

For Immediate Release

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Farm O Gram

Winchester, VA ~ Stocker-Feeder Cattle (\$/100wt.) (As of 03/28/2022)

Steers:

300 – 400	\$164.50 - \$203.00
400 - 500	\$140.00 - \$211.00
500 - 600	\$169.00 - \$197.00
600 - 700	\$135.00 - \$195.00
700 - 800	\$147.00 - \$170.50
800 - 900	\$142.50 - \$147.50

Heifers:

300 - 400	\$139.00 - \$166.00
400 - 500	\$146.00 - \$156.00
500 - 600	\$127.00 - \$160.00
600 – 700	\$120.00 - \$156.00
700 - 800	\$109.00 - \$138.00
800 - 900	\$116.00 - \$120.00

Slaughter Cows:

Breaker	\$72.00 - \$90.00
Boner	\$48.00 - \$71.00
Lean	\$73.00 - \$83.00

Western PA (New Holland) Cash Grain Prices Per Bushel (As of 03/29/2022)

#2 Shelled Corn	\$6.23 - \$6.69
#1 Soybeans	\$13.69 - \$15.24
#1 Wheat	\$8.70 - \$8.84

Wolgemuth Hay Auction ~ New Holland Hay and Straw Prices Per Ton (As of 03/28/2022)

Alfalfa	\$155.00 - \$285.00
Mixed Hay	\$120.00 - \$390.00
Orchard Grass	\$130.00 - \$260.00
Timothy	\$150.00 - \$210.00
Straw	\$80.00 - \$170.00

AG Happenings

Mountain Maryland Spring Gardening

Join University of Maryland Extension educators, Ashley Bodkins and Sherry Frick, for this fresh and exciting 7-part virtual series designed to jumpstart your garden. Each session will begin at 12:15 pm and last approximately 45 minutes. These sessions are free of charge, but registration is required. To register, visit www.go.umd.edu/2022SpringSeries.

What Is Water Wise

Water-Wise is a voluntary conservation landscape certification program that allows property owners to be recognized for implementing best management practices in their lawns and gardens. Landowners can help reduce pesticides use, increase water quality, provide wildlife habitat, and much more! Check out the yardstick and see if your property measures up. You just need 36 inches to become certified. Once certified, you will receive a small aluminum sign to display. The first step is to fill out the application. Garrett County Master Gardeners will be visiting your site to complete the certification process. This program mimics the popular and successful [BayWise Program](#).

Visit our [website](#) to fill out the application and find out more details.

The Woods in Your Backyard Online Course

March 28 - June 6, 2022

There's still time to register for the spring session of "The Woods in Your Backyard" online course, but not much! Our self-directed, non-credit course runs 10 weeks from March 28th to June 6th. The course will help landowners convert lawn to natural areas and enhance stewardship of existing natural areas. Based on the guide of the same name, the course provides strategies to landowners of small parcels of land (1-10 acres) that improve the stewardship of their property for personal enjoyment and environmental quality. It uses a hands-on learning approach to help participants develop and implement a plan for their property. Activities include how to map habitat areas, understand basic ecological principles about woodland and wildlife, choose and implement a few habitat management projects, and how to set a timetable and record your progress. Online discussion groups will allow participants to interact with others taking the course. A certificate of completion is awarded when all assignments are completed.

The course costs \$95.00 per person, which includes the 108-page "Woods In Your Backyard" guide, workbook, and a tree identification guide. The course is limited to 25 participants, so sign up now!

For more information, go to https://go.umd.edu/the_course. To register through Eventbrite, go to <https://spring22.eventbrite.com>. Registration closes March 28th or when class is full.

Registration closes soon! Maryland 4-H Forest Exploration program

March - June 2022

Maryland 4-H is looking for youth who are interested in exploring the state's forests and learning how to conserve our natural resources. This new statewide program will provide hands-on experiences for participants, ages 8-18, to gain a strong understanding of trees, forest management, and environmental issues. 4-H'ers and volunteers, from all clusters, will meet virtually once a week, and participate in monthly field sessions across the state. The MD state 4-H forestry contest will be held in June 2022. Winners of this contest will have a chance to represent Maryland at the National 4-H Forestry Invitational at Jackson's Mill State 4-H Camp in Weston, West Virginia.

Program Fee: \$40/child to cover materials and supplies. For more information contact Amy Lang at

amlang@umd.edu or 301-934-5403.

Applications for NRCC 2022 are being accepted! Natural Resources Careers Camp (NRCC)

Sun, July 24 - Sat, July 30, 2022

Garrett County, MD

Join high school students from across Maryland at this week-long camp in Garrett County to explore careers and college studies in natural resources. This partnership with Allegany College of Maryland and the Maryland Department of Natural Resources-Forest Service offers high school students a co-educational opportunity to learn from industry professionals and develop contacts that could lead to future employment and a career in natural resources.

For more information: <https://marylandforestryfoundation.org/index.cfm?event=nrcc>

Tractor Safety & Operation Training

The University of Maryland Extension will be offering a National Safe Tractor and Machinery Operation Program (NSTMOP) training this summer. Dates and times will be set once interested individuals contact the Extension Office. In 1968, the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 was amended by the Hazardous Occupations Order for Agriculture, establishing the age of employment in agriculture as 16 years of age or 14 years of age with special training. Part of the hazardous operations includes operating a farm tractor over 20 horsepower. The NSTMOP training would qualify youth ages 14 & 15 to operate equipment on farms owned and operated by someone other than their legal guardians. The training combines classroom instruction and the operation of tractors and farm machinery. Anyone 13 years and older (adults are welcome) would be eligible to attend the training. Anyone interested, please call the Extension Office at 301-334-6960 for additional information.