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COST SHARE GRANTS FOR MANURE TRANSPORT & INJECTION

Source: Maryland Department of Agriculture, News Release, March 21, 2023

Sign-up Ongoing at Local Soil Conservation Districts

The Maryland Department of Agriculture reminds farmers that cost-share funding is available to help transport and inject all types of liquid manure into their fields to lower the potential for nutrient runoff to surface waters and reduce on-farm odors.

Funding is available for spring or fall-planted crops and may be used to transport manure, hire custom operators, rent or lease equipment, or offset operating costs associated with injecting liquid manure into the soil. Cost-share grants to transport dairy and livestock manure pay up to 87.5 percent of all eligible costs. Eligible farmers receive up to \$45 an acre in cost-share to inject liquid manure into the soil based on a maximum application rate of 6,000 gallons/acre. Rates for manure transport are based on the distance between the manure source and the field.

The Department's Conservation Grants Program administers manure transport and injection grants. Applicants must be in good standing with the program and in compliance with Maryland's nutrient management regulations. Key points of the grant include:

- All spring manure injection and transport must be completed by **June 30, 2023**
- Claims for payment must be received by the department's Conservation Grants Office by **July 31, 2023**
- Contact your local soil conservation district for summer/fall injection and transport deadlines

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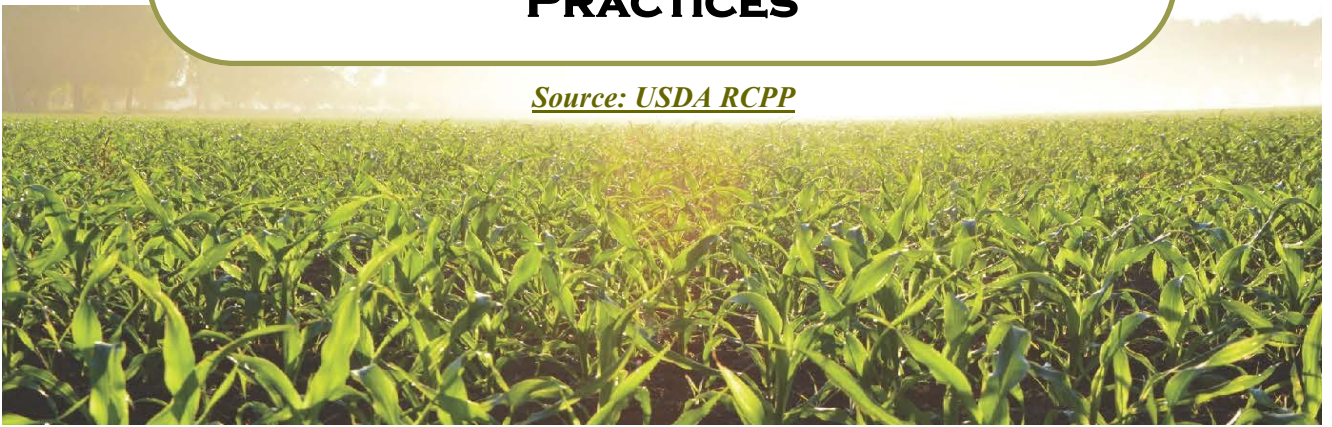
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Farmers should apply for manure injection and dairy/livestock transport grants through their local soil conservation district. Please visit the Maryland Department of Agriculture website to download an application to apply for *FastTrack* grants to haul poultry litter, which is not eligible for injection, due to its low moisture content. Farmers may also contact the Maryland Department of Agriculture's Manure Management Program at 410-841-5864 with questions.

FUNDING FOR CONSERVATION PRACTICES

Source: USDA RCPP



Funding Available for Precision Nutrient Management, Manure Injection, and Soil Health Conservation Practices

Available to **EQIP-eligible** farmers in Allegany, Baltimore, Carroll, Cecil, Frederick, Harford, Howard, Montgomery, and Washington counties, as well as all Eastern Shore counties of Kent, Queen Anne's, Caroline, Talbot, Dorchester, Wicomico, Somerset, and Worcester.

Management practices to be funded include:

- Precision nutrient management
- Multi-species cover crops
- Poultry mortality freezers
- Grassed waterways
- Drainage water management and saturated buffers
- Manure injection

Interested individuals should call or visit their local NRCS office to confirm eligibility and complete an application. There are two deadlines to receive applications, **January 20th, 2023** and **April 14th, 2023**.

With this RCPP funding the maximum cap for precision nutrient management is \$40,000/year, rather than \$10,000/year through EQIP

This funding is available through USDA's Regional Conservation Partnership Program (RCPP) project Sustainable Chesapeake secured in partnership with the Maryland Department of Agriculture and the Delaware-Maryland 4R Alliance. For more information about RCPP, EQIP, and NRCS, visit <https://www.nrcs.usda.gov/programs-initiatives/rcpp-regional-conservation-partnership-program/maryland/regional-conservation>



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Kevin Atticks
State of Maryland
Secretary of Agriculture

Secretary Atticks would like to personally meet our farmers in an effort to support our State’s agriculture opportunities and community’s challenges by promoting growth and operational improvement.



Wednesday, April 26, 2023 at 8:00 am
Westminster Ag Center - Burns Hall

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC



Registration Requested @
www.ncbamanchester.org



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2023 GRAIN MARKETING INFORMATION NOW AVAILABLE

Source: Shannon Dill, University of Maryland Extension

The University of Maryland Extension has updated the grain marketing website with new input data and spray programs for the 2023 field crop budgets. The recent 2023 Maryland and Delaware Custom Rate Survey is also now available for farmers and farm workers.

Crop Budgets

Cost of production is essential when making decisions about your farm enterprise and grain marketing. Enterprise budgets provide valuable information regarding individual enterprises on the farm. An enterprise budget uses farm revenue, variable cost, fixed cost, and net income to provide a clear picture of the financial health of each farm enterprise. This tool enables farm managers to make decisions regarding enterprises and plan for the coming production year. The 2023 Maryland enterprise budgets were developed using average yields and estimated input costs based on producer and farm supplier data. The figures presented are averages and vary significantly from one farm and region to the other. It is, therefore, crucial to input actual farm data when completing enterprise budgets for your farm.

Cost Per Acre					
	Corn—No Till	Corn—Conventional	Soybeans	Wheat	Wheat/Beans
2022	\$689.00	\$749.00	\$402.00	\$490.00	\$749.00
2023	\$735.50	\$799.57	\$422.86	\$537.64	\$800.23
Difference	\$46.50	\$50.57	\$20.86	\$47.64	\$51.23
Percent Change	7%	7%	5%	10%	7%

How to Use University Enterprise Budgets:

The enterprise budgets can be used as a baseline for your operation. Make changes to these budgets to include your production techniques, inputs, and overall management. Use this document as a start or reference to creating your crop budgets. The budgets are available electronically in PDF or Excel online at extension.umd.edu/grain-marketing. Contact information is on the website if you have problems downloading any of these budgets.

2023 Custom Rate Survey Now Available for Maryland and Delaware

Financial and economic considerations such as limited capital, untimely cash flow, low labor, small acreage, or other reasons require farmers to hire custom services for field operations.

Custom work charges are determined by demand and supply and are negotiated between farmers and custom operators. The purpose of the publication is to provide information on custom work charges in Maryland and Delaware.

Custom Work Charges

A mail survey was conducted in the fall of 2021 to determine custom works charges in Maryland and Delaware. Rates were collected from 67 custom operators and farmers and summarized for the state. Participants indicated the rates they charge for various field operations. The charges reported in this publication may serve as a guide in determining an acceptable rate for a particular job where little other information is available. The charges can also be compared with costs and returns and may be used as a basis for working out more equitable charges for both the custom operator and the customer. These are available online at www.go.umd.edu/grainmarketing or contact your local Extension Office.

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Custom Work Charges			
Operation	Average '23	Average '21	Percent Change
Field Preparation	\$20.21	\$19.07	6%
Planting	\$21.87	\$18.31	19%
Field Applications	\$14.09	\$9.84	43%
Forage Production	\$15.17	\$12.32	23%
Harvesting	\$73.07	\$71.30	2%
Labor	\$42.19	\$40.38	4%
Equipment Expenses	\$85.50	\$71.23	20%
Average Total Change	\$38.87	\$34.64	12%

The accuracy of this survey depends on the number of realistic responses. If you would like to be added to the custom applicator list for future surveys, send your name and email/ mailing address to sdill@umd.edu c/o MD Custom Rates.



OWNING FARMLAND IN MD WEBINAR SERIES

Every Friday 12:00PM-1:30PM

- March 31st-Negligence, Livestock, and Guests on Farmland
- April 7th- Fencing and Right to Farm
- April 14th- Agricultural Leasing
- April 21st- Understanding Insurance
- April 28th- Working with an Ag Law Attorney



To register, scan the QR code or get in touch with Paul Goeringer at lgoering@umd.edu.



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VALUE-ADDED PRODUCER MATCHING GRANTS FROM MARBIDCO

Source: Marbidco News Release

The Maryland Agricultural and Resource-Based Industry Development Corporation (MARBIDCO) has announced a grant funding opportunity to encourage Maryland's agricultural producers to engage in value-added activities and pursue financial support from the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Value-Added Producer Grants Program (USDA-VAPG). The USDA-VAPG is a highly competitive nationwide grant program with approximately \$31 million available for distribution in 2023.

These federal grant funds can be used for planning (up to \$75,000) or working capital expenses (up to \$250,000) in accordance with USDA regulations. Eligible purposes include feasibility studies or business plans, working capital for producing and marketing value-added agricultural products, and for farm-based renewable energy projects.

Grants are awarded through a national competition. Each fiscal year, applications are requested through a notice published in the [Federal Register](#) and through an announcement posted on [Grants.gov](#). VAPG is part of the Local Agriculture Market Program (LAMP) which is an umbrella program created under the [2018 Farm Bill](#). Producers can find other grant funding opportunities at the LAMP [web page](#). MARBIDCO is making available Maryland Value-Added Producer Matching Grants ([MVAPMG](#)) of up to 15% of the amount of a USDA-VAPG award to help an eligible applicant meet the one-for-one non-federal financial matching requirement. MARBIDCO's maximum grant amount is \$11,250 for planning grants and \$25,000 for working capital grants.

All applicants that meet the MARBIDCO requirements will receive a commitment of matching funds to be included with their federal USDA-VAPG application. A MVAPMG monetary award from MARBIDCO will only be provided to an applicant that is selected to receive USDA-VAPG funding.

The application submission deadline for the national USDA-VAPG program is May 16, 2023. Applications also are permitted via [Grants.gov](#) and must be received by 11:59 p.m. Eastern time on May 11, 2023.

Questions regarding the USDA-VAPG can be addressed to the Maryland/Delaware Office of USDA-Rural Development at 302-857-3629 or visit [USDA's website](#) for more information.

Applicants seeking to receive a commitment of matching funds from MARBIDCO must submit applications at least two weeks prior to the federal submission deadline. The deadline for hand delivered or emailed submissions is Monday, May 1, 2023, at 12:59 p.m. (or, by mail, postmarked no later than April 28, 2023). Electronic submissions can be sent to scriste@marbidco.org

Please visit the MARBIDCO website for more information and to download the MVAPMG application form: <http://www.marbidco.org>. Questions about the MVAPMG may also be directed to Sierra Criste, MARBIDCO Financial Programs Associate, at 410-267-6807 or email scriste@marbidco.org.



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If you need a reasonable accommodation to participate in any event or activity, please contact your local University of Maryland Extension Office.

GRANT OPPORTUNITY

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Dates to remember

April 7 Ag Law Webinar, 12 p.m.—1:30 p.m., Virtual

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7:30 a.m.

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April 28 MARBIDCO Matching Grant Application Via
Mail, Postmarked by 4/28/23 (see pg. 7)

May 1 MARBIDCO Matching Grant Application, Hand
Delivered Due Date (see pg. 7)

May 11 USDA-VAPG Application Due Via Grants.gov
(see pg. 7)

May 16 MVAPMG Application Due (see pg. 7)

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