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PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND

Minutes from Washington, D.C. and centrally located,
it's time to discover Prince George's County farms,
farmers and food.



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"The February sunshine steeps your boughs and tints the buds and swells the leaves within." ~William C. Bryant



LOCAL EVENTS

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Winter Farmers Markets

Yup, it's officially winter, but that doesn't mean you can't get local products. Here's a few places providing fruits, vegetables, meats and more!

Greenbelt Farmers Market Vendor Drops: a few market vendors will be selling their products in Greenbelt in February. Because selection may be limited, they recommend pre-ordering by contacting vendors in advance. See the [list of vendors here](#).

Miller Farms Farm Market: Open daily. Check their [website](#) for hours, farm history, and what's available.

P.A. Bowen Farmstead Market: Thursdays-Saturdays, or by appointment. Farm tours also available. Details [here](#).

Riverdale Park Winter Market: Thursdays, 3:00pm-7:00pm. Dates, location (new location this year!) and more information at their [website](#).

CSA Shares Available at Radix Farm

Folks interested in becoming new members should fill out [this 2013 Radix Farm CSA Membership Application](#). They will accept new members in the order in which they receive applications. Beginning February 15th, after they know how many open slots are available, they will email all applicants to let them know if your preferred pick-up site is available. CSA share details, pricing and pickup site information [here](#).

Sign Up Now for Farm-Fresh Local Produce through Community Supported Agriculture Farms

The Maryland Department of Agriculture (MDA) encourages Marylanders to consider joining a community supported agriculture (CSA) farm this year to support local farmers while receiving healthy, fresh produce all summer long. CSA members pay an upfront subscription fee to farmers in return for a share of the season's harvest, which is usually provided weekly. For convenience, many CSAs deliver to central locations for pick up closer to subscriber's home or work on a certain day of the week. Still others have special rates if the subscriber helps with the harvest on the farm. To find a CSA farm near you, go to the

Economic Diversification for Large-Acreage Farms Chestertown, MD February 11, 2013

Don't miss this rare visit to Maryland by Klaas and Mary-Howell Martens of Penn Yan Organic Grains. As keynote speakers at this workshop, the Martens will engage in a frank discussion of the reasons they switched from commodity grain farming to organic and the strategies they have used to make it profitable.

This full-day workshop will also highlight local approaches to diversified large-acreage farming employed by farmers in Southern Maryland (our own county's Yates Clagett!) and on the Eastern Shore.

[View the event flyer.](#)

Registration required. Step-by-step registration instructions [here](#).

Maryland Organic Food & Farming Winter Meeting Annapolis, MD 8:00am-5:00pm, February 16, 2013

Presentations, panels & workshops with information for farmers and gardeners in search of new ideas, techniques and inspiration.

Networking opportunities for consumers and distributors looking for good sources of local, organic food.

A homegrown, eat local potluck lunch

Maryland's Best [website](#).

LOCAL NEWS.

Eastern Promise: East Coast US Wines

The small wineries of USA's eastern seaboard seem able to find success while bypassing the world of ratings, national publicity and even distribution networks. Roger Morris finds out how they do it. Read article [here](#).

College Students on a Mission to Donate Leftover Food

Not to make you feel guilty, but think for a minute about what you threw out of your refrigerator this week: that wilted lettuce, the yogurt that had passed its expiration date, the Tupperware full of mac and cheese that the kids had to have but never finished. It adds up.

Now imagine the amount of wasted food in a huge cafeteria that serves thousands of meals each day, a place like the South Campus Dining Room at the [University of Maryland](#). That's what three students did one day back in 2010. The quantities of soup, roast turkey, pasta and salads were so jaw-dropping, they decided to do something about it. They created the [Food Recovery Network](#). Read article [here](#).

FUN.

Romano Vineyards Open House

Romano Vineyard and Winery will be open Saturday February 9th & 16th, 12:00pm - 5:00pm. Come to the winery in **red** and received 20% off your purchase (in winery only). Valentine's Day is right around the corner and they have you covered; they've put together Wine & Chocolate baskets perfect for that special someone! Each basket only \$45.00! Directions and information at their [website](#).

Maryland Farmers Offer Winter Planning Tips to Backyard Gardeners

Despite the recent snow, spring really is just around the corner. Homeowners who want to improve their lawns or gardens this year and contribute to a cleaner, healthier Chesapeake Bay, should start planning now-and there's no one better to provide conservation planning tips than Maryland farmers.

The [Maryland Department of Agriculture](#) "Take it from Maryland Farmers: Backyard Actions for a Cleaner Chesapeake Bay" homeowner education program provides wintertime conservation planning tips and online resources for lawn and garden enthusiasts throughout the year. Download and print this handy [Garden Planner and Checklist](#).

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will be served; bring a dish to share!
There will also be a Seed Swap
and Silent Auction.

Address, price and detailed agenda
available at their [website](#). Registration
at the door.

Accokeek's Winter Farming Lecture Series: Tree & Leaf Farm

Unionville, VA
February 23, 2013

[Tree and Leaf Farm](#) is a 50-acre farm cultivating 10 acres of vegetables, herbs and flowers located in Unionville, Virginia. We practice sustainable farming using ridge-till, no-till, and living mulch systems, focusing on pro-biotic soil dynamics through use of effective micro-organisms, composting, legume cover crops, crop rotation and companion planting. No pesticides, herbicides or fungicides are used. Tree and Leaf Farm is a four season farm attending farmer's markets year-round in Washington DC and Northern VA, as well as wholesaling to restaurants and to a large CSA.

Registration is required. For more information and questions, please contact caes@accokeek.org. You can [register here](#).