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The [MDAR FY2017 Urban Agriculture RFR](#) has been posted to [Commbuys](#).



Please visit the recently updated MDAR's [Urban Agriculture Program Resource webpage](#). In the 2016 MA Urban Farming Conference section, you will find panelist and keynote [presentations](#)!

MDAR continues to support our partners in cities across the Commonwealth to advance urban food production. **Municipal planners and urban farmers** can find a listing of [Toolkits, Resources and Publications](#), as well as a comprehensive listing of examples from dozens of US cities' zoning and ordinances for urban commercial farms and community gardens.

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## Massachusetts Building at the Big E – One day Options to Exhibit

The Massachusetts Department of Agricultural Resources (MDAR) each year invites Massachusetts organizations and businesses to apply for the purpose of showcasing Massachusetts agriculture, commerce, culture, food or tourism through informational, educational, promotional and retail exhibits in the Massachusetts Building during the Eastern States Exposition (the Big E) located in West Springfield, Massachusetts.

2016 Big E dates are Friday, September 16 - Sunday, October 2

The 17 day option to exhibit application has passed, but we offer one-day options to exhibit:

- **Massachusetts Day** - Thursday, September 22 - application [.pdf](#) or [.doc](#) format
- **Harvest New England Day** - Friday, September 30 - application [.pdf](#) or [.doc](#) format

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MDAR's mission is to ensure the long-term viability of agriculture in Massachusetts. Through its four divisions – [Agricultural Conservation & Technical Assistance](#), [Agricultural Markets](#), [Animal Health](#), and [Crop and Pest Services](#) – MDAR strives to support, regulate and enhance the rich diversity of the Commonwealth's agricultural community to promote economically and environmentally sound food safety and animal health measures, and fulfill agriculture's role in energy conservation and production. For more information, visit MDAR's website at [mass.gov/agr](http://mass.gov/agr), and follow at [twitter.com/MDARCommish](https://twitter.com/MDARCommish).