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## Garrett County Ag Newsletter

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### Summer Intern~Cambria Snyder



Cambria grew up in the Redhouse 4-H club and was a member of the Oakland FFA Chapter. She attended Garrett College where she obtained an associate's degree in General Studies, and transferred to WVU Davis College of Agriculture, Natural Resources and Design, working on a bachelor's degree in Horticulture. Cambria takes an interest and enjoys expanding her knowledge of botany. In her free time, she enjoys time with friends and her two

australian shepherds; Teddy and Macie.

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### High Tunnel Construction Workshops



High tunnels are used by many vegetable farmers to extend the growing season. A high tunnel is a greenhouse-like structure that allows producers to start planting earlier in the spring and grow later into the fall. These structures are very beneficial in Garrett County with our colder climate and short growing season. Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS) has funding available

through EQIP to purchase and construct tunnels. The funding will cover the cost of the tunnel and construction cost. Farmers can construct their own tunnels at a considerable cost savings. In April, University of Maryland offered a hands-on high tunnel construction workshop. Attendees learned about the basic parts and construction of a high tunnel with both classroom and hands on high tunnel construction. A second high tunnel construction workshop is being planned for late

July. Even if you don't think you would build your own tunnel, the workshops are valuable for planning, learning about the construction and future maintenance of the structure.

If you would be interested in attending a high tunnel workshop please call the Garrett County Extension Office at 301-334-6960. If you are interested in funding through NRCS contact them at 301-501-5886.

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## Appalachia Farm and Food Alliance Meeting



The Appalachia Farm and Food Alliance (AFFA) will meet on June 13th at 4:30pm at the Garrett County Extension Office. A zoom option for attendance will also be available. Please email Willie Lantz at [wlantz@umd.edu](mailto:wlantz@umd.edu) to get the zoom link. The AFFA is a non-profit organization that facilitates 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. If you or an organization you represent would like to have input into activities associated with agriculture in the region please join us for the meeting.

The meetings are open to the public. To be notified of upcoming meetings email Willie to be put on the email list.

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## No-Till Vegetable Field Event



University of Maryland Extension and Garrett Growers Cooperative will hold a No-till Vegetable meeting on June 19th at 5pm at the farm of Aaron Lantz at 8602 Gorman Road in Oakland. Garrett Growers Cooperative was awarded a Healthy Soils Grant by the Maryland Department of Agriculture in 2023. The coop used the funds to purchase no-till and cover crop equipment sized for small scale vegetable producers. At the event you will be able to see the equipment first hand and view pumpkins and sweetcorn planted into a crop of rolled down cereal rye. We are hoping to demonstrate planting with the no-till planter if the weather permits.

Please call the extension office at 301-334-6960 to register for the event. The event is free and open to anyone interested.

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## No-Till Drill & Lime Spreader Available for Rent



Farmers planting 10 or more acres of cover crops in 2024/2025 may qualify for payments to help cover the costs. Payments can be used to help cover costs associated with seeds, equipment and labor. Sign up is only once per year. The exact date for this year has not yet been announced but it will be around the end of

June to the beginning of July. For more information, please visit <https://garrettscd.org> or call the Garrett Soil Conservation District office at 301-501-5886.

The Garrett Soil Conservation District has a No-Till Drill and a Lime Spreader available for rent to area farmers. Farmers do not have to live in Garrett County in order to rent the equipment. Cost to rent the Drill is \$10 per acre. The Lime Spreader is \$3 per ton. It should be noted that the Lime Spreader cannot be used to spread poultry litter. The drill is a John Deere 1590 and will require a minimum 85 PTO horsepower tractor to pull. Please call the Garrett Soil Conservation District at 301-501-5886 to be added to the list.

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## Equine Grazing School in Maryland

University of Maryland Extension and partners are excited to be hosting an Equine Grazing School in Maryland this summer and invite equine owners and managers to attend!

Designed with equine interests in mind, this 2-part Equine Grazing School will offer a more in-depth education on pasture and grazing management for horses. Topics covered will include pasture management, forage identification and selection, designing a grazing system, assessing pastures, soil health and fertility, weed management, pasture renovation, and more!

For more information, click [HERE](#).

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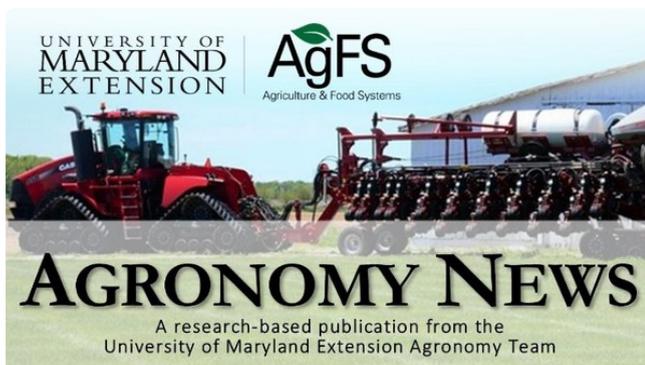
SAVE THE DATE!

## *Equine Grazing School*

June 19th (online) and 22nd (in-person)  
Baltimore County Extension, Cockeysville, MD  
<https://go.umd.edu/equinegrazing>

Funded by the Maryland Horse Industry Board; University of Maryland is an equal opportunity provider

## Statewide Agriculture Newsletters



Newsletters from UME offer informative, researched-based information that the reader can put into practice. Informative articles include crop production, disease information, animal science, and upcoming programs. Take a closer look at the newsletters listed below.

The **Agronomy News** is a statewide newsletter for farmers, consultants, researchers, and educators interested in grain and row crop forage production systems. This newsletter is published once a month during the growing season and will include topics pertinent to agronomic crop production. Subscribers will receive an email with the latest edition.

## [Agronomy News](#)

The **Fruit & Vegetable News** is a timely publication for the commercial vegetable and fruit industry available electronically from April through October. Published by the University of Maryland Extension Agriculture and Food Systems team.

## [Vegetable & Fruit News](#)

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**Roberta Cvetnick**

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