



United States Department of Agriculture
Food and Nutrition Service

Northeast Region

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Date:

Subject: Maine ABAWD Waiver Addendum

To: Art Foley

The state of Maine is requesting an addendum to their recently approved waiver # 970315. The waiver did not include unemployment statistics for the Calais LMA, which includes two municipalities, Orient and Weston.

Calais is located in Washington County which has been approved. In the Calais LMA, all municipalities are located in Washington County except for the municipalities of Orient and Weston. Maine included the Calais LMA as part of their waiver request, but did not submit statistics for the LMA. They did submit statistics for Orient and Weston but they did not make it clear that these towns need to be approved on their own and not as part of the Calais LMA.

Please find the enclosed statistics which show that Orient is below the national average plus 20% for all time periods used for this request and Weston is below the national average plus 20% for two of the time periods.

Maine is requesting approval of these two towns and that they be added to waiver # 970315.

Please let me know if you have any further questions about this addendum.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Mary A. Ferris", is located above the typed name.

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Enclosure

Code	Time Period	National Average	National Average plus 20%
A	January 1999-December 2000	4.1%	4.9%
B	October 1999-September 2001	4.2%	5.1%
C	January 2000-December 2001	4.4%	5.3%
D	June 2000-May 2002	4.7%	5.7%

The chart below indicates the cities and towns that we believe are eligible for geographic waivers and the period that we based their eligibility on.

Location	Part of an Approved LSA	Unemployment greater than 20% of the corresponding federal rate
Androscoggin County		
Leeds		A (5.5 average)
Livermore	Farmington LMA—A,B,C,D	A,B,C,D
Livermore Falls	Farmington LMA—A,B,C,D	A,B,C,D
Mechanic Falls		A (6.15 average), B,C
Minot	Norway-Paris LMA—A	
Aroostook County		
Orient	Calais LMA—A,B,C,D	
Weston	Calais LMA—A,B,C,D	
Allagash	Ft. Kent LMA—A,B,C,D	
Eagle Lake	Ft. Kent LMA—A,B,C,D	
Fort Kent	Ft. Kent LMA—A,B,C,D	
New Canada	Ft. Kent LMA—A,B,C,D	
New Sweden		B (8.65 average)
Northwest Aroostook unorg	Ft. Kent LMA—A,B,C,D	
St. Francis	Ft. Kent LMA—A,B,C,D	
St. John	Ft. Kent LMA—A,B,C,D	
Wallagrass Plnt	Ft. Kent LMA—A,B,C,D	
Winterville Plnt	Ft. Kent LMA—A,B,C,D	
Bancroft	Mill.-E.Mill LMA—A,B,C,D	