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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.



October 2014

"There are two spiritual dangers in not owning a farm. One is the danger of supposing that breakfast comes from the grocery, and the other that heat comes from the furnace."

~ Aldo Leopold, *A Sand County Almanac*



LOCAL EVENTS

Modern Homesteading Series: Fermentation & Homebrewing Workshop

October 19th, 1-3:30pm

Fermentation & Homebrewing, will focus on collecting wild yeasts, mead making, lacto-fermentation, and simple herbal remedies.

Crop Hop: A Cycling Tour of Prince George's County Farms

October 25, 8am - 2pm

Riders will tour farms in Prince George's County and enjoy food grown and raised locally at each stop and during the after-ride picnic. The event features four spectacular routes through the scenic Southern Maryland countryside. Choose from the challenging Silo Century (a metric century), the Harvest Hop (about 35 miles), the Barnstormer (about 17 miles) or the family-friendly Sprout Route. Registered riders

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UME 100th Anniversary Open House

UME Prince George's County will host it's 100th Anniversary Celebration of Extension on Monday, October 13, 4:30-7:30. Enjoy a variety of interactive games and activities around food, nutrition, gardening, agriculture and finance.

We will feature some of our local producers in Prince

George's County during a food tasting and sweet potato soup demo! Fun for all ages. Please see our [flyer](#) for details and locations.

Farmers Markets - October News & Events

Greenbelt Farmers Market is hosting several special events this month on Sundays, 10am - 2pm:

- **Wine Tastings:** Oct 12, 19 & 26 (Knob Hall Winery)

- **BUMBA Pollinator Demo:** Oct 12 – BUMBA will have an educational display, observation hive and honey for sale
- **Prince George's County Master Gardeners:** Oct 19 – Master Gardeners will be on hand to answer your gardening questions
- **Doctor's Community Hospital:** Oct 26 will educate market goers about healthy eating



Hollywood Farmers Market is hosting several special events this month on Saturdays, 9am – 1pm:

- **Seed and plant exchange:** Oct 11 & 18– If you want to swap, sell or simply give-away your plants and seeds, bring them to the market table from 9 am to 1 pm on these dates.
- **Dollar-Off Day:** Oct 18 – Stop by the market table to get a \$1 off coupon for any vendor. Please limit to one coupon per family.

Riverdale Farmers Market's Maryland Market Money program is up and running again. They will continue the weekly \$10 match of WIC & SNAP recipients' benefits each Thursday until their budget runs out. Hopefully, the program can continue until the end of the outdoor season on November 20. This program was made possible through the generous contributions from the Riverdale Park Town Council and the facilitation of the [Maryland Farmers Market Association](#).

Southern Maryland Hospital Farmers Market is hosting a wine tasting with [Romano Vineyard and Winery](#) on Oct 8, 29 12–4pm

Find the full list of county markets [here](#); or [download a printable brochure version](#).

will receive a FREE commemorative T-Shirt and lunch while supplies last. (Register early!) A portion of the proceeds will support [Farming 4 Hunger](#). Visit [crophop.com](#) for more information and to register.

ECO City Farms Urban Ag Training Series

Offered in partnership with Prince George's County Community College

Urban Agriculture: The New Frontier: Oct 8

3-Day Urban Ag Intensive: Oct 11, 12, 18

Crop Planning and Analysis: Nov 8

[More info and how to register.](#)

**Alice Ferguson Foundation
60th Anniversary Celebration
October 18, 11am – 4pm**

Come "back home" and experience the Farm all over again!

Dancing and music with the "Alt Washingtonia Schuhplattlers"
Hop on the wagon for hayrides to the Potomac River
Visit animals in the barnyard
Have fun with kids' crafts at the log cabin and roast marshmallows at the campfire
And

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Food Equity Forum

On September 18, residents, policy makers, and healthy food advocates from several Prince George's County government agencies, non-profits and businesses gathered at Busboys and Poets in Hyattsville, MD for the first ever Food Equity Forum. The purpose of the forum was to introduce the mission and work of the Prince George's County Food Equity Council and facilitate promising practice and knowledge sharing around local farming, healthy food retail, nutrition education, and hunger relief. The event featured a panel of local food system innovators, round table conversations and networking opportunities.



Any county resident or program representative is invited to join workgroup sessions or general meetings. Visit the [Prince George's County Food Equity Council](#) for meeting dates. For more information about the event, check out a recent [article](#) from the *The Gazette*.

Ag in Science

Come join Prince George's County 4-H Youth Development Program and have an Adventure in Science! AiS will be held every Saturday for 6 weeks beginning on October 4, 2014 from 9am-12pm on the University of Maryland College Park Campus. For more information, click [here](#).

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Montpelier Farms Family Farm Park

Montpelier Farms Fall Festival continues! There are many activities for the the whole family to enjoy including a corn maze (Star Spangled Banner theme this year!), hay-n-play, hayrides, corn cribs, petting zoo and paint-a-pumpkin. It's also a great time to schedule a fall [school tour](#). Check Montpelier Farms

[website](#) for details on upcoming events and tours.

- Oct 11 – 2nd Annual Public Safety Day hosted by Upper Marlboro VFD Company 20

Twilight Tales: The Escape
October 17, 18, 23, 24, 25 | 7-9pm

This October, Maryland's haunted legends return to the National Colonial Farm for five nights of ghoulish fun and fright. Ripped from the pages of history and legend, *Twilight Tales: The Escape* is a spooky, dramatic production set after dark on the National Colonial Farm (when the ghosts come out to play!) Follow Jeremiah Swift, Patty Cannon, Moll Dyer, and other ghosts from Maryland's past on a scary adventure you'll soon never forget! Visit Accokeek Foundation's [website](#) for details.

Local Food Day Events
October 24, 25

[Food Day](#) is a nationwide celebration and a movement for healthy, affordable, and sustainable food. Check out events in our County!

[Bowie State University](#): 10/24

[ECO City Farms](#): 10/25

[Crop Hop](#): 10/25

Maze Craze
featuring Southern Maryland Farms
weekends in October

Participating Southern Maryland agritourism farms will offer discounts and prizes when you present your [Maze Craze Discount and Prize Card](#) on weekends in October, 2014.

- Oct 18 – Vendor Showcase, 10am – 4pm, It's 4-H Day! Come out and learn about 4H, make some crafts & have some fun!
- Oct 31 – Costume Chaos, RECEIVE 1/2 PRICE ADMISSION for wearing your full blown costume!

Romano Vineyard & Winery in October

Upcoming Fall Events:

- Open House every Saturday, 12 – 5pm through December
- Oct 8 & 29, 12–4pm: Southern Maryland Hospital Farmers Market
- Oct 4 & 5, 12–6pm: [Sotterly WineFest](#)
- Oct 9, 3–7pm: [Riverdale Park Farmers Market](#)
- Oct 12: [Montpelier Farms Fall Festival](#)
- Oct 18 & 19: Mount Airy Fall Festival



Romano's mulled wine will make it's annual debut this month! Be sure to stop by the wine it's a tasty treat you don't want to miss.

Annual Harvest Fest at C&E Farms

During the month of October, C&E Farm holds it annual [Harvest Fest](#) at the farm. The Harvest Fest is open to the general public every Saturday and by appointment for groups during the week (Monday thru Friday). The C&E Farm Harvest Fest Activities include the following:

- Hayrides
- Farm Animals
- Moon Bounce
- Face/Hand Painting
- Pumpkins
- Grow Activity Bag

Hayrides & Pumpkin Tours at Miller Farms

October is absolutely one of the most exciting months at Millers Farm with its hayrides, corn mazes, cow belly bouncer, straw jumping pit and barnyard buddies!

- Weekends: 10AM to 5PM. Admission is \$9.00 per person
- Weekdays: By reservation ONLY. Admission is \$8.00 per person

Visit Miller Farms' [website](#) for details!

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Permaculture Design Course
 October 25–28, 2014, April 11–14 2015, June 27–30, 2015 from 10–4

The Permaculture Design Certificate (PDC) course is a training program that utilizes the teachings of Bill Mollison's Permaculture Design System based on the study of nature and design systems implemented by indigenous and land based communities over thousands of years. Visit their [website](#) for details.

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