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## **Taking the Pulse of Food Legislation in Maine**

Augusta, Maine (January 28, 2015) – The Maine Food Strategy (MFS) today released a comprehensive, nonpartisan overview of agriculture, fishing and food legislation from the past session to serve as a guide as the 127th Maine State Legislature gets underway.

Pulse Check: Food Policy Report of the 126<sup>th</sup> Legislature describes the outcome of 54 bills ranging from GMO labeling to Maine fisheries management to poultry processing. This recap reinforces the importance of food issues relative to setting policy in the State of Maine and highlights issues that may arise in the 127th Legislature.

Written in laymen's terms, Pulse Check is posted under the Maine Food Strategy Reports page at [www.mainefoodstrategy.org](http://www.mainefoodstrategy.org) and is available for anyone interested in local food and fish policy legislation.

"The local food movement is high on the general public's agenda and Maine legislators are keenly involved as we set the stage for Maine's role in the New England and national food systems," said MFS Co-Director Tanya Swain. "The Pulse Check document champions the sustained interest in, and excitement, around our food system here in Maine."

### **ABOUT THE MAINE FOOD STRATEGY**

The Maine Food Strategy is an initiative to create a broader and more strongly connected network of organizations and individuals contributing to the food system in Maine. The initiative is convening a statewide participatory process that will identify and advance shared goals to support a robust food economy and to look at other food-related issues in the state.

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