Register Now!

2014 Central Maryland Vegetable Growers Meeting

Commercial Vegetable Growers are invited to the 2014 Central Maryland Vegetable Growers Meeting on Friday, January 24, 2014.

Just a few of the topics offered:

The program has 10 to 12 current topics that are critical to commercial produce growers. This meeting will serve as recertification for Maryland Private Pesticide Applicators, as well as, selected Pennsylvania applicator credits. In addition, growers who attend specified presentation sessions can renew or receive the required MDA Nutrient Applicators Voucher.

Date: Friday, January 24, 2014
Time: 8:15 am — 3:15 pm
Location: Friendly Farm Restaurant on Foreston Road in Upperco, Maryland
Directions: From I-83 take Mt. Carmel Rd. west about 5 miles and turn right onto Foreston Rd.
Cost: $15.00 per person (includes lunch) when you reserve your tickets by Wednesday, January 22, 2014. Any tickets purchased after that date or at the door will cost $25.00.

Or mail the form below to University of Maryland Extension at 1114 Shawan Road, Suite 2, Cockeysville, MD 21030.

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Private Pesticide Applicator Certification and Re-Certification

New private pesticide applicator certification
If you are a commercial agricultural producer and you do not currently have a private pesticide applicators license, and you need one to buy restricted-use chemicals, you can register for this Extension Training. The program will be offered at the Extension Office, 1114 Shawan Road, Suite 2, Cockeysville, MD 21030. Call the Extension Office at 410-771-1761 to register and get resource materials.

New Certification Training
February 25, 2014
9:00 – 11:30 am

Exam date
March 4, 2014
9:00 - 11:00 am

Re-certification for private pesticide applicator
There will be a recertification program held at the Extension Office, 1114 Shawan Road, Suite 2, Cockeysville, MD 21030 and at Vegetable Growers Meeting at Friendly Farms Restaurant in Upperco. Call the Extension Office at 410-771-1761 to register. Classes are limited to 18 participants.

Re-certification Training
February 25, 2014
1:00 – 3:30 pm
at the Extension Office, 1114 Shawan Road, Suite 2, Cockeysville, MD 21030.

January 24, 2014
9:00 am – 3:30 pm
Vegetable Growers Meeting, Friendly Farms Restaurant in Upperco.

Farm Management Classes for Women
The University of Maryland, Delaware Cooperative Extension and Baltimore County Farm Bureau will conduct Annie’s Project during the winter of 2014 at various sites in Maryland. 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 women 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 sessions starting on Monday, January 20, 2014 from 6 – 9 pm. The Baltimore County Center for Maryland Agriculture and Farm Park will be the host site. The cost of the entire course including meals and materials is $75. Please register by January 10th – space is limited. For more information visit the website www.extension.umd.edu/annies project or call 410-771-1761. You can register starting in November. If you require special assistance to attend the classes please contact the site at least two weeks prior.

Winter Workshop 2014
Join us on this fun filled day of hands-on classes. Go to our website at http://ter.ps/winterwk to find out more and register.

Winter Workshop 2014
Date: January 18, 2014
1114 Shawan Road
COCKEYSVILLE, MD
9:00 am – 1:30 pm
The focus of this program series is on small-scale commercial production, especially for people interested in starting or improving their small farm success. Each of the sessions covers topics that are applicable to a variety of agricultural operations including fruits and vegetables using conventional, sustainable, and organic methods. The program series ends with a look at how livestock can enhance a small farming operation.

The series is open to all and the selection of the topics in the series has been proven over time to be key components for farm profitability. This program is the result of a collaboration among The Baltimore County office of the University of MD Extension.

January 29 6:30 – 9:00 pm
Marketing Essentials a part of the Business Plan and MDA Resources
Ginger Myers and Mae Johnson

February 5 6:30 – 8:45 pm
Cover Crops, Planning and Rotations
Jack Gurley and Tom Paduano

February 12 6:30 – 8:45 pm
Strategies and Examples for Pest Management Success
Jerry Brust and Christy Ottinger

February 19 6:30 – 8:45 pm
Soil Fertility and Conservation on the Small Farm
Jon Traunfeld, Jim Ensor, Dave Martin and Gary Jellick

February 26 6:30 – 8:45 pm
Methods and Management of Season Extension Using High Tunnel Production
Bryan Butler

March 5 6:30 – 8:45 pm
Quality Assurance, Post-Harvest Handling and Other Certifications
Dave Martin, Donna Pahl and Jack Gurley

March 12 6:30 – 8:45 pm
The Business Plan and Financial Management for Your Small Farm
Dale Johnson and Sarah Rider

March 19 6:30 – 8:45 pm
Small Farm Business and Marketing Experiences Panel
Beginner Farmer Training Program Graduates: David Paulk, Kristin Carbone and Elisa Lane

March 26 6:30 – 8:45 pm
Integrating Livestock into a Small Farm
Susan Schoenian and Will Morrow

Urban Farm Series
Professionals speaking on community engagement, urban zoning, permitting, legal council, urban soil, urban growing techniques. Please check www.farmalliancebaltimore.org/workshops for more information about location and scheduled speakers.

April 9 6 – 9 pm
Farming Land in Baltimore: Laws and History

April 16 6 – 9 pm
Urban Soils: Contamination and Remediation

April 23 6 – 9 pm
Farmer Panel: Markets, Techniques and Experiences

Please register by January 27.

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<td><strong>Starting a Small, Intensive Commercial Farm for Local Markets</strong></td>
<td>Classes will begin on Jan. 29th and run through Mar. 26th every week from 6:30 pm – 9:00 pm at the BC Ag Center, 1114 Shawan Road, Cockeysville, MD.</td>
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Feb. 25 **Private Pesticide Applicator Re-Certification** at the Baltimore County Ag Center from 1–3:30 pm.

All the best to you and yours in 2014 from the staff at the University of MD Extension.