

Fellow Farm Credit East Customers,

My name is Barry Buck, and I'm from Mapleton, Maine. I am a second generation potato farmer. Our farm is a family operation that my dad started in 1958, with as few as 40 acres and we have grown our farm to a land base of 1000 acres. I farm with my two older brothers and in 2015 we diversified our family farm and built the first malt house in Maine. This diversification created an opportunity for the next generation.

We are a 300 acre seed potato farm, the remainder of our land is small grains, (barley, cereal grains, specialty wheats, and black oil sunflowers etc.). We ship our seed potatoes up and down the east coast of the United States and also in Maine. We supply many craft breweries with our malted barley and many other malted grains throughout New England. Starting the malt house has opened several new markets for us including selling whole grains into the retail feed store market. As our business has grown we became a consumer of grain from neighboring farms.

Our family has been a customer of Farm Credit for over thirty years. Without Farm Credit East, it would be very difficult to operate our farm, especially in all aspects of our new business. The ease of working with Farm Credit and their loan officers is second to none. We, in Aroostook County, Maine, are very fortunate to have this financial institution opportunity in Presque Isle. Not just as a borrower, but all of the other financial services provided, by Farm Credit East.

I have served on the nominating committee for many years, as well as the customer service council of Farm Credit East. I have also been a selectman for over 18 years on our tri-community town council. I feel I can represent the potato industry well and will bring my diversification skills to the board of Farm Credit East. I appreciate your support and I look forward to serving you on the Farm Credit East board.

Sincerely,

Barry A. Buck