

2025

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS



MISSION

UME empowers people and communities to improve their lives by offering transformative, science-based education and leading collaborative partnerships across Maryland and beyond.

University of Maryland Extension (UME) serves as the statewide educational system of the land-grant university, maintaining a physical presence with offices in every Maryland county and Baltimore City.

Grounded in stakeholder input, the UME Strategic Plan sets priorities and provides a roadmap for delivering responsive, research-driven programs to expand Extension's impact statewide.

<https://go.umd.edu/UME-Strategic-Plan>

VISION

UME will be known for addressing the most pressing challenges facing our communities through responsive education and resources, impactful research, and innovative collaboration.

UME organizes its outreach and impact across four programs:

- **4-H Youth Development:** Focuses on youth education, leadership, and volunteer development
- **Agriculture and Food Systems:** Includes agricultural production, nutrient management, agribusiness management, and food safety
- **Family and Consumer Sciences:** Provides resources on nutrition, healthy lifestyles, finance, and health and well-being
- **Environment and Natural Resources:** Addresses water quality, energy, and natural resource preservation



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Workforce Development & Youth Engagement

UME is building Maryland's future workforce from youth to early-career professionals.

- Engaged **39,296 youth** and **2,570 volunteers** statewide through 4-H leadership and life skills programming
- Reached **4,552 youth** and **7,339 video views** through Career AGsperience, expanding awareness of agriculture careers
- Hosted **10 Extension interns from 9 institutions**, strengthening Maryland's talent pipeline

Impact: Strengthened leadership, employability, and workforce readiness across Maryland's next generation.

Agricultural Productivity & Economic Return

UME delivers direct, measurable financial benefits to Maryland agriculture and food systems.

- Increased crop productivity with **6.8-10.9% yield gains** and **\$27-\$38/acre profit improvements**
- Increased poultry producer income by **\$3,600 per flock**
- Certified and recertified **1,356 pesticide applicators**, improving safety and regulatory compliance
- Reached **784 urban agriculture participants across 31 field schools**, strengthening small farm viability

Impact: Improved farm profitability, reduced risk, and strengthened agricultural competitiveness statewide.



Community Health, Safety & Resilience

UME strengthens Maryland's capacity for prevention, preparedness, and health education.

- Delivered ALICE training to **100+ adults**, improving emergency response readiness
- Reached **2,000+ residents** through health insurance literacy, diabetes education, food safety, and overdose prevention programs
- Healthy Animals | Healthy YOUTH engaged **105 participants**, increasing zoonotic disease awareness

Impact: *Improved community preparedness, health decision-making, and risk reduction.*

Environmental Stewardship & Chesapeake Bay Protection

UME is a leading contributor to Maryland's environmental and conservation outcomes.

- Trained **1,742 Chesapeake Bay Landscape Professionals** in watershed and stormwater practices
- Mobilized **215 Master Naturalist volunteers across 22 sites**
- Engaged Master Gardeners in **107,000 volunteer hours (\$3.8M value)**, educating **62,124 residents** on sustainable practices
- Delivered **249,437 digital engagements** through the Maryland Grows blog and answered **5,190 questions** through HGIC to promote healthier landscapes and gardens

Impact: *Expanded conservation adoption, improved water quality protection, and strengthened statewide environmental literacy.*

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