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Talbot County Corn Club and Soybean Improvement Awards

Congratulations to the Talbot County Corn Club and Soybean Improvement Award Winners

The 59th Annual Talbot County Corn Club and the 40th Annual Soybean Improvement awards were held on Thursday, January 21st at the VFW on Glebe Road. The keynote speaker this year was Dr. Robert Kratochvil, UMD Agronomist. Dr. Kratochvil, in honor of the 40th year celebration, gave an enlightening lecture highlighting the history of the soybean. Thank you to the participants, unit leaders, and sponsors. A special thanks to the Maryland Soybean Board and the Delmarva Farmer for sponsoring the cash Soybean Awards.

RESULTS

TALBOT COUNTY CORN CLUB -
CHAMPION

Raymond Harrison, Jr. – 194.73 bu/ac
DEKALB 61-69

TALBOT COUNTY CORN CLUB - SECOND
PLACE

Jay Shortall – 190.79 bu/ac
DEKALB 52-59

TALBOT COUNTY CORN CLUB - THIRD
PLACE

Donald Foster – 183.91 bu/ac
DEKALB 61-69

TALBOT COUNTY CORN CLUB - YOUTH
CHAMPION

Hannah Harrison – 217.29 bu/ac
DEKALB 61-69

TALBOT COUNTY SOYBEAN PROGRAM -
1ST PLACE – FULL SEASON

Harrison Family Farms – 67.26 bu/ac

TALBOT COUNTY SOYBEAN PROGRAM -
1ST PLACE – DOUBLE CROP

Hutchison Brothers - 50.90 bu/ac

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL!

USDA Crop Report: U.S. Corn Stocks at Record-Low 5 Percent

Lower supplies and higher demand continue to play a major role in price increases for wheat and corn in the Agriculture Department's February crop report released today.



USDA made no changes in the wheat, soybeans and cotton stocks estimates, but corn stocks were reduced to 675 million bushels from 745 million bushels in the January estimate.

This puts corn stocks at a very tight level of 5 percent, the same as the record level of 5 percent that occurred in the 1995-96 marketing year. Tight supplies are driving up corn prices, with USDA projecting the 2010-11 marketing-year average farm price to be \$5.05 per bushel to \$5.75 per bushel, up from \$4.90 to \$5.70 in the January report.

USDA World Agriculture Supply and Demand Estimate report

<http://www.usda.gov/oce/commodity/wasde/>

2011 WASDE Release Dates

Mar. 10, Apr. 8, May 11, Jun. 9, Jul. 12, Aug. 11, Sep. 12, Oct. 12, Nov. 9, Dec. 9



Pesticide Private Applicator and Nutrient Voucher

There are multiple ways to receive your credits for

Nutrient Voucher and Private Applicator Certification. For additional information or any questions you may have, please call the University of Maryland Extension office in the county office that you are interested in attending from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. You must pre-register for all sessions.

PRIVATE PESTICIDE APPLICATOR RECERTIFICATION & NUTRIENT VOUCHER

Mar. 01, 2011, Cecil County AGRONOMY DAY, Rising Sun Grange, Call Doris Behnke, 410-996-5280 to register.

March 4, 2011, Queen Anne's County AGRONOMY DAY, Call Jenny or Shelia 410-758-0166 to register.

March 10, 2011, Talbot County. 6-9pm at Talbot Ag Center (Hiners Lane) Call Shannon Dill 410-822-1244 to register.

**GET RECERTIFIED ONLINE IN THE COMFORT OF YOUR OWN HOME!
Nutrient Voucher – see attached flyer for more details**

March 16, 2011- *Nutrient Management Winter Webinar Session2*

Pesticide Re-Certification

April 15, 2011 – 4-6pm. To register please call 410-222-6757



Continuing Education - Winter 2011 Webinar Series Certified Nutrient Management Consultants

The Agricultural Nutrient Management Program would

like to introduce our *Winter Webinar Series!*

These online training sessions will be held via Adobe Connect. You will need access to a computer with speakers and a high-speed internet connection to participate.

March 16, 2011 *Nutrient Management Winter Webinar Session2 (2 Continuing Ed. Credits)*

2:00 Nitrogen Management – Present and Future Josh McGrath

Current and soon-to-be-available advanced nitrogen management techniques will be discussed as well as their integration into the nutrient management process.

3:00 Fall Wheat Nitrate Test Bob Kratochvil
Fall wheat planting without starter nitrogen!! Is it production suicide or a viable best management practice? This webinar will review Maryland research that has assessed the use of a fall nitrate quick test to determine where fall nitrogen may provide a benefit and where its use likely will only be an unnecessary expense.

Register at

<http://www.agnr.umd.edu/seminars/Description>
by March 15, 2011.

You will receive a registration confirmation the day before the training that includes a link to the webinar site. The day of the training click on the link and enter your name to join the webinar.

NOTE: If you don't have High Speed Internet at home – You can contact Shannon and attend the Webinar here at the UMD Extension Office – 410.822.1244



WEBSITES TO CHECK OUT!

Custom Rates 2011 Available

A custom rate survey was conducted in the fall of 2010 and rates have been posted. To get a copy of the factsheet you can visit www.mdgrainmarketing.umd.edu or call the Extension Office.

MD Crops Website – www.mdcrop.umd.edu

A new look to the MD crops website. Corn and Bean 2010 variety trials are now posted!

Grain Marketing Website – www.mdgrainmarketing.umd.edu

Updated crop budgets have been posted. Custom rates for 2011 coming soon.

Legislative Issues: Subscribe to the Maryland Farm Bureau's Hotline for Up-To-Date legislative issues: <http://www.mdfarmbureau.com/Hotlines.asp>

And For additional bill information go to: <http://mlis.state.md.us> (Maryland General Assembly Website)

Pesticide Recommendations Websites

Commercial Vegetable Production Recommendations Maryland EB 236
<http://extension.umd.edu/agriculture/mdvegetables/2011%20MD%20Recs.cfm>

Also available in a new very interactive format at the Delaware Extension site at:
<http://ag.udel.edu/extension/vegprogram/publications.htm#vegrecs>

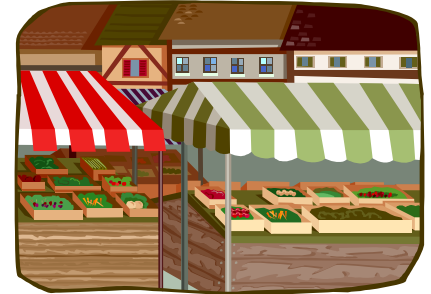
Commercial Field Crop Recommendations EB 237

<http://extension.umd.edu/publications/EB237online/>

Commercial Tree Fruit

<http://pubs.ext.vt.edu/456/456-419/456-419.html>

IT'S THAT TIME AGAIN!!



Easton Farmers' Market

Town Parking lot off Harrison Street

Saturday: 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

April 17 - December 18

Wednesday: 8:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

June 23 - September 22

Contact: Carolyn Jaffe 410-820-8822

FMNP Checks (WIC & Senior) & FVC Accepted

St. Michaels "FRESHFARM" Market

Muskrat Park on the St. Michaels

Harbor: Corner of Willow St. & Green St.

Saturday: 8:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

April 17 - October 16

Contact: Carol Bean 410-829-8228

FMNP Checks (WIC & Senior) & FVC Accepted

FARM SAFETY IS FIRST!

BE SAFE!

PAY ATTENTION!

UPCOMING EVENTS

Queen Anne's County Agronomy Day

AGRONOMY DAY

Queen Anne's County 4-H Park
March 4th - 8:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Topics include weed update, fungicides, stinkbugs, crop insurance, TMDLs and more. You can also get recertified for Nutrient Management and Pesticide Applicator. To register call 410-758-0166



6th Annual Organic Grain, Forage & Vegetable Production Meeting

March 8th, 2011 - 8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Chesapeake College, Wye Mills, MD

Economic Development Center & Todd Performing Arts Center
Keynote Speaker – Gary Zimmer, "To Till or Not to Till"
New this year will be breakout sessions on soil health, crop production and marketing, by University of Maryland Specialists, and industry experts. Meet and share best practices with other local organic farmers and organic business sponsors who will have booths set up in the lobby area. Beginners & experienced farmers WELCOME. Contact jrhodes@umd.edu, 410-758-0166. Course fee \$30 includes continental breakfast and lunch - Please register by March 2nd

Acidified Foods Training

The University of Maryland, Department of Nutrition and Food Science will be offering a two day Acidified Foods Training Workshop on Thursday, April 7, 2011 and Friday, April 8, 2011.



The workshop is designed to teach the basics of food safety requirements and the regulation in the manufacture of acidified foods in Maryland.

If you have any questions or need more information, please contact Mary Pandian at 301-405-4521 or mpandian@umd.edu
Registration closes on March 31, 2011.

POULTRY FARM MANAGEMENT FOR NEW & EXISTING GROWERS



The University of Maryland Extension has created a one day workshop for new and existing poultry farmers on Delmarva focusing on poultry farm management. With today's environment it is important to learn about the many aspects of poultry farm management. The topics that will be addressed are farm management, site management & maintenance, best management practices, mortality, manure handling, litter management, windbreaks/vegetative environmental buffers, financial/recordkeeping, concentrated animal feeding operation regulations, nutrient management, comprehensive nutrient management plans, Environmental Protection Agency inspections and emergency preparedness. We will also share all the information in a binder to take back to the farm for future reference. Certificate of completion will be awarded to each participant.

Date: March 22, 2011

Rockawalkin Community Hall - 6777 Rockawalkin Road, Hebron, MD 21830
Time: 8:00 am to 3:30 pm.
Registration cost - \$35 includes refreshments, lunch and materials. Please register by March 14th. To register: Jeri Cook, 410-742-1178, x.301, jcook2@umd.edu.

Date: March 30, 2011

Chesapeake College - Economic Development Center, Room EDC 27

Route 50 & 213, Wye Mills, MD 21679 Time: 8:00 am to 3:30pm.

Registration cost - \$30 includes continental breakfast, lunch and materials. Please register by March 20th.

To register contact: Jeri Cook at 410-742-1178 or jcook2@umd.edu

For more information, call or email Jenny Rhodes, jrhodes@umd.edu, 410 758 0166 or Jennifer Timmons, mdchick@umd.edu, 410 742 1178.

On-Farm Poultry and Rabbit Processing Certification



To help farmers meet growing consumer demand for local meats, the

Maryland Department of Agriculture (MDA) in partnership with the University of Maryland and Washington County Agriculture Marketing Department will conduct a training workshop for on-farm poultry and rabbit slaughter and processing. This workshop is part of a voluntary certification program to assist small poultry and rabbit operations to meet the Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene's approved source requirements to sell poultry and/or rabbit (off-farm) at farmers markets or to restaurants and retailers in Maryland.

Workshop participants will learn to recognize diseases of public health concern, take basic biosecurity measures, write and implement basic Standard Sanitary Operating Procedures, develop Good Manufacturing Practices and Hazard Analysis and Critical Control Point plans, and properly dispose of offal and waste water.

To become certified for off-farm sales, producers must: complete the training; pass a brief test at the training; submit an application for certification along with a \$75 annual fee; and be inspected by MDA.

MDA inspectors will conduct an inspection at

least once per year to verify that producers are following food safety requirements.

Trainings will be held from 9:00-5:00
Registration check-in begins at 8:30 a.m.
Tuesday, March 1, Clear Spring Town Hall, 146 Cumberland St, Clear Spring MD.
Saturday, March 12, MDA, 50 Harry S Truman Parkway, Annapolis, MD.
Wednesday, March 16, Eastern Shore Hospital Center, 5262 Woods Rd., Cambridge, MD.

The training fee is \$20 which includes lunch and materials. To download a copy of the registration form, visit:

www.mda.state.md.us/pdf/poultryrabbitwkshp.pdf. For questions, call Karen Fedor at 410-841-5773 or email: fedorkm@mda.state.md.us
Space is limited, so register early.

To learn more about Maryland's Poultry and Rabbit Program, visit:

www.mda.state.md.us/feed-food_safety-grading/food_qual_assur/poultry_rabbit/index.php.



Women and the Future of Agriculture on the Shore

A series of free events celebrating the Eastern Shore will be held in the Cadby Theatre at Chesapeake College. Women and the Future of Agriculture on the Shore will be held on March 15th at noon. The Event is presented by Holly Foster, Carol Bean and Pat Langenfelder and moderated by Shannon Potter Dill. Participants will share their experiences in developing new markets and techniques to preserve the land.

This program is offered in collaboration with the Women and Girls Fund and the University of Maryland Extension

