

For Immediate Release

Date: 12/26/2024

Farm O Gram

Winchester, VA ~ Feeder Cattle (\$/100wt.) (As of 12/16/2024)

Steers:

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| 300 – 400 | \$320.00 - \$380.00 |
| 400 - 500 | \$287.00 - \$345.00 |
| 500 - 600 | \$303.00 - \$323.00 |
| 600 - 700 | \$257.00 - \$295.00 |
| 700 - 800 | \$255.00 |
| 800 - 900 | \$240.00 |

Heifers:

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| 300 - 400 | \$240.00 - \$305.00 |
| 400 - 500 | \$235.00 - \$288.00 |
| 500 - 600 | \$237.00 - \$256.00 |
| 600 – 700 | \$217.00 - \$248.00 |
| 700 - 800 | \$205.00 - \$225.00 |
| 800 - 900 | \$212.00 - \$220.00 |

Slaughter Cows:

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| Breaker | \$108.00 - \$115.00 |
| Boner | \$102.00 - \$116.00 |
| Lean | \$ 65.00 - \$ 93.00 |

Maryland Grain Bids Prices per Bushel (As of 12/17/2024)

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| #2 Shelled Corn | \$4.63 - \$5.08 |
| #1 Soybeans | \$8.96 - \$9.46 |
| #1 Wheat | \$5.43 |

Wolgemuth Hay Auction ~ New Holland Hay and Straw Prices per Ton (As of 12/16/2024)

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| Alfalfa | \$320.00 - \$405.00 |
| Mixed Hay | \$205.00 - \$430.00 |
| Wheat Straw | \$150.00 - \$165.00 |

Ag Happenings

Winter Ban on Spreading Manure Began December 16

The Maryland Department of Agriculture reminds farmers that the winter ban on spreading manure and other nutrient sources on cropland, including food-processing residuals (FPRs) begins December 16, 2024. Farmers may resume spreading on March 1, 2025, based on their nutrient management plan recommendations, as long as fields are not saturated, snow-covered, or hard-frozen.

Maryland's nutrient management regulations prohibit farmers from spreading manure and other nutrient sources on fields in winter due to the increased risk of runoff into local waterways. Farmers are required to store liquid manure sources generated on farms in structures. The department is authorized to work with livestock farmers to prevent overflows from storage structures and minimize impacts on water quality. In these instances, farmers must contact the Nutrient Management Program for emergency authorization before spreading occurs.

Temporary field stockpiling of "stackable" poultry litter and other qualifying organic nutrient sources is allowed if the moisture content is 60% or less. Farmers may not apply stackable organic nutrient sources to fields in winter under any conditions.

Farmers should contact their regional nutrient management specialist if they have storage concerns, questions about the regulations, or need guidance on storage requirements. For more information, please visit the department's Nutrient Management Program website.

Tri State Hay & Pasture Conference

The Tri-State Hay and Pasture Conference will be held at the Grantsville VFD 178 Springs Rd, Grantsville, MD 21536 on Wednesday, January 22nd from 9am-3:30pm. The event will include a light breakfast and lunch. The cost is \$30 if registered by January 12th or \$40 for late registration and at the door. Credit card registration can be made via Eventbrite at <https://go.umd.edu/wmdforage> or contact the Garrett County Extension Office for cash/check registration at 301-334-6960. Checks will need to be made payable to Maryland-Delaware Forage Council.

Western Maryland Agronomy Meeting

University of Maryland will be partnering with Freedom Ag and Energy in Oakland to hold the Western Maryland Agronomy Meeting March 12th 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.