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ONE-TIME BONUS PAYMENT FOR APPROVED CLEAR30 ENROLLMENT

Maryland Department of Agriculture [Press Release](#)

\$1,000 per Acre Incentive for Participating in Long-Term Conservation Program

ANNAPOLIS, MD (April 22, 2022)—Maryland farmers who are enrolled in the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) and Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program (CREP) with contracts due to expire on Sept. 30, 2022, now have the opportunity to transition to a 30-year contract option through the U.S. Department of Agriculture’s (USDA) Clean Lakes, Estuaries, And Rivers initiative (CLEAR30). To encourage participation, the Maryland Department of Agriculture (MDA) is offering a one-time bonus payment of \$1,000 per acre as an incentive for CLEAR30-approved contracts in Maryland.

“With CLEAR30, Maryland producers have the opportunity to commit to water quality improvement practices that will be implemented for the next 30 years,” said Agriculture Secretary Joe Bartenfelder. “Having these practices in place long term will help Maryland decrease runoff, and help our state meet our Chesapeake Bay goals. We are extending our one-time bonus program to encourage more Maryland farmers to take advantage of this opportunity.”

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BONUS PAYMENT FOR APPROVED CLEAR30 ENROLLMENT (CONTINUED)

Maryland Department of Agriculture *Press Release*

The CLEAR30 initiative provides incentives to Maryland producers who agree to implement long-term water quality improvement practices on their land for the next 30 years by building on their original 10 to 15-year CRP and CREP contracts.

MDA’s bonus payment of \$1,000 per acre applies to all accepted CLEAR30 contracts except grass waterways and contour grass strips.

Current CRP and CREP enrollees with contracts that expire before September 30, 2022, should contact their local USDA Service Center to apply for CLEAR30.

For more information on CLEAR30, please visit the USDA Farm Service Agency website. For questions or details on MDA’s bonus payment, please contact Alisha Mulkey at alisha.mulkey@maryland.gov.



Cost-share grants are available from the Maryland Department of Agriculture to help farmers inject all types of liquid manure into their fields. Grants are available for spring or fall-planted crops and may be used to hire custom operators, rent or lease equipment, or offset operating costs associated with manure injection. Call or visit your soil conservation district to jump start your spring planting today!

Guidelines and Conditions

- Manure must be injected below the soil surface
- Applicants must be in good standing with the Maryland Agricultural Water Quality Cost-Share (MACS) Program and the Maryland Nutrient Management Program
- Additional restrictions may apply



Maryland Department of Agriculture

Office of Resource Conservation

410.841.5864

mda.maryland.gov/manure

VIRTUAL RECERTIFICATION SEMINAR

2022 Recertification Seminars for Certified Professional Fertilizer Applicators

The last virtual recertification seminar for certified professional fertilizer applicators (PFAs) will be held on **May 18, 2022, 9am-11am**. The seminar is worth 2 CEUs toward renewal of PFA certificates. There is no cost for the seminar and advanced registration is not required. On the date of the webinar, click on the zoom link provided below, audio only option is also detailed below. *This seminar is the same as those previously offered on January 11, 2022 and February 9, 2022, so if you attended one of those, additional credits will not be given. For questions, call 410-980-9084 or email Judy.McGowan@maryland.gov

To join the 5/18/2022 seminar via Zoom visit:

<https://umd.zoom.us/j/93877638699>

Meeting ID: 938 7763 8699

For audio only dial (301) 715-8592

To receive credit for attendance, you must sign into the zoom room using your real name. If you are joining by phone only, please send an email to Judy.McGowan@maryland.gov and identify the number you are calling from.

LEARN & EARN CEUs ONLINE

University of Maryland agricultural nutrient management webinars available anytime!

Visit mda.maryland.gov/resource_conservation/Pages/asynchronous.aspx



MARYLAND SHEEP & WOOL FESTIVAL SEMINARS



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Maryland Sheep and Wool Festival Seminars on Saturday, May 7, 2022

Setting Up a Grazing System with Dr. Amanda Grev

Date: Saturday, May 7, 2022

Time: 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Location: 2022 Maryland Sheep and Wool Festival, Howard County Fairgrounds (Dining Hall), 2210 Fairgrounds Road, West Friendship, MD 21794

Cost: Admission to the Festival is \$5.00 per day for adults 18 and over; anyone under 18 will be admitted free.

Description: Whether you are just getting started or are looking to make improvements, there are a lot of options to consider when it comes to pasture set up and design. This presentation will provide an overview of different grazing systems and will discuss essential considerations like layout, fencing, shelter, water, and stocking rates to help you be successful when setting up a grazing system.

<https://extension.umd.edu/news-events/events/event/7111/maryland-sheep-and-wool-festival-seminar-setting-grazing-system>

Basic Pasture Management with Dr. Amanda Grev

Date: Saturday, May 7, 2022

Time: 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Location: 2022 Maryland Sheep and Wool Festival, Howard County Fairgrounds (Dining Hall), 2210 Fairgrounds Road, West Friendship, MD 21794

Cost: Admission to the Festival is \$5.00 per day for adults 18 and over; anyone under 18 will be admitted free.

Description: A well-managed pasture is one of the most cost-effective and high value feeds that can be produced. This presentation will include an overview of best management practices for pasture and will cover a number of strategies to keep pastures healthy and productive.

<https://extension.umd.edu/news-events/events/event/7112/maryland-sheep-and-wool-festival-seminarbasic-pasture-management>

Maryland Beef Producers Shortcourse Series I – The Fundamentals of Beef Cattle Production

Cost: \$75 (Includes all refreshments, lunches and educational materials)

For more information about this two-day workshop, please visit our website:

<https://ansc.umd.edu/extension/beef-extension/educational-courses#series-i>

	Dates	Times	Location
Eastern Shore	May 13-14, 2022	May 13: 10am-4pm May 14: 9am-2pm	Wye Angus 2016 Carmichael Rd Queenstown, MD 21658
Southern Maryland	May 20-21, 2022	May 20: 10am-4pm May 21: 9am-2pm	Charles County SCD 4200 Gardiner Rd Waldorf, MD 20601
Western Maryland	June 3-4, 2022	June 3: 10am-4pm June 4: 9am-2pm	WMREC 18330 Keedysville Rd, Keedysville, MD 21756

To Register Online: <https://umdbef-series1.Eventbrite.com>

**Hands-on Chute-side Learning,
including Field Demonstrations**



Topics Covered:

- Farm Economics – Budget Building
- Body Condition Scoring
- Cattle Health
- The Basics of Reproduction
- Understanding Genetics and EPDs
- Pasture Management
- Nutrition and Building Rations

**Registration limited to first
40 participants**

Please Contact Racheal Slattery rslatt@umd.edu or phone: **(301)405-1392** with any questions or concerns or to register via check/cash

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PASTURE WALKS SPRING 2022

In collaboration with NRCS and farm cooperators, supported by NE SARE



April 21 at 5:30 PM
Pasture Management

Baltimore County Ag Center, Cockeysville, MD
<https://go.umd.edu/aprilpasturewalk>



May 18 at 6:30 PM
Grass-Finished Livestock

Johnsville Meadows Farm, Woodsboro, MD
<https://go.umd.edu/maypasturewalk>



June 16 at 6:30 PM
Grazing Summer Annuals

Swain Ag Enterprises, Taneytown, MD
<https://go.umd.edu/junepasturewalk>

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Virtual: Cheep Talk: Backyard Poultry Workshop

ZOOM

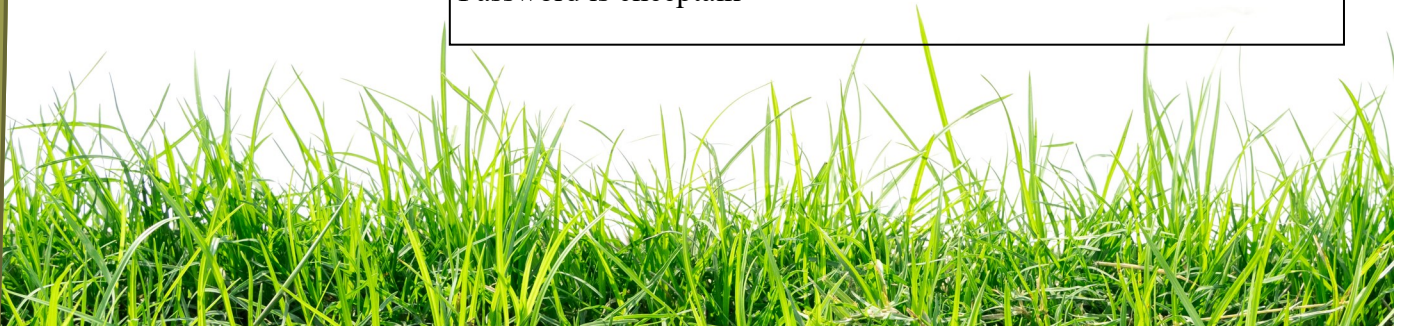
Thursday, May 19, 2022, 6:00 - 9:00 PM

Five 30 minute topics with Q&A at the end

- You Must Defend the Flock: Keeping External Threats at Bay
- Girls' Rules: From Eggs to Laying Hens to Eggs Again
- Don't Get Your Feathers Ruffled! Keeping Your Flock Clean
- ABC & 123: Back to Basics
- Like a Bridge Over Troubled Waters
- Q&A

Register at <https://udel.zoom.us/j/95451200651>

Password is cheeptalk



Maryland Beef Webinars

Join us on the second Tuesday of each month from 7:30-8:30 pm

- March 8** — To deworm or not to deworm?
- April 12** — Breeding and Genetics
- May** — Break for weekly public beef education series
- June 14** — Interpreting a Forage Analysis
- July 12** — Mineral Nutrition for Beef Cattle
- August 9** — Pasture Management: Stockpiling Tips
- September 13** — Spring Stocker Cattle Recap: Successes and Lessons Learned
- October 11** — Utilizing Crop Residue as a Forage Source
- November 8** — Benchmarking for Success
- December 13** — Wintering Bulls and Cows



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Registration:

<https://go.umd.edu/beef-webinars>

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WORKSHOPS & WEBINARS

Offered the second and fourth Wednesday of each month. They are FREE and open to all!

To see a schedule of upcoming topics and to register visit: <https://extension.umd.edu/programs/agriculture-food-systems/program-areas/farm-and-agribusiness-management/women-agriculture/webinars>



5/11/2022 at 5:30 pm

Amanda Grev

Considerations for Selecting and Purchasing Hay

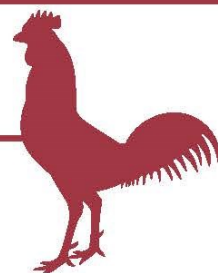
6/8/2022 at 5:30 pm

Erika Crawl and Andy Kness

Aerial Cover Crop Seeding via Drones

SICK BIRD REPORTING FOR BACKYARD FLOCKS

Procedure for Requesting Samples



1

Monitor your flocks for any signs of increased mortality.

2

Pay particular attention if any birds are showing signs of respiratory illness or distress.

3

If concerned, send an email to md.birdflu@maryland.gov with contact information, size of flock, location, and concerns.

4

You will be contacted **if a sample needs to be taken.**

5

DO NOT take dead or sick birds to a lab to be tested or move them off-site!

6

If necessary, personnel will notify you and then arrange to visit the site to take a sample.



mda.maryland.gov/AvianFlu

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MAY 11 Women in Ag. Webinar

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7:30 a.m.

MAY 18 PFA Virtual Recertification Seminar

MAY 18 Pasture Walk, Grass Finished Livestock

MAY 19 Cheep Talk: Backyard Poultry Workshop
Zoom

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7:30 a.m.

JUNE 3-4 MD Beef Producers Short Course @
WMREC (see pg. 5)

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7:30 am

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