

Statement from USDA Rural Development Maine on the 2010 Census

USDA Rural Development (RD) uses Census data to determine the eligible and ineligible areas for our loan and grant programs. The transition to using the 2010 decennial census of the United States was initially scheduled to occur October 1, 2012. This would have changed the eligibility of some communities in Maine to participate in RD programs.

The Continuing Appropriations Act, 2013 appropriates until March 27, 2013, amounts for continuing RD operations, projects, or activities which were conducted in Fiscal Year (FY) 2012. Generally speaking, the authorities and limitations under USDA's FY 2012 Appropriations Act will now continue during this period.

Therefore RD will defer the transition to using the 2010 decennial census of the United States and there will be no changes to the rural designated areas until March 27, 2013. Until that time and unless specifically directed otherwise, RD is instructed to use the data from the 2000 Decennial Census for program purposes.