

For Immediate

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Farm O Gram

Winchester, VA ~ Feeder Cattle (\$/100wt.) (As of 02/28/2023)

Steers:

300 – 400	\$180.00 - \$225.00
400 - 500	\$200.00 - \$241.00
500 - 600	\$168.00 - \$228.00
600 - 700	\$177.00 - \$214.00
700 - 800	\$172.00 - \$198.00
800 - 900	\$163.00 - \$167.00
900 – 1000	\$155.00 - \$163.00

Heifers:

300 - 400	\$155.00 - \$188.00
400 - 500	\$138.00 - \$177.00
500 - 600	\$167.00 - \$172.00
600 – 700	\$150.00 - \$180.00
700 - 800	\$140.00 - \$163.00
800 - 900	\$148.00 - \$161.00

Slaughter Cows:

Breaker	\$72.00 - \$100.00
Boner	\$70.00 - \$90.00
Lean	\$57.00 - \$69.00

Western PA (New Holland) Cash Grain Prices Per Bushel (As of 02/28/2023)

#2 Shelled Corn	\$5.70 - \$6.81
#1 Soybeans	\$12.87 - \$14.54
#1 Wheat	\$6.85 - \$7.26

Wolgemuth Hay Auction ~ New Holland Hay and Straw Prices Per Ton (As of 02/27/2023)

Alfalfa – Small Squares	\$465.00
Alfalfa – Large Squares	\$220.00 - \$270.00
Mixed Hay – Small Squares	\$435.00
Mixed Hay – Large Squares	\$150.00 - \$370.00
Wheat Straw – Small Square	\$130.00 - \$175.00
Wheat Straw – Large Square	\$150.00 - \$185.00

AG Happenings**Beginner Farmer Workshop**

This spring, a workshop series will be held for individuals who want to learn more about basic farming practices. Topics will include soil and crop fertility, pest management, production practices, equipment, farm resources, and economics. The focus will be on small farms with crop production. The workshops will begin on **Thursday, March 16th**, and run for six weeks. The session will be held at the University of Maryland Extension Office from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. The cost for the program will be \$20.00. To register or for more information, contact Willie Lantz at 301-334-6960.

Drinking Well Water Education Programming for Maryland Farms

The University of Maryland will conduct drinking well water educational programming for Maryland farms in 2023. We request your input by completing a short survey to provide Extension Educators with more information about drinking water wells on farms in Maryland and to develop educational programming to assist farmers in ensuring safe, good-quality drinking water. In addition, the project will be providing reduced cost (a \$720 value for only \$25) of well water testing for up to 75 farms that have wells of varied types and are located in varied regions of the state. We appreciate your time and feedback by completing this survey: <https://go.umd.edu/farmwellsurvey>. Your personally identifiable information is strictly confidential. If you have additional questions, contact Jeff Semler, UME Washington County Extension Agent, by email at jsemler@umd.edu or call 301-791-1304.

2023 Master Gardener Basic Training Announced

If you want to learn more about the science behind gardening, consider signing up for the Maryland Master Gardener Basic Training course that is scheduled for this Spring in Garrett County. This class is ~40 hours of classroom lectures, hands-on demonstrations, projects, and much more! Topics include native plants, small fruits, insects, growing tomatoes, and much more. The fee is \$150 and includes the purchase of an MD Master Gardener Handbook, background check, and all supplies for the class. Two training options. A week-long option from **April 24-28, 9 am to 4 pm, or a weekly 9:30 am - noon session from March 17 - June 22**. Choose whichever option fits your schedule. For a complete syllabus or questions, call 301-334-6960 or email abachtel@umd.edu.

Spotted Lanternfly In Western Maryland: What, Why & How to Control.

The spotted lanternfly (*Lycorma delicatula*) is a nonnative, invasive leafhopper insect from southern China and some Southeast Asia. It has been invasive in Korea, Vietnam, and Japan since the early 2000s. It was found in Pennsylvania in 2014 on contaminated imported materials. In 2018, it was discovered in Cecil County, Maryland. Since then, it has spread to most of the counties in the state. A quarantine was established in 2019 to slow the insect's spread. Unfortunately, lanternfly has continued to expand and found its way to Allegany County. Spotted lanternfly feeds on over 80 plant species in North America, including wild and cultivated grape and many ornamental species. It poses a substantial risk to vineyards and nursery growers throughout the state and is a significant public nuisance. The Maryland Department of Agriculture wants to make every Marylander aware of the threat posed by spotted lanternfly and encourage everyone to do their part to slow the spread of this bad bug! Kenton Sumpter, MDA Entomologist, will give an update about this pest via a webinar **on Wednesday, March 22, 2023, at noon**. The webinar is facilitated by the University of Maryland Extension. The webinar is free, but registration is required. To register, visit <https://go.umd.edu/2023lanternflywebinar>.

Garrett Soil Conservation District

- Individuals who want to receive a copy of the Garrett Soil Conservation Newsletter are requested to send their email address to the Garrett Soil Conservation District office at jeannie.frazee@maryland.gov or call 301-501-5886.
- Garrett Soil Conservation District has a new website. Please visit it at www.garrettscd.org for all the latest information about the District. Also, please follow their website on Facebook under Garrett Soil Conservation District for up-to-the-moment notifications.
- Applications for the Maryland Department of Agriculture Conservation Buffer Initiative close on March 10 for the 2023 season. This year, qualifying farmers who plant forest buffers will receive a one-time \$1000 per acre signing bonus on top of an incentive payment. Please visit www.garrettscd.org/bufferinitiative.