP Code*

**8. What products does your farm produce? Please select all that apply:**

**- Apiary**

**- Aquaculture**

**- Beef cattle**

**- Cranberries**

**- Dairy products**

**- Fruits (not cranberries)**

**- Maple**

**- Nursery and landscaping products**

**- Small livestock**

**- Vegetables**

**- Hay**

**- Other:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**9. Select one or more of the racial categories below:**

*These answers are optional. This information will not in any way affect your eligibility for MDAR programs and is used for statistical purposes only. MDAR seeks to identify Historically Underserved Farmers as part of the agency's Environmental Justice goals.  For more information, please visit*[*https://www.mass.gov/environmental-justice*](https://www.mass.gov/environmental-justice)*.*

American Indian or Alaska NativeAsian/South AsianBlack or African AmericanMiddle Eastern or North AfricanNative Hawaiian or Other Pacific IslanderWhite

**The racial categories above may not be reflective of everyone. I identify with a race not listed here:** 

**10. Select one of the ethnic categories:**  
*These answers are optional. This information will not in any way affect your eligibility for MDAR programs and is used for statistical purposes only.*

Not Hispanic or LatinoHispanic or Latino

**The ethnic categories above may not be reflective of everyone. I identify with an ethnicity not listed here:** 

**11. Do any of the following describe you?**  
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Immigrant or RefugeeLimited Resource Farmer - for self-determination tool visit: https://lrftool.sc.egov.usda.gov/DeterminationTool.aspx?fyYear=2022

**12. What is your preferred method of communication?**

PhoneEmailTextRegular Mail

Other:

**13. MDAR seeks to expand its communication methods to farmers. Please share, how do you receive agricultural news and updates?**

Community-based organizationNon-English Print MediaRadio

Other:

**14. Please indicate below if you prefer to communicate in a language other than English?**  
*These answers are optional. This information will not in any way affect your eligibility for MDAR programs and is used for statistical purposes only.*

yesno

**15. If yes, which language to you prefer to communicate in?** 

**16. What types of services and/or resources from MDAR are you most interested in learning more about?**

Grants Technical Assistance Courses Offered

Other:

**17. If you feel this form did not offer the opportunity to self-identify, please let us know here. I am a socially disadvantaged farmer/producer by way of:**

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