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The expo will feature educational seminars on poultry nutrition, disease prevention and control, chicken breeds, egg and meat production basics, housing, pasturing, feeding and watering systems, regulations on selling meat and eggs, breeding and egg incubation, turkey production, poultry in diversified livestock operations, exotics, egg grading and handling, marketing and economics, urban poultry production, predator control, showing poultry, coop construction, and injured bird first aid. Vendors will be available with live poultry and poultry related items. A poultry processing equipment demonstration will be conducted. Producers and Extension specialists will be available for technical questions about production practices. 4-H will conduct activities and competitions. Door prizes will be awarded. Lunch and snacks will be available for purchase.

Registration:

- Adults: $10 pre-registration fee, $20 at the door
- Youth 10-18: $5 pre-registration, $10 at the door
- Children under 10: Free
- Free Registration for 4-H Members and Volunteers with Membership Card (must pre-register).

If you have a disability that requires special assistance for your participation in this program please contact the Carroll County Extension Office at (410) 386-2760, Fax: (410) 876-0132, at least two weeks prior to the program.

**CENTRAL MARYLAND VEGETABLE GROWERS MEETING**

This well sponsored grower meeting always offers a great deal of vegetable industry information. The Central Maryland Vegetable Growers Meeting will be held on January 25, 2012 at the Friendly Farms Restaurant, Upperco, MD from 8:15 a.m. to 3:15 p.m.

Pesticide recertification credits are awarded for attending this meeting. For full meeting details, and to register call the Baltimore County Extension Office at 410-771-1761 today.

**MANURE INCORPORATION/INJECTION- 2013 PROGRAM ELIGIBILITY**

The O'Malley Administration has made good on its promise to assist farmers with implementation of the new Nutrient Management regulations. MACS will be providing cost share for the incorporation or injection of organic nutrient sources within 48 hours as required by the Nutrient Management regulations.

Eligible operators must self-certify they have not used the type of equipment for which they are asking for cost share to incorporate or inject organic nutrients in the last 5 years. Projects must be completed by 6/1/13 and Claim For Payment must be received by MACS by 6/10/13 to be eligible for payment. To be eligible, operators must have been approved by MACS for this assistance prior to beginning activity. Funds will be available on a first come, first approved basis. Sign up begins in January. Attached is a summary of additional program requirements.

We will initiate an outreach and information campaign for this program the beginning of January. It will include press releases, ads in *Delmarva Farmer* & *Lancaster Farmer* & direct mail of a brochure explaining eligibility to all folks with a NMP will occur in mid-January & additional brochures for distribution by SCDs and Extension. We will also draft an abbreviated notice that you can edit or use as is in any newsletters that come out this winter.

We are finalizing the application/agreement/claim forms in a workbook format and will provide these to SCDs by the end of December.

Please share this information with staff and others who may be interested. Questions can be directed to Norm Astle or me (Louise Lawrence).

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Eligibility restricted to operators who have not used eligible equipment for incorporation/injection of manure in past five years

- Operator self certifies equipment on application not used for manure incorporation/injection in past 5 years
- **Spring program only**
Open for operators only who incorporate/inject organic waste into cropland including all types of animal manure, food waste and sludge

1. If operator does not produce organic waste on farm must indicate farm/entity from whom waste received on CFP
2. Applicable only to farm operator for labor costs or with costs for renting equipment or hiring custom operator

- No acreage limit
- Approval amount associated with acreage & identified eligible equipment on application to determine maximum payment approved

Secondary tillage equipment eligible

1. Manure injectors @ $55/ac
   - An operator who purchased a manure injector prior to 10/15/12 is not eligible
2. Vertical tillage (rented or custom contract-receipts required w/CFP) @ $20/ac
   - An operator who has purchased a piece of vertical tillage equipment on or after 10/15/12 to be used to incorporate organic waste is eligible for the $20/ac rate (dated equipment invoice must accompany CFP)
3. Vertical tillage (purchased prior to 10/15/12) @ $10/ac
4. Secondary tillage equipment (discs, phillip’s harrow, etc.) @ $10/ac

- HEL cropland-eligible equipment includes vertical tillage leaving adequate residue in accordance with USDA restrictions or injectors (agreement notes operator assumes all responsibility for USDA compliance)
- Must complete incorporation/injection within 48 hours of manure application
- Applications will be approved on a first come, first serve basis until funds are fully committed
- Applicants must be in good standing with MACS and in compliance with Nutrient Management
- Contract must be completed & CFP received in MACS office by 6/10/13
- Compliance by spot checks

Source: Louise Lawrence, Chief, Office of Resource Conservation, Maryland Department of Agriculture, 50 Harry Truman Parkway, Annapolis, MD 2140, office: 410/841-5873, fax: 410/841-5734

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For more information and registration please see the attached flyer.

Source: UMECC
SOYBEANS & CORN IN MARYLAND

Latest soybean and corn Trial Results are available at: http://mdcrops.umd.edu/, http://mdcrops.umd.edu/Soybeans/index.cfm or http://www.mdcrops.umd.edu/Corn/AgronomyFactsNo54_11_07_12.pdf

Source: UME

DIGITAL FARMER BLOGSPOT

http://digitalfarmer.blogspot.com/

This Blog was created to connect participants from the Producer Digital Toolbox Workshops. These workshops are being conducted to assist you in capitalizing on the hardware and digital tools now available through the Internet. It will cover topics on: Digital Databases, Getting Your Business Listed, Fingertip Marketing for Portable Devices and Apps, and Social & Professional Applications.

These workshops explore basic fundamentals of reaching your customer through digital sources. These include hardware, GPS and mapping systems, social networking sites, applications and other digital mechanisms to market your business.

http://agmarketing.umd.edu/

Contact: Shannon Dill (sdill@umd.edu), Ginger S. Myers (gsmyers@umd.edu), Jonathan Kays (jkays@umd.edu)

IMPORTANT DEADLINE SET FOR MARYLAND CONSERVATION PROGRAMS

The USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service in Maryland has $11 million available for producers interested in improving the health and productivity of their land in 2013.

Farmers can sign up for conservation programs throughout the year, but funding selections are made at specific times and the first cutoff date is January 18, 2013. It is especially important for producers to get their applications in as soon as possible to be considered for limited funding.

In 2012, Maryland NRCS provided more than $26 million to producers statewide. However, the number of applications received far exceeded the amount of funding available. Producers are encouraged to apply immediately to ensure consideration for this funding cycle.

If you are interested in Farm Bill programs, contact your local NRCS office to identify and plan the conservation measures you would like to implement on your land. The conservationist can help you develop a plan, identify recommended practices, and pursue funding through one of the many Farm Bill program options available. USDA service center locations are listed online at http://offices.usda.gov or in the phone book under Federal Government, U.S. Department of Agriculture. General program information is available on the NRCS Maryland website at www.md.nrcs.usda.gov.

For more information about NRCS conservation programs online, visit: http://www.nrcs.usda.gov, or visit your local USDA Service Center.

Source: USDA
LIVE ON-LINE SESSION FOR PRIVATE PESTICIDE APPLICATOR RECERTIFICATION

If you would like the opportunity to learn from home, yet still be engaged, then be sure to enroll in this Live On-Line Private Pesticide Recertification Training, scheduled for April 19, 2013 from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. The session will focus on pesticide use and related topics for all field crops, fruits and vegetables.

This Adobe Connect recertification session will be live via the Internet directly from the University of Maryland. Adobe Connect is a student interactive system that will document your attendance. To participate in a live Adobe Connect session a high speed cable or satellite Internet connection is required.

Private Pesticide Applicator Recertification credit will be awarded for full 2-hour session participation. Registration by April 17th is required in order to receive Adobe Connect login instructions. To register for this on-line event contact the Anne Arundel County Extension Office at 410-222-6759.

Source: UMEAAC

PRINCIPLES OF SUBSTRATE, WATER AND NUTRIENT MANAGEMENT FOR NURSERY AND GREENHOUSE OPERATIONS

Please see the attached brochure regarding the above named course, which will be offered during the 2013 Spring Semester.

The course will be offered in three (1 credit) modules and will cover the basics of:
A) Soilless substrate management,
B) Water quality, irrigation system design and management, and
C) Fertilization/nutrient management.

This course is being offered primarily to undergraduate and graduate students (for credit), but will also be offered to extension professionals, growers, and allied industry professionals (certificate-based). Individuals can register for one or more modules.

For further information, please contact Dr. John Lea-Cox @ 301-405-4323 (jlc@umd.edu), or Dr. Andrew Ristvey @ 410-827-8056 (aristvey@umd.edu).

Source: Drs. Lea-Cox and Ristvey, UME

RENOVATIONS PLANNED FOR UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND CAMPUS FARM

In the middle of a bustling, expanding, urban university, the campus farm serves as a small patch of rustic tranquility and a constant reminder of the University of Maryland’s heritage as an agricultural college. Now, the College of Agriculture and Natural Resources (AGNR) is embarking on a bold mission to turn the unique piece of property into a teaching facility for the future. With help from experts at Blackburn Architects, the College of AGNR has developed a Campus Farm Master Plan which it unveiled to the public for the first time at a special presentation held inside the Riggs Alumni Center.

“The University of Maryland is one of the only land grant universities that has a working farm actually located on its campus,” said Cheng-i Wei, Dean of the College of AGNR. “Current national trends and emerging interests in topics like urban agriculture, buying locally grown products, micro-farming and food security make this the perfect time to invest in upgrading what is already a major asset for our College and university.”
Proposed improvements to the campus farm include expanding and renovating current structures, creating indoor teaching spaces, streamlining the layout to more efficiently move animals throughout the site, improving accessibility and increasing the farm’s visibility on campus – all while preserving its bucolic charm.

Although it sits on just 4.3 acres, the campus farm is used for hands-on instruction in a variety of undergraduate courses offered through the Department of Animal & Avian Sciences, ranging from livestock management to equine nutrition and small ruminant parturition, affectionately known as “lamb watch” at the university. One of the major goals of the Campus Farm Master Plan is to expand curriculum to better meet emerging agricultural industry trends.

The College of AGNR is currently in the process of securing funding to make its dynamic vision for the campus farm a reality. In a show of confidence and enthusiasm for the project, Dean Wei announced the College will match any monetary gift donated specifically toward revitalizing the campus farm. Blackburn Architects has estimated the total renovation could cost between $5 million and $7 million.

To learn more about the Campus Farm Master Plan, please contact Brian Magness at (301) 405-9235 or email bmagness@umd.edu.

Source: Sara Gavin, Communications Coordinator, College of Agriculture and Natural Resources

NEW SOCIAL MEDIA BLOG FOR AGRICULTURAL PRODUCERS

Have you been thinking about adding some form of social media to your marketing plan? You might want to consider the following excerpt from a new National Sustainable Agriculture Information Service bulletin:

“Internet-based communication tools known collectively as “social media” are gaining popularity for large and small businesses alike, including farm businesses. Social media platforms such as blogs, Facebook, and Twitter are great ways for businesses easily to share information about products and services, network with new people to build a loyal customer base, and stimulate market traffic.”
“The use of social media is growing due to the far-reaching use of computers and wireless technologies. It’s been estimated that four out of five Americans currently use the Internet (Zickuhr and Smith, 2012), creating a vast opportunity for online communication between producers and consumers. Social media allows direct communication with customers that is personalized and targeted.”

“Farmers also use social media to put a face on how food is grown. Farmers share photos and stories about how their farms are operated, making a personal connection with consumers. Farmers can use social media to inform people about agricultural issues that matter to them, using Facebook and Twitter for activism or support of the local and sustainable-food movements. Social media also is used to keep farmers engaged with other farmers—sharing ideas about crops, pest control, and marketing strategies.”

The University of Maryland Extension has started a blog to help producers get more information about using social media as part of their marketing program. For more information or to sign up to receive blog updates, visit: http://digitalfarmer.blogspot.com/

Source: UMEQAC

HAY AND PASTURE CONFERENCES

Three regional Hay and Pasture Conferences across Maryland and Delaware will provide opportunities for farmers as well as agribusiness and agency personnel to obtain information on some of the latest technology and practices related to forage production, management and utilization. “I think this winter’s series of Hay and Pasture Conferences include some intriguing topics”, says Les Vough, University of Maryland Forage Crops Extension Specialist Emeritus and conferences coordinator.

- Delmarva Hay & Pasture Conference, January 15, Delaware State Fairgrounds, Harrington
- Southern Maryland Hay & Pasture Conference, January 16, Baden Volunteer Fire Hall, Brandywine, MD
- Tri-State (MD, PA, and WV) Hay & Pasture Conference, January 17, Pleasant Valley Community Center, Oakland, MD

For more information or to obtain the complete program agenda and registration materials, go to http://www.mdforages.umd.edu/UpcomingEvents.htm.

Source: UMEQAC

ANNIE'S PROJECT CLASS REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN!

The University of Maryland and Delaware Cooperative Extension will conduct Annie’s Project during the winter of 2013 at five sites in Maryland. Annie’s Project focuses on the many aspects of farm management and is designed to empower women in overall farm decision making and to build local networks throughout the state. The target audience is farm women with a passion for business, agriculture and involvement in the farm operation. Topics for the sessions cover the five areas of Risk Management – Production, Marketing, Financial, Legal Risk and Human Resources. This course is open to anyone interested in farm management practices.
The course will be 8 sessions held at a variety of sites in Maryland. Locations include: Cecil County Administration Building, Elkton MD, Washington County Extension Office Boonsboro MD, Wor-Wic Community College Salisbury MD, Harford Community College, Bel Air MD and Baltimore County Ag Center, Cockeysville, MD. Classes will begin in January 2013.

The cost of the course including meals and materials is $75. Please register by January 15th, space is limited. For more information visit the website www.anniesproject.umd.edu or call 410-758-0166. If you require special assistance to attend the classes please contact the site at least two weeks prior.

Annie’s Project has been approved for FSA Borrower Training. For more information, please contact your FSA loan officer. For more information, contact Sheila Shorter; 410-758-0166

Source: UME

**FARM TRANSITION AND ESTATE PLANNING WORKSHOP: MANAGING THE RISK OF TRANSFERRING THE BUSINESS**

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For more information please see the attached flyer.

Source: UME, CANRP, and RMA

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February 23  
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Time: 9:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Sponsor: University of Maryland Extension and University of Delaware Extension, the Maryland Sheep Breeders' Association, Inc. and the Delaware Sheep and Wool Producers Association

Registration: All registrations must be in advance accompanied by an $80.00 per person fee. Checks should be made payable to: Carroll County Extension Advisory Council (CCEAC).

Deadline: March 18, 2013
(Mail registration to: David L. Greene, 2014 White Hall Road, White Hall, MD 21161-9712)

Note! There will be no registration later than March 18. Participation is limited to the first 25 people who register. (This is done so the class can be kept to a size that will afford the best learning opportunities.)

Minimum Age: 16 years

What You Need * Lunch including drinks (no facilities for lunch are close by)
To Bring: * Comfortable clothes and shoes
* Gloves
* A body with the strength and willingness to learn to shear sheep

Note! Shearing machines will be provided.

You Will Learn:
* The New Zealand method of shearing sheep
* How to adjust and care for hand-held shearing machines
* How to set and adjust blades on these shearing machines
* How to properly handle wool after shearing
(NOTE: We do not teach blade shearing)

The school is open to anyone in Maryland, Delaware and surrounding states who want to learn to shear sheep. Each registrant will receive an ASI Shearing Notebook and instructional DVD.

Instructors: David L. Greene, Principal Agent Emeritus, University of Maryland Extension-Carroll County (greelamb@gmail.com)
Richard A. Barczewski, Animal Science Professor, Delaware State University, Dover, DE
Aaron Geiman, Agriculture Teacher at North Carroll High School

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2013 Maryland - Delaware Sheep Shearing School
Registration Form

Name_________________________ Phone_________________________
Address_________________________ Zip Code________________________
e-mail: ____________________________ Number of persons attending: ___ x $80.00 each $______

Check One: ___________ Right Handed ___________ Left Handed

Make check payable to: Carroll County Extension Advisory Council (CCEAC)

Mail to: David L. Greene, 2014 White Hall Road, White Hall, MD 21161-9712
Directions

Carroll County Agriculture Center
700 Agriculture Center Dr.
Westminster, Maryland 21157
(410) 386-2760

From the North: (directions given from Hanover, PA to the Ag Center) Take Rt. 94 South (becomes MD Rt. 30 at the state line). Follow 30 to Manchester and turn right on Rt. 27. Follow Rt. 27 to Rt. 140 East (in Westminster). Turn left onto the ramp to 140 East and travel to the first traffic light. Turn right onto Center Street. Take Center Street through two traffic lights to Gist Road. Turn right on Gist Road and follow signs to new entrance. Turn right onto new Ag Center drive.

From the South: Take Interstate 270 North to Rt. 27. Follow Rt. 27 to Kate Wagner Road. (Kate Wagner Road intersects Rt. 27 before you reach the city of Westminster) Make a right onto Kate Wagner Road (which intersects Rt. 27 at a traffic light) and follow approximately 1.2 miles. Turn left onto Gist Road. Continue on Gist Road until you reach Smith Ave at stop sign. Continue on Gist Road about 1/2 block and make left at new Ag Center entrance.

From the East: From Baltimore Beltway 695, take Interstate 795 north toward Westminster. Follow the signs onto MD 140 and take 140 into Westminster. Turn left onto Center Street. Take Center Street through two traffic lights to Gist Road. Turn right on Gist Road and follow signs to new entrance. Turn right onto new Ag Center drive.

From the West: Take I-70 East to the Mt. Airy/Route 27 Exit. Head North on Rt. 27 toward Westminster for approximately 15 miles. Make a right onto Kate Wagner Road (which intersects Rt. 27 at a traffic light) and follow approximately 1.2 miles. Turn left onto Gist Road. Continue on Gist Road until you reach Smith Ave at stop sign. Continue on Gist Road about 1/2 block and make left at new Ag Center entrance.

Snow date: In case of inclement weather, please call (410) 386-2760.

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At the Door:
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Children 10–under: Free

Seminars

Educational workshops on the following topics:

- Nutrition
- Disease prevention and control
- Chicken breeds
- Showing poultry
- Egg and meat production basics
- Poultry production equipment
- Regulations—selling meat and eggs
- Urban and/or Rural poultry production
- Predator control
- Injured bird first aid
- Breeding and egg incubation
- Turkey production
- Poultry testing
- Poultry in diversified livestock operations
- Exotics
- Egg grading and handling
- Marketing and economics

Vendors

Exhibitors will have live poultry and poultry equipment & supplies. Interested vendors should call (410) 386-2760

- Door Prizes
- Backyard Coop Construction Demonstration
- Producer and specialist answer booth
- Lunch and snacks will be available for purchase
- 4-H activities

Lodging

Rooms at area hotels (listed below) have been reserved on first come, first served basis until January 25, 2013. When you call to reserve a room mention “Poultry Expo.”

- Days Inn, (410) 857-0500
- Best Western, (410) 857-1900

Visit our website for more lodging info.

Please mail this form and a check or money order payable to: Carroll County EAC

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PRE-REGISTRATION DEADLINE
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February 26

Preparing to Transfer the Farm Business
A good plan takes into consideration the goals of the individual, the family and farm business(es). They serve as the primary guiding principles for the farm transition and estate plan. Begin the process of discovering your family’s goals.

Major Tax Considerations When Transferring Assets
Learn about the major tax issues to consider - basis, stepped up basis, loss of stepped up basis, capital gains tax, state and federal taxes, gift tax, and special use valuations.

March 5

Overview of Farm Transfer Strategies
Gain an understanding of transfer strategies such as partnerships, corporations, LLP and LLC as well as transfer techniques like gifting and installment sales.

Financial Consideration in Transferring the Farm
Success of the plan hinges on financial stability and whether the business(es) can generate enough income for both the retiring generation and the succession generation. Or can additional activities be added to help with the transition.

March 12

Treatment of Heirs and Available Financial Assistance
Gain an understanding of fair and equitable treatment of heirs that want to farm and those that won’t be active farm participants as well as strategies such as buy-out provisions to ensure the farm business can survive.

Estate Planning and the Transfer Process
Learn about all the tools of estate planning such as wills, trusts, life estate, power-of-attorney, health care directives, life insurance and a number of other strategies.

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