
Newsletter



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**There is still time to buy
local produce!
Shop Talbot County**



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

Have you checked out the new website for Eastern Shore Agriculture??

Ever wonder where you could purchase local peaches, plants or meat? The new website www.easternshoreagriculture.com has directories listing local produce, vegetables, cheses, wines, plants, meat and more for Dorchester, Caroline and Talbot Counties. The website also has a gallery of agricultural pictures and statistics of agriculture. This project was funded by the Maryland Ag Council.



Did you know??

An acre of trees can grow 4,000 pounds of wood in a year, using 5,880 pounds of carbon dioxide & giving off 4,280 pounds of oxygen in the process

Radiological
Emergency
Information for
Farmers and Food
Processors in the State of
Maryland



Talbot County is located within the 50-mile radius of a commercial nuclear power plant – Calvert Cliffs. In the event of a radioactive release the State of Maryland has some very important measures that would need to be conducted for farms. This radioactive release is HIGHLY unlikely but measures must be taken to have a preparedness plan. Below is a brief outline of agriculture’s role. If you would like to view the entire publication it is available on the Extension website at www.talbot.umd.edu and click on agriculture.

The publication tells how you will be notified and what procedures you should follow in the event of an emergency at the power plant.

If an emergency results in a release of radioactive material to the environment, you could be told to take action to protect your family, farm animals, and agricultural products. You will receive instructions over the Emergency Alert System (EAS) radio or television stations or through other official sources, to help you prevent or minimize the agricultural effects of a radiological emergency.

There are two types of emergency planning zones (EPZs):

The Plume Exposure Pathway EPZ This area generally is a 10-mile radius around a commercial nuclear power plant where plans

are in place for dealing with direct exposure to radioactive material during an emergency.

The Ingestion Exposure Pathway EPZ This is the area within a 50-mile radius around a commercial nuclear power plant where emergency plans are in place to deal with the potential for indirect exposure to radiation caused by eating food or drinking water, milk, or other liquids that are contaminated by radioactive material released during an emergency.

Emergency Protective Actions are measures taken to isolate or contain food that has already been contaminated and prevent its release into commerce. An example would be to restrict or withhold (embargo) agricultural and dairy products from the marketplace by keeping them from being shipped out of the affected areas.

The following are examples of protective actions that may be recommended if a release of radioactive materials occurs and contamination of agricultural products is verified by State officials:

- When you go outside, wear clothing that covers all portions of the body, similar to what you would wear when applying pesticides; for example: coveralls or long-sleeved shirt, long pants, boots, gloves, etc.
- Wear a respirator, protective mask, or place a folded (preferably dampened) cloth over your mouth and nose when working outside to prevent inhalation of radioactive materials.
- Remove outer clothing before going indoors.
- Wash hands thoroughly before preparing or eating food.
- Delay the slaughter of animals until advised it is safe to do so by

appropriate health or agriculture officials.

- Do not use fresh milk from dairy animals, fresh garden vegetables, or eggs from within the Ingestion Exposure Pathway EPZ until you are told it is safe to do so by health or agricultural officials.
- Do not engage in dust-producing activities such as cultivating, disking, baling, or harvesting.
- Do not process or distribute agricultural products until they have been sampled by state officials and found to be free of contamination.
- Do not transport or market food products from the Ingestion Exposure Pathway EPZ surrounding the nuclear plant until advised it is safe to do so by health officials. Follow the advice these officials provide via Emergency Alert System messages.
- Fish and game should not be taken for food until further notice.

Specific instructions will depend on where your farm or facility is located in respect to the nuclear power plant and on the existing weather conditions.

Brown Marmorated Stink Bug

The brown marmorated stink bug (*Halyomorpha halys*) is a new pest in North America. Adult bugs are 14-17 mm and dark mottled brown. The last 2 antennal segments have alternating light and dark bands. The exposed edges of the abdomen also have light and dark banding. Eggs are light green, barrel-shaped, and laid from June to August. The young bugs (nymphs) are yellowish and mottled with black and red. Older nymphs more closely resemble the adults. The host list is long and includes many shade trees

and woody ornamentals such as Paulownia tomentosa (empress tree), Buddleia spp.(butterfly bush), Catalpa spp., Rosa rugosa, Lonicera spp. (honeysuckle), and Acer platanoides (Norway maple). Feeding damage appears as small necrotic spots on leaves and fruit. These stink bugs can also be a nuisance in homes and buildings as they seek shelter in the fall much like Asian lady bird beetles and boxelder bugs.

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We do not know whether this species will become an agricultural pest in Pennsylvania. In its native range, it feeds on a wide variety of host plants. Fruits attacked include apples, peaches, figs, mulberries, citrus fruits and persimmons. This true bug has also been reported on many ornamental plants, weeds, and soybeans. Feeding on tree fruits such as apple results in a characteristic distortion referred to as “cat facing,” that renders the fruit unmarketable.

Even though these insects do not harm



humans and do not reproduce inside structures such as houses, they cause concern when they become active and conspicuous in fall and spring. If many of them are squashed or pulled into a vacuum cleaner, their smell can be quite apparent.

Penn State's Brown Marmorated Stink Bug [Fact Sheet](#), biology and control information. Pest Alert Brown Marmorated Stink Bug [Fact Sheet](#)

Scouting for the Stink Bug was conducted in the Fall of 2009 in various soybean fields on the MidShore. To date the Brown Marmorated Stink Bug has not been found.

**Be part of one of
oldest traditions in
Talbot County!!**



**Talbot County Corn Club
and Soybean Improvement Awards**

It is time to start thinking about corn and bean samples for the 58th Annual Talbot County Corn Club and the 39th Annual Soybean Improvement awards. It is great to continue this Talbot County Tradition. If you would like to submit a sample and did not get the yield packet please call the Extension Office at 410-822-1244. The awards will be held together, again, on January 21, 2010 at 6:00 pm.

The club would again like to thank the participants, sponsors and unit leaders that make this event possible.

**Annie's Project is Back!!
in Maryland and Delaware**

Annie's Project focuses on the many aspects of farm management and is designed to empower women in overall farm decision



making and to build local networks throughout the state. The target audience is farmwomen with a passion for business, agriculture and involvement in the farm operation. Topics for the sessions cover the five areas of Risk Management – Production, Marketing, Financial, Legal Risk, Human Resources.

This course is open to anyone interested in farm management practices. The course will be 8 evening sessions starting on Wednesday, January 27, 2010 with classroom and computer lab work. This course is open to anyone interested in farm management practices. If you require special assistance to attend the classes, please contact 410-822-1244.

For registration information contact Jenny Rhodes jrhodes@umd.edu 410-758-0166 or Shannon Dill sdill@umd.edu 410-822-1244. Or visit Annie's online at www.anniesproject.umd.edu

Locations:

- **Anne Arundel Economic Develop Corp** Annapolis MD
- **Carroll Community College**, Westminster, MD
- **Cecil County Extension Office**, Elkton MD
- **Chesapeake College**, Wye Mills, MD
- **Garrett College**, McHenry, MD
- **New Castle County Extension Office**, Newark, DE
- **SMECO Auditorium**, Hughesville, MD
- **University of Delaware R& E CTR** Georgetown DE
- **Washington County Extension Office**, Boonesboro MD

UPCOMING EVENTS

Management Tips for Poultry Growers

The University of Maryland Extension will be offering two educational programs for poultry growers this fall.



October 27, 2009

7:00 p.m.

**Somerset County Extension
30730 Park Drive
Princess Anne, MD 21853**

October 29, 2009

11:30 am

**Tilghman Terrace
104 Tilghman Avenue
Centreville, MD 21617**

Topics will include *EPA Farm Inspection Update* and *Disaster Preparedness*. Refreshments will be served.

Please call 410-651-1350 to register for the meeting in Princess Anne and 410-758-0166 to register for the meeting in Centreville. A light lunch will be provided for those attending on October 29th. Please register by October 26, 2009. Space is limited to 30 people. For more information contact Jennifer Timmons, mdchick@umd.edu 410-742-1178.

Talbot County Farm Bureau Annual Meeting

October 14th 2009

**Talbot County Ag
Center at 7:00 pm**

This is a very important meeting for **ALL** Farm Bureau Members. Please plan to attend!



Mid-Atlantic Crop Management School

The **Mid-Atlantic Crop Management School** will be held at the Princess Royale Hotel in Ocean City on **November 17-19, 2009**. Individuals seeking advanced training in soil and water, soil fertility, crop production and pest management will have an opportunity at hands on, intensive sessions that also provide continuing education units (CEU's) for the Certified Crop Advisor (CCA) Program. You may also register on line at: <http://www.psla.umd.edu/extension/crops/home.cfm>

Delaware Ag Week

Delaware Agriculture Week consolidates farm-based educational meetings while recognizing and celebrating the industry's importance. The University of Delaware Cooperative Extension, Delaware State University Cooperative Extension and Delaware Department of Agriculture are cooperating with many partners to organize the week of agriculture related events.



A general agenda of the programs planned during January 18-23rd 2010 is available online at

<http://rec.udel.edu/AgWeek/home.htm>.

Detailed program information for each session will be available on their site by November 25.

**Become a Maryland
Certified Private
Pesticide
Applicator**



If you have allowed your Private Pesticide Applicator Certification to expire or are a new applicant, then you are invited to attend the Private Pesticide Applicator Certification Training and Examination. It's a three step process:

Step 1: Register with the Dorchester County Extension Office 410-228-8800
Step 2: A Private Applicator Certification Training will be conducted in Dorchester County from **6:00 to 8:00 p.m.** on **February 3, 2010.**

Step 3: A Private Pesticide Applicator Exam will be given in Dorchester County from **6:00 to 8:00 p.m.** on **February 25, 2010.**

**Maryland Vegetable
Growers Associ
Central
Maryland
Vegetable Growers Meeting**



This well sponsored, large grower meeting always offers a great deal of vegetable industry information. The **Central Maryland Vegetable Growers Meeting** will be held on **January 29, 2010** from **8:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.** at the Friendly Farm Inn, located on Foreston Rd. in Upperco, MD. Pesticide recertification credits are awarded for attending this meeting.

For full meeting details, and to register call the Baltimore County Extension Office at 410 666-1024 today.

**University of Maryland Extension
to Host Small Farm
Conference**



The 6th Annual Small Farm Conference will be held on November 6 & 7, 2009, at the University of Maryland Eastern Shore. Participants will have the opportunity to learn about alternative agriculture, production & marketing and the business and legal side of a farm business. Presenters will discuss direct marketing farm raised meats, growing high value specialty crops and backyard gardening tips for the average homeowner. The keynote speaker for Saturday's program will be Mike McGrath, host of the national syndicated Public Radio show "You Bet Your Garden" and garden editor for WTOP news radio in Washington, D.C. For more information on the conference, contact UMES at (410) 651-6206 or log onto mce@umes.edu.

CALENDAR of EVENTS

October 10th – Pickering Creek Harvest Hoedown

October 18th – Harvest Festival – Talbot County Ag Center

Private Applicator Re-Certification
December 15th – Talbot County Ag Center 7-9pm
PLEASE register 410-822-1244



Easton Grain Marketing Club - Denny's Restaurant
October 14 – 6:30am

Easton Grain Marketing Club - Denny's Restaurant
October 28 - 6:30am

Easton Grain Marketing Club - Denny's
Restaurant
November 11 – 6:30am

Easton Grain Marketing Club - Denny's
Restaurant
November 25 – 6:30am

The Extension Office will be closed November 25

Reminder: All State Offices (including the
Extension Office) will be closed on Wednesday,
November 25 due to a mandatory service reduction
day as part of the State budget reduction.

Easton Grain Marketing Club - Denny's
Restaurant
December 9 – 6:30am

Private Applicator Re-Certification
March 2nd – Talbot County Ag Center
7-9pm **PLEASE** register 410-822-1244

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**Thank you for your
continued support.
Please feel free to give us
a call. We are here to
serve you!**

**GO
TERPS!!!**

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