



# BEGINNING FARMER SUCCESS

## 11th Annual Small Farms Conference - November 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup>:

UMES organizers are pleased to offer two full days of conference activities for the 11th annual Small Farms Conference, slated for Friday and Saturday, November 7 and 8, on the campus of the University of Maryland Eastern Shore. Diverse and informative agriculture-based sessions will be offered, and conference highlights include a continuation of the new and beginning farmers track, another installment of the children's AGsploration program, the popular home food preservation course, and a number of standout sessions. For more information and registration go to:

[smallfarmconference.eventbrite.com](http://smallfarmconference.eventbrite.com).

## Future Harvest Beginner Farmer Training Program Now Accepting Applications :

A unique, year-long training program for beginning farmers is now accepting applications for farmer trainees in the Chesapeake region. The program's goal is to equip the region's brightest new farmers with the knowledge and hands-on experience necessary to start a successful farm. Participants work part- or full-time at their existing farms or jobs while completing training. Participants are encouraged to transition into farming with a detailed crop and business plan in place. To find out more about the program and to apply go to: <http://www.futureharvestcasa.org/field-school/beginner-farmer-training-program>



[Extension.umd.edu/newfarmer](http://Extension.umd.edu/newfarmer)

## Upcoming Events

**Oct. 8:** Freezing Workshop - Howard Co. Ext

**Oct 9:** 2014 Fall Farm Tour - various locations

**Oct 9:** Recruiting, Hiring, and Managing Labor Class - One Straw Farm

**Oct 10:** SARE Farmer/ Partnership Grant Webinar - Online

**Oct 11:** AGNR Open House - Central MD Research & Education Center

**Oct 11:** Planting Bulbs for Spring Color Class - Washington Co. Ext

**Oct 13:** Bounty of Fall Class - Howard Co. Ext

**Oct 15:** Manure Management for Equine Owners - Kindred Spirits horse Farm

**Oct 20:** Pesticide Recertification & Nutrient Management Voucher Workshop - Somerset Co. Ext

**Oct 21:** Farmer Nutrient Management Certification Short Course - Frederick Co. Ext

# 100 Years of Extension Service

University of Maryland Extension prides itself on providing “solutions in your community” through various key program areas including agriculture, environment and natural resources, 4-H youth development, food and nutrition, health and wellness, financial planning, home gardening and the Chesapeake Bay. Stay connected with your local extension office by visiting during one of the many Open Houses in celebration of our 100 years of service. Open houses are a great way to meet your local extension agents and to find out what is happening near you. We encourage you to stop by and see what Extension offers for you. To find an open house near you [\*\*Click here!!!\*\*](#)



## Sailing Away with Beginning Farmer Success



The Beginning Farmer Success Team, along with the USDA, hosted the National Beginning Farmer and Rancher Development Program (BFRDP) Project Directors Meeting in Baltimore from September 23-25. The theme for the conference was Sailing Away, in reference to the development of Beginning Farmer and Rancher programs across the nation. The event welcomed sixty participants from eighteen states. The group enjoyed sharing the successes of their projects and spent a day touring farms around Baltimore. Beginning Farmer Success is excited to continue to provide wonderful resources for beginning farmers in Maryland.

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