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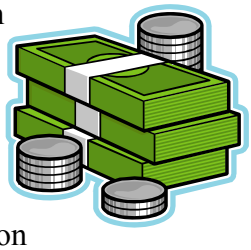

A survey was conducted in fall of 2008 to determine custom rates for various farm activities in Maryland. For a copy of the custom rates contact the Talbot County Extension Office at 410-822-1244 or sdill@umd.edu or visit the University of Maryland's grain marketing website - www.mdgrainmarketing.umd.edu

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Ag MARKETING

Ag Marketing Website

www.agmarketing.umd.edu

University of Maryland Extension has added another valuable program to the tool box of resources supporting Maryland agriculture – a new Agriculture Marketing Program.

The Agriculture Marketing Program's mission is to assist individuals with marketing plans, develop profitable, sustainable marketing opportunities, and work in coordination with other supporting agencies to enhance Maryland's agricultural economy. Check it out!

Local Weather Information Available

Weather data from the Wye Research and Education Center is being posted at http://agresearch.umd.edu/RECs/WREC/. Information includes temperature and precipitation.

Also, historical weather data (1940-2008) from Royal Oak's weather station is posted at www.talbot.umd.edu. A special thanks to John Swaine, Jr. and John Swaine, III for sharing that information.

Corn Acreage Remains Unchanged as Soybeans Decline

According to the results of the March Plantings Intentions Survey released Tuesday by USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service, farmers in Maryland and Delaware will decrease soybean acreage while corn acreage remains unchanged from last year. Corn acreage remains unchanged from last year as favorable prices for other crops, market instability, and crop rotation considerations are motivating some farmers to take a balanced approach to crop plantings.

Maryland: Maryland grain producers report that they will plant 490,000 acres of soybeans this year, down 5,000 acres from 495,000 acres planted in 2008. Producers say they will plant 460,000 acres of corn, unchanged from last year. In addition, producers report that they planted an estimated 230,000 acres of winter wheat last fall, down 25,000 acres from the 255,000 acres planted last year. Increases in planted and harvested acreage are apparent in both barley and hay crops. Barley acreage is up 10,000 acres from last year, to 55,000 acres. Growers also expect to harvest hay from 210,000 acres, up 5,000 acres from 2008.

United States: Corn growers intend to plant 85.0 million acres of corn for all purposes in 2009, down 1 percent from last year as lower corn prices and unstable input costs are discouraging some growers from planting corn. If realized, this will be the second consecutive year-over-year decrease since 2007 but will still be the third largest acreage since 1949, behind 2007 and 2008. Expected acreage is down from last year in many States, however, producers in the 10 major corn producing States (Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, Ohio, South Dakota, and Wisconsin) collectively intend to plant 66.3 million acres, up slightly from the 66.1 million acres planted last year.

Soybean producers intend to plant 76.0 million acres in 2009, up slightly from last year. If realized, the U.S. planted area would be the largest on record. Acreage increases of 100,000 acres or more are expected in Arkansas, Iowa, Kansas, Mississippi, Nebraska, North Carolina, North Dakota, and Ohio. The largest decreases are expected in Missouri and South Dakota, both 150,000 acres less than 2008. If realized, the planted acreage in Kansas and New York will be the largest on record, and the planted acreage in North Dakota will tie the previous record high.

Local! Fresh! Good!

Easton Farmers' Market

Parking lot off Harrison Street
Saturday: 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. April 15 - December 23
Wednesday: 1:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. June 7 - August 30
Contact: Carolyn Jaffe 410-820-8822
WIC and Senior FMNP Checks Accepted

St. Michaels "FRESHFARM" Market

Muskrat Park on the St. Michaels Harbor: Corner of Willow St. & Green St.
Saturday: 8:30 a.m. - Noon April 22 - October 28
Contact: Elizabeth Beggins 410-745-3457
WIC and Senior FMNP Checks Accepted

Pesticide Container Recycling

All containers must be made from high density polyethylene (HDPE). The container must have held an EPA-registered pesticide or adjuvant, crop oil, etc. Any size container will be accepted. All containers over 30 gallons must be cut into pieces prior to recycling (contact MDA for instructions). **Pesticide containers must be properly rinsed (pressure-rinsed or triple-rinsed).** Caps and other non-HDPE parts, such as metal handles and rubber linings, cannot be recycled. Stained containers are acceptable provided no material can be smeared or removed when touched by a rubber glove. ***Please remove lids and label booklets prior to recycling.***

LOCATION & DATES
MidShore Regional Solid Waste Facility on Barker's Landing Road in Easton, Maryland between the hours of 9 a.m. to 3p.m.

June 19
July 24
August 21
September 18

Updated Extension Publications

EB 237 Pest Management Recommendations for Field Crops 2009 – 2010

The updated version is ready for purchase or you can view portion or the entire publication online at www.extension.umd.edu/publications

EB 357 Landowner Liability and Recreational Access

• What are my rights, and how do I exercise them to control recreational use of my property?
• What is the extent of my liability to recreationalists, and how can I protect myself against liability suits?
• What are my options for posting my land and controlling trespass by recreationalists? How do these options affect my liability?
• How do I charge for recreational access and still provide liability protection?
• What do I do if someone takes timber from my property without permission?

The recently revised EB357 provides a laymen's guide that answers these questions and more. It provides sample hunting leases, sources of insurance and more. EB357 is also available electronically at the following:
http://www.naturalresources.umd.edu/ResourcesPublications.html
Should you have any questions or want to order any University of Maryland College of Ag and Natural Resource publication please contact Shannon Dill at Talbot County Extension at 410-822-1244.

Like Pit-Beef Sandwiches?
You can get one (or two!) at the Pit-Beef Sale being held on:

Friday, May 15
10:30 – 3:00
Blockbusters in Easton

Cost is only $8.00 for a sandwich, chips and drink!

All sales will benefit the Talbot Ag Center

Join the Talbot County Young Farmers!

Young Farmers

Are you between the ages of 18 – 35? Do you know someone who is? The Talbot County Young Farmers are looking for new members! You don't have to be a full time farmer - just a friend of agriculture - to join us.

Here is just some of the FUN! activities we participate in:

- Talbot County Fair Ice Cream Booth and BBQ Dinner
- Maryland State Fair Ice Cream Dipping Booth
- Gun Raffle to benefit the Talbot Agriculture Center
- Peddle Tractor Pull at Talbot County Fair
- Support a Talbot County family in need for the Holiday Season
- And More!

Next Meeting

- May 17, 2009 Talbot Ag Service Center, 28577 Mary's Court, 7pm

To Join

- $10 per person per year to pay for t-shirts
- Young Farmers is a subcommittee of the Talbot County Farm Bureau
- For more information contact Amanda Brown Clougherty at 410-820-8719 or akbrown@umd.edu

UPCOMING EVENTS

Small Flock Advanced Short Course

Are you ready for more in depth poultry information? Join the Maryland Cooperative Extension for detailed discussions on poultry health, management, housing and safety. Several topic sessions are scheduled. There will be several hands on demonstrations, including an Avian Bowl Practice to test your previous poultry knowledge. Afternoon demonstrations will include constructing a coop as well as home processing. Several prizes will be drawn throughout the day, with the grand prize to be drawn at the end of the workshop. What could it be?

May 2, 2009 - 9:00am -3:00pm: College Park, MD, Avro Godowsky Vet. Center The workshop is open to all poultry owners and enthusiasts. Lunch will be provided. The advance course is free, but seating is limited, so register now. For further information, driving directions, and registration call (410) 742-1178 ext. 307.

Contact: Jessica Renshaw- Program Assistant, (410) 742-1178 or **jrenshaw@umd.edu**

Poultry Growers Meeting

Wednesday, May 6th

104 Tilghman Ave,
Tilghman Terrace,
Centreville
11:30 a.m. Light Lunch 12 noon – 2:00 p.m. program
RSVP: 410-758-0166
Topics: CAFO regulations, Ammonia control, In-house windrowing, open discussion.

Woodland and Farm Owner Field Tour

Through an educational tour, participants will learn about programs that can help pay for projects to improve the land. Topics include wetland restoration, quail habitat, timber sale planning, wildlife management, and more. Tour cost is $5.00. Join us!
Date: May 9 Time: 9:30 - 2:00
Location: Powellville Fire Hall, Powellville,
Contact: Berran Rogers (410) 651-6206

ACRE Presentation at the May Farm Bureau Meeting – Your Invited!

May 20, 2009 Talbot Farm Bureau Board of Directors Meeting, there will be a presentation on the Average Crop Revenue Election (ACRE) program. Bob Wevodau, Ag Program Specialist at the FSA State Office and Doug Scott, CED of the Talbot FSA Office, will present. If you have had questions on whether to enroll this is the meeting you should attend!
Place: Talbot Agricultural Center, Hiners Lane
Time: 7:00 p.m.

Strawberry Twilight Meeting – May 21, 2009 The Annual Strawberry Twilight meeting will include discussion of cultural practices and field tours of research plots. University specialist will be on hand to answer all your strawberry questions.

Time: 6:00 PM till dark
Location: Wye Research and Education Center, Farm operations complex, 211 Farm Lane, Queenstown, MD 21658
Contact: Michael Newell 410-827-7388

2009 Delmarva Chicken Festival

For the first time in its 60-year history, the Delmarva Chicken Festival will be held in Queen Anne's County, Maryland. This will be a great opportunity to attract new visitors from Maryland's upper shore and western shore to this event that celebrates chicken and Delmarva's chicken industry. The 60th festival will be hosted by Queen Anne's County under the chairmanship of Bob McCormick, a poultry grower in the county. He will receive support from the Queen Anne's County Department of Economic Development, Agriculture and Tourism. Details of the 2009 Delmarva Chicken Festival will be released over the coming months, but for now, mark your calendars and plan to join the 60th anniversary celebration of the festival on **June 19 and 20, 2009**, at the **4-H Park** near **Centreville**, Maryland.

Annual Field Crops Research Twilight Barbecue & Ice Cream Social
CMREC, Upper Marlboro Farm
August 6, 2009
You are invited to attend a twilight wagon tour of the University of Maryland Upper Marlboro Research Farm, on **Thursday, August 6, 2009** from **4:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m**. Maryland Cooperative Extension will host this **Annual Field Crops Research Twilight Barbecue & Ice Cream Social.**

Served after the barbecue, "Old-fashioned" homemade ice cream! It's "old fashioned" ice cream because we will be using a 1929 Fair-Banks Morse antique gas engine to do the cranking. This event will highlight all field crops, agronomic and horticultural research projects currently conducted at the

CMREC Upper Marlboro Farm, possibly including but not limited to the following:

- ♦ Vegetable IPM
- ♦ Weed Control
- ♦ Vineyard Projects - Table and Wine Grapes
- ♦ Corn Stalk Nitrate Test Study
- ♦ Phyto-Remediation Grain vs. Forage Systems
- ♦ Apple, Peach & Beach Plum Research
- ♦ Blueberry Project
- ♦ High Tunnel Specialty Vegetable Production
- ♦ Strip-Till/No-Till Vegetable Production Techniques

CALENDAR of EVENTS

May 13, 27 June 10, 24 July 8, 22
Easton Grain Marketing Club
Location: Denny's on Route 50 at 6:30am

May 2, 2009 - Small Poultry Workshop Advanced Class
Location: College Park, 9:00 to 3:00

May 6, 2009 - Poultry Growers Meeting - 11:30 a.m.
Location: 104 Tilgham Terr Centreville, MD

May 9, 2009 – Woodland and Farm Owner Field Day - 9:30a.m. - 2:00p.m.
Location: Powellville Fire Hall, Powellville,

May 20, 2009 – Farm Bureau Meeting and Farm Bill Discussion – 7:00 p.m.
Location: Talbot Ag Center

May 21, 2009 - Small Grain Twilight Tour - 6:00 p.m.
Location: Wye Research & Education Center Farm, Queenstown, MD

May 21, 2009 - Strawberry Twilight Tour - 6:00 p.m.
Location: Wye Research & Education Center Farm, Queenstown, MD

May 25, 2009 - Maryland/Ag Day-Explore Our World! 10 a.m to 4 p.m.
Location: UMD - College Park, MD.

June 19-20 Delmarva Chicken Festival
Location: Queen Anne's County 4-H Park

July 8-11 – Talbot County Fair
Location: Talbot County Ag Center
www.talbotcountyfair.org

August 6, 2009 - Annual Field Crops Research Twilight Barbecue & Ice Cream Social - 4:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.
Location: CMREC, Upper Marlboro Farm

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