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Tri State Hay and Pasture Conference to be Held



The Tri-State Hay and Pasture Conference will be held at Garrett College, Garrett Information Enterprise Center located at 687 Mosser Road, McHenry, MD on Wednesday, January 17th from 9am to 4pm in room 111. The event will include a light breakfast and lunch. Call Garrett College to register at 301-387-3069. The cost is \$30 if registered by January 12th or \$40 for late registration. Seating is limited.

Please view the entire agenda and registration details [HERE](https://extension.umd.edu/locations/garrett-county/agriculture-and-food-systems/classes-and-events/) or visit our website at <https://extension.umd.edu/locations/garrett-county/agriculture-and-food-systems/classes-and-events/>

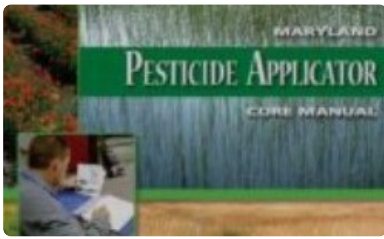
Do You Need A Nutrient Management Plan?



We will have a full time planner starting this month; however, that person will also be covering Allegany County. Please get your request in as soon as possible for a plan to be written. The Garrett office is no longer sending out soil samples but we have soil bags and information for you to send out your samples. Stop by and pick up soil sample bags and the info. If you have any questions, call the extension office at 301-334-6960.

New Private Applicator License Training & Testing

A training session is scheduled for February 5th from 6-9pm at the Extension Office for anyone who would like to take the Maryland private applicator exam. The training session is free. Materials are available in print (for a fee) and online. The training session will cover the important



topics for the test. A test will be scheduled later in the spring in Garrett County. New this year, MDA has an online testing option. For more information or questions contact the Extension Office at 301-334-6960.

Agronomy Meeting-SAVE THE DATE



University of Maryland will be partnering with Freedom Ag and Energy in Oakland to hold an Agronomy Meeting March 7th at the Pleasant Valley Community Building. More info will be coming. If you have questions or to register, contact Freedom Ag and Energy at 301-334-3121 or the Extension Office at 301-334-6960. Pesticide Recertification and Nutrient Management Credits will be offered

for WV and MD.

Healthy Soils Workshop and Grant Opportunity for Farmers

Maryland Department of Agriculture will be partnering with University of Maryland Extension to host a Healthy Soils Workshop in Garrett County the first part of March. The workshop will help farmers better understand soil health and practices that can be implemented on farms to improve soil health. MDA is also accepting applications for it's Healthy Soils Competitive Fund. The grants can provide up to \$50,000 to farmers who want to adopt a range of soil health or agroforestry practices. The fund aims to support farms who are ineligible for other programs. To learn more go to mda.maryland.gov and search for Soil Health Information or contact Nick Miller at 410-841-5866.

Appalachian Farm and Food Alliance



A new non-profit organization with the mission of facilitating collaboration between agricultural and food system service providers to educate the public and provide solutions for food insecurity through the creation of a resilient, sustainable, and equitable food and agriculture system across the region has been formed in Garrett County. We are looking for people who want to get involved in this vital work. The Appalachian Farm and Food

Alliance (AFFA) will serve individuals and organizations by providing technical assistance and utilizing the non-profit status to apply for funding for local projects. While a core structure has been developed, we need additional leadership to help make this a great organization. We are holding the first meeting of the AFFA on February 12th at 6 pm at the Garrett County Health Department conference room on the first floor. This is a hybrid meeting so you are welcome to join us on the first floor of the Garrett County Health Department or virtually. To learn more information about the AFFA visit <https://garrettcountyfood.com/infrastructure/>.

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