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REMEMBERING OUR COLLEAGUE AND FRIEND, SHERRY FRICK

Sherry Frick, our Master Gardener Coordinator and Agriculture Educator, passed away on September 13, 2022. Sherry had the most giving heart and enthusiasm for life, and she will be deeply missed by all. Sherry was an incredibly dedicated and active member of our team for the last eight years. She spearheaded a number of notable projects that earned her significant recognition for their undeniable impact across our county and state.



AGRICULTURE AND GARDENING SERVICES

Even though our Ag/Master Gardener Coordinator position remains vacant at this time, we are still here to assist you with your agriculture/gardening needs.

Please call our office at 301-724-3320 if you need information or have any questions. Our hours are Monday to Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

You may also use the **Ask Extension** website at <https://extension.umd.edu/ask-extension>

Maryland and DC residents can submit questions using a short form. There are also options to upload photos and to keep your question private.

Thank you,

Jennifer Bentlejewski, Area Extension Director

NUTRIENT MANAGEMENT CORNER

Get Ahead of the Game!

Beat the springtime rush to get your 2023 nutrient management plan by taking soil and manure samples now. Give Ashby Ruddle, our Nutrient Management Advisor, a call at 301-724-3320 to find out if you need new samples for your 2023 plan. You can also check your 2022 nutrient management plan to see which fields' soil tests are expiring in 2023. Soil tests are good for three years. If you apply manure and have under 20 animal units (20,000 lbs), no manure sample is required. In such cases, a book value for the manure analysis will be used.



Contact Ashby at the number above to get your 2023 plan started today!

PRIVATE PESTICIDE APPLICATOR RECERTIFICATION

If your license is expiring on December 31, 2022 without any re-certification credits, there are two upcoming sessions in December in Garrett County that you can attend in order to receive your credits. You need only to attend one session.

- Monday, December 5, 6-8pm - Grantsville Public Library
- Monday, December 12, 6-8pm - Extension Office in Oakland



PRIVATE PESTICIDE APPLICATORS TRAINING

If you are interested in obtaining a private pesticide applicators license, we will be offering training in January at the UME Garrett County Office. A date will be publicized once available.

The main purpose of the private pesticide applicators license is to allow farmers to use restricted-use pesticides on property they own or manage for agriculture production. To obtain the license, farmers must pass a test administered by Maryland Department of Agriculture.

If you wish to register or have any questions, call the Garrett County Extension Office at 301-334-6960.

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NEWS, EVENTS, & PUBLICATIONS

- University of Maryland Extension - <https://extension.umd.edu/>
- UME News & Events page - <https://extension.umd.edu/news-events>
- UME Programs - <https://extension.umd.edu/programs>
- UME Publications - <https://extension.umd.edu/publications>



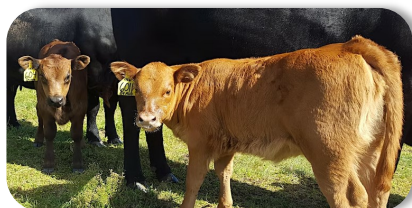
MARYLAND MASTER GARDENER PROGRAM

The Maryland Master Gardener Program, a volunteer education program taught and administered by University of Maryland Extension (UME), puts research-based knowledge and environmental power into the hands of people who want to create sustainable gardens and landscapes, and protect and improve natural resources. Master Gardeners are citizens from all walks of life who combine their love of plants, people, and the environment to help residents solve problems and make environmentally-sound decisions on public and private properties.



For more information on the Master Gardener Program in Maryland, go to <https://go.umd.edu/master-gardener>

CATTLE HEALTH MANAGEMENT - CALVING



The University of Maryland Department of Animal and Avian Sciences together with Maryland Extension will be holding a comprehensive calving workshop for all interested cattle producers. The goal of this workshop will be to cover all areas of calving including, prepping for farm for the upcoming calving season, common calving management techniques, as well as strategies for handling issues that may come up.

Cost is \$35. Dates and Locations:

- Western Maryland - December 1, Grantsville, MD
- Central Maryland - December 3, Ellicott City, MD
- Eastern Shore—December 6, Queenstown, MD

To register and for more information go to: <https://go.umd.edu/cattlemgt>

For any questions, concerns, or to register offline, please contact Racheal Slattery: rslatt@umd.edu or 301-405-1392 .

BEEF WEBINAR SERIES

Webinars will be held from 7:30-8:30 p.m. on the second Tuesday of each month. While each event is free, registration is required.



To register or view past webinars go to

<https://extension.umd.edu/resource/maryland-beef-webinar-series>

SMALL ACREAGE COVER CROP PROGRAM

Maryland's new Small Farm and Urban Agriculture Program provides financial assistance to support small-scale agricultural operations located in urban, peri-urban, rural, and suburban areas. It aims to increase community access to healthy foods by helping farmers improve their management of natural resources by adopting Bay-friendly and climate-smart farming practices. The program is now accepting applications for its Small Acreage Cover Crop Program. Additional programs aimed at urban and small farms are currently in the planning stages.



Who should apply:

Individuals, organized for-profit agricultural businesses, or non-profit organizations may apply for our grants. The operation must produce a farm product that generates a minimum of \$1,000 of sales or donations annually. In addition, the grantee is responsible for all local, state, or federal regulations and permits necessary for the agricultural operation. The farm product must be grown or raised in the state of Maryland. The following types operations are eligible:

Any agricultural, horticultural, vegetable, or fruit product of the soil, whether raw or canned, frozen, dried, pickled, or otherwise processed;

- Livestock, meats, marine food products, poultry, eggs, or dairy products;
- Equine operations;
- Wool, hides, feathers, or honey;
- Any product of farm, forest, orchard, garden, or water.

For more information and an application, go to

https://mda.maryland.gov/resource_conservation/Pages/Small-Farm-and-UrbanAgricultureProgram.aspx

For questions about the Small Acreage Cover Crop Program, please contact Bill Tharpe at 410-980-6160 or bill.tharpe@maryland.gov



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CENSUS OF AGRICULTURE

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) will mail the 2022 Census of Agriculture to millions of agriculture producers across the 50 states and Puerto Rico this fall. The mailing will take place in phases, starting with an invitation to respond online in November, followed by paper questionnaires in December. Farm operations of all sizes that produced and sold, or typically would have sold \$1,000 or more of an agricultural product in 2022 are included in the ag census.

For more information visit the USDA website:

<https://www.nass.usda.gov/AgCensus/FAQ/2022/index.php#1>