



Frequently Asked Questions – Deer Equipment Exclusion Requests (DEER) Award Program

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- 1. Do I have to be a SEMAP member to apply or to score well?*
Nope! We ask about SEMAP membership for our records. That information (along with your farm name and location) will be redacted before we share applications with the review team.
- 2. I'm not farming in Southeastern Massachusetts. Am I eligible?*
The DEER award is open to land and sea based farmers in SEMAP's service area which includes Bristol, Norfolk and Plymouth Counties of Massachusetts and all of Rhode Island.
- 3. Can I apply for multiple projects or do I have to select one?*
We will only review one application per farm.
- 4. Can I request funds for leased equipment?*
No. Keep in mind that reviewers are looking for long-term sustained impact beyond the duration of the award.
- 5. This will be my farm's first official operating year. Am I eligible?*
Yes, beginning farms are eligible to apply, even if 2026 will be your first year.
- 6. What do you mean by itemized project budget?*
Please let us know what each component of your project will cost. A bulleted list is fine, and no quotes are required at this time. You can include website links to particular equipment if you think it will help a reviewer better understand the tools or equipment. The response to this question should be more detailed than just the amount you are requesting.