



Agriculture Awareness Day

April 9th & 10th, 2024

Program Overview

- Almost 600 Students Attended from four middle schools – All 7th Grade students from Queen Anne’s County Public Schools
- 20 Administrators Attended
- Over 100 Volunteers from the Community
- The program took place at the Queen Anne’s County 4-H Park
- Volunteers presented a science based agricultural program.
- Topics included: technology, equipment, crops, aquaculture, produce, food safety, botany, farm animals, careers, and agricultural myths.
- A new Career station was added as students are starting to think about career paths.
- Students submitted essays on the topic of “How did your experience change the way you view Agriculture?” We awarded \$225 in prize money, 4 sets of Apple Air pods and ice cream coupons were awarded for the top 3 essays and overall winner.



Photos

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- Queen Anne’s County 4-Her’s
- Queen Anne’s County 4-H All Stars
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- Queen Anne’s County Government
- Queen Anne’s County High School FFA members
- Queen Anne’s County Master Gardeners
- Queenstown Lions Club
- Shear Joy Acres
- Sheubrooks Family Farms
- Shore United Bank
- Stony Knoll Farm
- Sudlersville Ruritan
- The Mill of Kingstown
- Tidewater Seed
- Tomahawk Farms
- USDA Farm Service Agency
- Upper Shore Regional Council
- University of MD Center for Environmental Science, Horn Point
- Wheaton Show Pigs

Pre & Post Survey Results

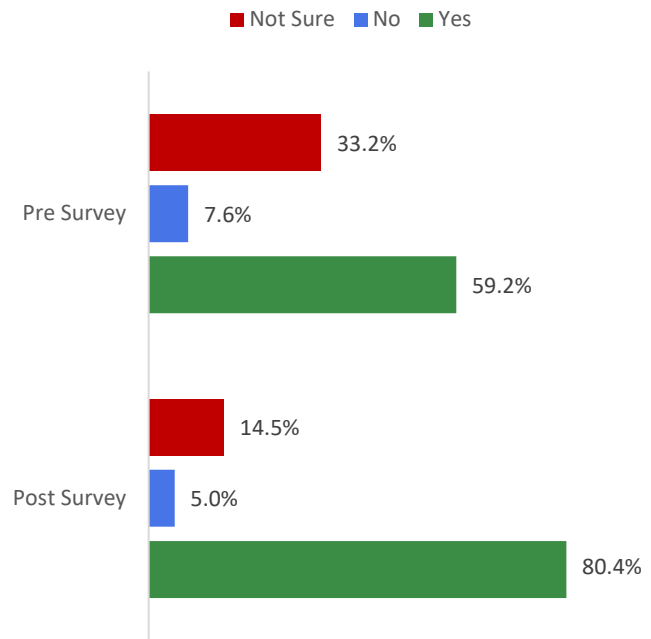
- Pre & post-surveys were conducted with 265 students participating in the pre-survey and 317 students participating in the post-survey.
- Attendees increased their knowledge of agriculture and/or farming in Maryland and learned how agriculture affects their life every day.
- Comments from students on the post survey show that **many students learned a lot and thought the day was fun and enjoyable**. They particularly liked the animal stations and career stations. Students prefer the interactive learning activities.
- The post survey indicates that **62.5% of the attendees are interested in knowing more about careers in Agriculture and in-county programs**.
- 71.3%** of the students surveyed after the program indicated that they **believe it is true that today farmers use less chemicals, fertilizer and fuel with the aid of GPS, drones, UAV devices and computers** (up from 67.3% pre survey).



Essay Contest Winners

- Overall Winner: Ellamae Athey, Centreville MS
- 1st Place: Sara Klakring, Centreville MS
- 1st Place: Delaney Grace Pugh, Matapeake MS
- 1st Place: Connor Paterno, Stevensville MS
- 2nd Place: Teyauna Johnson, Centreville MS
- 2nd Place: Wyatt Stephens, Centreville MS
- 2nd Place: Vivian Dorsey, Matapeake MS
- 3rd Place: Lucas Henderson, Centreville MS
- 3rd Place: JP Tyler, Centreville MS
- 3rd Place: Jessica Lynn Busch, Matapeake MS

Does agriculture affect your life every day?



What is your level of knowledge of agriculture/farming in Maryland

