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Statewide Agriculture Newsletters



Newsletters from UME offer informative, researched-based information that the reader can put into practice. Informative articles include crop production, disease information, animal science, and upcoming programs. Take a closer look at the newsletters listed below.

The **Agronomy News** is a statewide newsletter for farmers, consultants, researchers, and educators interested in grain and row crop forage production systems. This newsletter is published once a month during the growing season and will include topics pertinent to agronomic crop production. Subscribers will receive an email with the latest edition.

[Agronomy News](#)

The **Fruit & Vegetable News** is a timely publication for the commercial vegetable and fruit industry available electronically from April through October. Published by the University of Maryland

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.

Nutrient Management



To help your plan writer efficiently develop your plan, you will need to provide the following information:

- A recent soil test, less than three years old, for each field you manage (preferably from one of the labs in the soil lab comparison sheet)
- A recent manure analysis, less than one-year-old, if you plan to apply manure or organic nutrient-containing materials (e.g., compost or processing waste) (preferably from one of the labs in the manure lab comparison sheet)
- A map of your farm or come ready to show the advisor the boundaries of your farm and fields
- Management history for each field, including current/previous season's crop, tillage regime, manure/organic application rates for the previous two seasons, and yield history, if possible

- Plans for the upcoming growing season for each field, including what crops and nutrient applications are expected. Multiple scenarios can be built into the plan.
- Animal Information, if applicable, including weight, amount and type of bedding used, and turnout/confinement schedule
- Manure import/export information, if applicable, which should include the name and contact information of the export destination.

Feel free to contact Jill Hauser, Nutrient Management Advisor, at 301-334-6960 or email jhauser1@umd.edu for more information.

Agriculture Marketing Grant Money Available



Garrett County Business Development is providing aid in promoting agriculture-based businesses in Garrett County. Example: signs, banners, pamphlets, etc. 4 grants of up to \$500 each may be awarded each fiscal year to fund up to 90% of the project's costs. For more information and to request an application, contact Melissa Bolyard, Agriculture Business Specialist, Garrett County Business Development at mbolyard@garrettcountry.org or call 301-334-7285.

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.

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The Barn Quilt Association



There are two "orphan" 8' x 8' barn quilts such as this one pictured that need barn homes. These are already sponsored and painted and ready to place on a barn! The Barn Quilt Association (a nonprofit organization) is always looking for barn quilt sponsors and barn owners! More information about sponsorships can be found at <https://garrettbarnquilts.org/get-involved/>. Anyone interested can contact the Barn Quilt Association of Garrett County at info@garrettbarnquilts.org or 301-334-6968.

Update AG Client Contact Information

Please [click here](#) to update your contact information and to stay updated on everything agriculture-related in Garrett County and the tri-state area.

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