



Shared-Use Farm Equipment (SUFE) Program

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

SEEDBED CULTIVATOR
2-SHANK SUBSOILER
PLASTIC MULCH LAYER
CUSTOM RIDGE TILLER
CUSTOM STRIP TILLER
3D PRINTER
MANURE SPREADER
CULTIVATING EQUIPMENT

Farmers can participate in the Pool by:

1. Paying the annual enrollment fee
2. Filling out the registration form
3. Picking up and returning the equipment WASHED to MOFGA on time

Available Equipment



The **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 subsoiler** 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.



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.



3D printer- This printer has the ability to print 3D files in PLA to make customizable farm equipment, replacement parts, and prototypes. It can print objects up to 6" x 6" x 6". This has been used to make seed wheels, seed processing equipment, emt clips for plastic and many other small tools and adaptations for the farm. Please connect with Jacki Perkins at jperkins@mofga.org if you would like to have files printed at MOFGA.



Manure/Compost Spreader - This is a 125 bushel spreader with a PTO drive that will work on a 25 HP tractor or more. It is road worthy up to 25mph or else requires a trailer for transport.



Cultivating Equipment - This is a collection of cultivating equipment including 2 discs, 5 harrow and couplers to attach it the existing equipment like the strip tiller.

Shared Use Farm Equipment (SUFE) Annual Enrollment

Please mail this complete form with a check to SUFE c/o MOFGA, PO Box 170, Unity, ME 04988

Name: _____ Farm: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Address: _____

Total # of farm acres _____ # of acres in crops _____ # of acres in livestock _____

The annual enrollment fee is \$100 (free for MOFGA Journeypersons)

**Make check payable to MOFGA and note "SUFE membership" in the annotation*

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.*

To enroll or for more info, contact:

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SUFE DEFINITIONS:

An "Enrolled Participant" is someone who has agreed to join the SUFE program 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.



MOFGA Shared-Use Farm Equipment Pool (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 providing the following information to the appropriate MOFGA staff: 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.
2. In the event that the reservation must be changed or canceled, the Borrower must notify 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 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 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.
6. A late fee of \$50.00 shall be charged to the Borrower and made payable to MOFGA 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 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 by spraying the equipment down with water and scrubbing said debris off before returning the equipment or a \$25.00 cleaning fee, made payable to MOFGA, will be charged to the Borrower.
8. The Borrower agrees to submit any and all necessary payments or balances due to MOFGA 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 MOFGA.
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 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 "Borrower Equipment Use Agreement") 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 the Borrower's direction. Damage from the normal wear and tear of use is the responsibility of MOFGA and should be noted before the borrowing happens.
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 program.

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:** _____

Contact Info:

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