November—December Events—click events for more information

12/2—12/19—Farmer Training and Certification Course with Pastured Animals—Pre register
12/3—Ag Leasing Workshop
12/4—Ag Policy and Outlook Conference
12/5—Northern MD Field Crops Day Meeting
12/5—Horse Keeping on a Budget Course—Pre register
12/8—12/10—MD Farm Bureau Conference
12/10—Crop Sustainability and IPM
12/13—Producer’s Digital Toolbox Class—Pre register

More events can be found on our site under “events”

The Maryland Beginning Farmer Success Project aims to provide resources to new and underserved farming audiences across the state through a Beginning Farmer and Rancher Development Program grant from the USDA and NIFA. Within our first year of the project we have published and populated a website containing an arsenal of resources in a variety of agricultural enterprises.

Upon entering the site the user can determine which “step” of farming best fits them: exploring, refining, developing, or implementing. Our site, in conjunction with our partners, training programs, and published information will walk new farmers from whatever their current phase is through the implementing step where they will be heading their own farm business and generating income.

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UMES Small Farm Conference

Princess Anne, Maryland is a place you may not know that well but it is certainly a hidden gem. Princess Anne is the home to the 1890 Land grant institution, the University of Maryland Eastern Shore (UMES). The UMES Small Farm Conference brought together people from across the state who shared a thirst for greater agricultural knowledge on November 8th and 9th.

The conference offered three tracks that hosted three sessions for a total of nine educational experiences. The Beginning Farmer Success Project delivered one of the tracks and provided sessions on setting up a farmstead—finding equipment and land, marketing farm products, and business planning. The Beginning Farmer Success educators and guest speakers reached over 50 participants.

Farmer Spotlight
Robin Way owns and operates Rumbleway Farm in Cecil County, Maryland. Robin’s farm uses sustainable practices to raise and produce pasture fed, free-range chickens, turkeys (front page), and beef cattle. The farm sells meat, dairy, and fruit/vegetable products at the on site store. Robin also offers on the farm cooking classes with guest chefs. For more information visit rumblewayfarm.com

What step of farming are you on? Our Roadmap to Farming provides a visual experience to help new farmers assess how close they are to starting a farm. The maps asks the questions that will help farmers gauge whether they are truly prepared to begin actively farming like, “what skill sets do I have?” and if you have a business and marketing plan. You can find the road map by following this link: Roadmap to Farming. Clicking the graphic will enlarge the map which can be saved and printed.

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