

For Immediate

Release Date: 05/04/2023

Farm O Gram

Winchester, VA ~ Feeder Cattle (\$/100wt.) (As of 04/24/2023)

Steers:

300 – 400	\$200.00 - \$272.00
400 - 500	\$177.00 - \$260.00
500 - 600	\$210.00 - \$250.00
600 - 700	\$190.00 - \$247.00
700 - 800	\$189.00 - \$226.00
800 - 900	\$345.00 - \$199.00

Heifers:

300 - 400	\$150.00 - \$199.00
400 - 500	\$150.00 - \$211.00
500 - 600	\$175.00 - \$184.00
600 – 700	\$165.00 - \$193.00
700 - 800	\$156.00 - \$174.00
800 - 900	\$147.00 - \$177.00

Slaughter Cows:

Breaker	\$82.00 - \$102.00
Boner	\$66.00 - \$84.00
Lean	\$52.00 - \$72.00

Maryland Grain Bids Prices Per Bushel (As of 04/25/2023)

#2 Shelled Corn	\$6.68 - \$6.88
#1 Soybeans	\$13.57- \$14.07
#1 Wheat	\$6.38 - \$6.93

Wolgemuth Hay Auction ~ New Holland Hay and Straw Prices Per Ton (As of 04/24/2023)

Alfalfa – Large Squares	\$250.00 - \$300.00
Mixed Hay – Small Squares	\$170.00 - \$415.00
Mixed Hay – Large Squares	\$155.00 - \$440.00
Wheat Straw – Small Square	N/A
Wheat Straw – Large Square	\$130.00 - \$200.00

AG Happenings**Cost-Share is Available for Manure Transport & Injection**

Cost-share funding is available to help transport and inject all types of liquid manure into fields. Injecting liquid manure lowers the potential for nutrient runoff to surface waters and reduces on-farm odors.

There is funding to pay for both spring and fall-planted crops. It may be used for:

- Transporting Manure
- Hiring Custom Operators
- Rent or Lease of Equipment
- Operating Costs for Manure Injection

Cost-share grants to transport dairy and livestock manure pay up to 87.5 % of all eligible costs. Eligible farmers receive up to \$45 an acre in cost-share to inject liquid manure into the soil, based on a maximum application rate of 6,000 gallons per acre. Rates for manure transport are based on the distance between the manure source and the field. (Please note that manure injection may not be possible in some Garrett County soils.)

Applicants must be in good standing with the program and in compliance with Maryland's Nutrient Management regulations.

Spring manure injection and transport must be completed by June 30, 2023.

Claims for payment must be received by the department's Conservation Grants Office by July 31, 2023.

For more information and to apply, please contact our office at 301-501-5886 or sethmetheny1@maryland.gov.

Maryland Department of Agriculture to Host Deer Summit

The Maryland Department of Agriculture, in partnership with the Maryland Department of Health and Maryland Department of Natural Resources, will host a Deer Summit on Thursday, May 11, 2023 at the Maryland Department of Agriculture, 50 Harry S. Truman Parkway, Annapolis, MD 21401. The summit will run from 10 am to 2 pm, with a light lunch sponsored by Horizon Farm Credit.

The State's overpopulation of deer continues to have a major impact on rural Marylanders, whether through crop damage, Lyme disease or vehicle strikes. Stakeholders and experts will provide insight and solutions to this growing problem. The event is free and open to the public, however, registration is required.

Presentations and panel discussions will be led by MDH, DNR, Maryland Farm Bureau, Farmers & Hunters Feeding the Hungry, the University of Maryland, among others.

"As I have traveled throughout the State during my time as Secretary, it has become abundantly clear that deer have become a threat to Maryland agriculture and the state's economy," said MDA Secretary Kevin Atticks. "This is an opportunity to discuss issues, and work toward meaningful solutions."

For more information and to register, please visit mda.maryland.gov.

Maryland Department of Agriculture Small Farm Cover Crop Program Announced

Maryland Department of Agriculture's new Small Farm Cover Crop Program is now accepting applications. This new program is for small scale producers who do not qualify for other cover crop programs.

Growers who plant 10 or less acres of cover crops can receive up to \$1500 in reimbursements for cover crops planted after a production crop. Both summer and winter cover crops are eligible.

Cover crops can be planted in fields, raised beds, or high tunnels following the harvest of vegetables, herbs, flowers, sorghum, soybeans, hemp, millet, or tobacco. In order to qualify, farms need to have a minimum of \$1000 in sales annually.

For more information, please go to <https://garrettscd.org/smallfarmcovercrops/>. Applications should be made through the Garrett Soil Conservation District, 1916 Maryland Hwy, Ste C, Mt. Lake Park, MD 21550. 301-501-5886.