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PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND

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



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"There are two seasonal diversions that can ease the bite of any winter. One is the January thaw. The other is the seed catalogues." ~Hal Borland

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2014 Winter Markets:

The Farmers Market at Maryland: Wednesdays, February 5th - April 16th, 11am-3pm. Outside Cole Fieldhouse, University of Maryland College Park campus.

Riverdale Park Farmers Market: Thursdays thru March 27th, 3pm-7pm. Town Center Market at 4705 Queensbury Road (note different location from full-season market).

Herbal CSA Starting in 2014:

Centro Ashe Herbal CSA, a Four Season Journey in Botanical Wellness, is accepting memberships for their new Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) program. Members will participate in a four season membership, and receive an herbal box for each season filled with lovingly-grown & hand-made botanical goodies, complete with an instructional newsletter! Join them for this fun & easy way to learn about using herbs for wellness, all while supporting your local farm & herbalist!

Visit their [website](#) and sign up today. Share pickups will be in Bryans Road, Silver Spring. Shipping is also available. [Contact them](#) with questions or for additional details.

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LOCAL EVENTS

Food for Profit Workshop January 9th Gambrills, MD

[University of Maryland Extension](#)
Food for Profit workshop takes you step by step through the information necessary to start and run a small food product business. Although appropriate for any food business owners who want to develop their venture proactively, the workshop is especially directed to individuals who will be making and packing their products for resale.

This workshop combines educational presentations, guest speakers and a highly interactive learning environment to address: getting started, regulations, developing a plan, food safety, packaging and financing.

\$40.00 tuition includes all material and lunch. Pre-registration is required.

Information and registration [here](#).

Future Harvest-CASA's Farming for Profit & Stewardship Conference January 17th-18th College Park

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Keeping Honeybees Can be a Great Hobby

Have you ever considered keeping honeybees? Trade in a few hours to see if this hobby is in your future. The honeybee is a fascinating and beneficial insect, but the stresses of modern agriculture are making life difficult for the bee. By starting a hive or two of your own, you can improve the pollination of plants in your local area, collect some honey and provide Mother Nature and the honeybee a helping hand. Read more [here](#).



Maryland Farm & Harvest

In case you've missed previous episodes, you can watch [Maryland Farm & Harvest](#) online at your leisure. The site also includes recipes and websites to learn more about the featured farms. Otherwise, watch live Tuesdays at 7pm on [MPT](#). It repeats Thursdays at 11:30pm and Sundays at 6am on MPT-HD. And it doesn't conflict with catching your weekly dose of "Downton Abbey", either!

2014 Culinary Forecast Highlights Local Foods

The National Restaurant Association's annual culinary forecast predicts menu trends for the coming year. For 2014, the NRA surveyed nearly 1,300 professional chefs to find out what the hottest menu trends will be. Among the top 10 trends are locally sourced meats and seafood, locally grown produce, environmental sustainability, hyper-local sourcing (like restaurant gardens), and farm- or estate-branded items. Read the full article [here](#).

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Romano Vineyard & Winery

January 11th and 18th, from 12:00pm-5:00pm, you can stop by [Romano Vineyard & Winery](#), taste the wines, talk to the people who grow the grapes and make the wine, and learn their story.

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Featuring a diverse group of speakers, pre-conference workshops and tracks, this annual conference is a great opportunity to network and learn more about food and farming systems in our region. Plus, keynote speaker, Sam Calagione, of [Dogfish Head Brewery](#), should be fun and inspiring! CEUs available, volunteers needed and scholarships available. Details [here](#).

ONLINE REGISTRATION NOW OPEN! Or [download a form](#) and mail in payment.

Click the links below for conference details: [Pre-Conference Workshops](#)

General Sessions - [Keynote](#), [Local Food Celebration and Auction](#), [Farmer Panel](#)

Track 1- [Beginning Farmers](#)

Track 2- [Scaling Up](#)

Track 3- [Grass-Based Systems](#)

Track 4- [Local Food Communities](#)

Track 5- [Fruit and Vegetable Production](#)

Track 6- [The Business of Farming](#)

[Registration](#) - [Lodging](#) - [Rideshare](#)

Annie's Project
January 22nd-March 19th
6:00pm-9:00pm
Gambrills

[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 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, Human Resources. This course is open to anyone interested in farm management practices.

The course fee is \$75 which covers all meals and materials. Additional information and registration [here](#).

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