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### FARM BILL WORKSHOP DATES!

#### Lower Shore

Aug. 12, 10 a.m.-3 p.m., 6772 Rockawalkin Rd., Hebron, MD

#### Upper Shore

Aug. 13, 10 a.m.-3 p.m., Queen Anne's Co. 4-H Park, Centreville, MD

#### Southern Maryland

Aug. 15, 10 a.m.-3 p.m., St. Mary's Ag Service Ctr., 26737 Radio Station Way, Leonardtown, MD

#### Northern Maryland

Aug. 18, 10 a.m.-3 p.m., Baltimore Co. Ag Ctr., Cockeysville, MD

#### Western & Central MD

Aug. 19, 10 a.m.-3 p.m., Dutch's Daughter, 581 Himes Ave., Frederick, MD



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For more information contact Jenny Rhodes, [jrhodes@umd.edu](mailto:jrhodes@umd.edu), 410-758-0166 or Victoria Corcoran, [vgc@umd.edu](mailto:vgc@umd.edu) or visit [www.extension.umd.edu/annies-project](http://www.extension.umd.edu/annies-project). To register visit <http://2014mtt.eventbrite.com>.

Chesapeake College, Wye Mills MD, 1000 College Circle, Route 50 & 213, Wye Mills, MD, September 4, 11, 18, 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. Cost: \$60.

## Mid-Atlantic Precision Ag Equipment Day

### Aug. 6, 2014

### 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

#### New Location:

Wye Research & Education Center  
124 Wye Narrows Drive, Queenstown, MD 21658  
Google Map Link: <https://goo.gl/maps/FoD2v>

#### Agenda

- 8:30 a.m. Coffee/Visit sponsors
- 8:45 a.m. Prec. Agri. Data Accuracy and Usage: Opportunities and Challenges (Joe Luck, University of Nebraska-Lincoln)
- 9:40 a.m. UAS Applications to Crop and Livestock Management (John Nowatzki, North Dakota State University)
- 10:30 a.m. Coffee Break
- 10:45 a.m. UAV (Drone) Demonstration
- 11:15 a.m. Sponsor Round Robin
- 12:30 p.m. Complimentary Lunch/Visit with sponsors and speakers
- 1:45 p.m. Farmer Panel and Discussion (Mike Buschermohle, University of Tennessee)
- 3:30 p.m. Adjourn

To register, visit [midatlanticprecisionagday.eventbrite.com](http://midatlanticprecisionagday.eventbrite.com). For more information, contact Jenny Rhodes, Extension Educator in Queen Anne's County, at [jrhodes@umd.edu](mailto:jrhodes@umd.edu) or 410-758-0166 or <http://enst.umd.edu/extension/mid-atlantic-precision-ag-day>

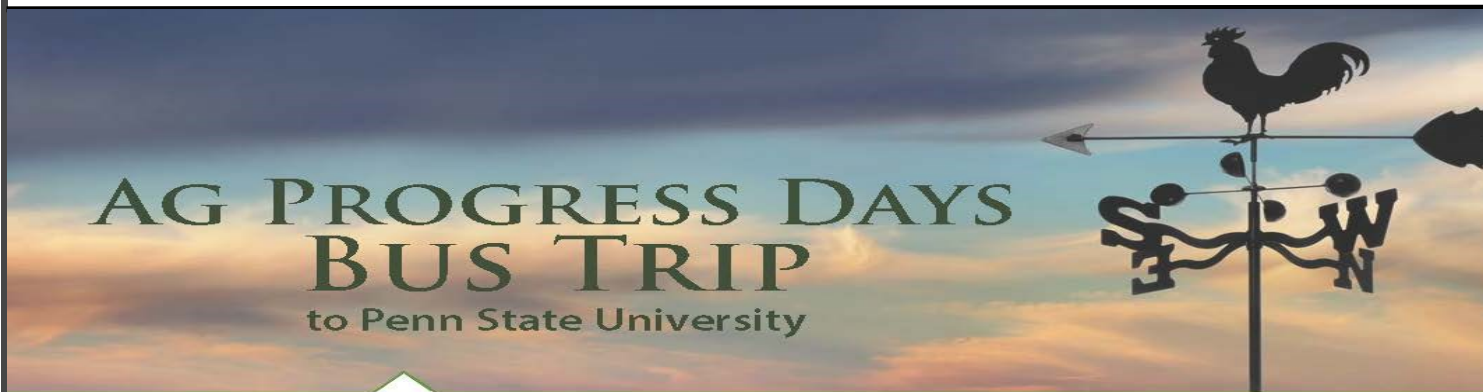
## FARM BILL WORKSHOPS

On August 13th from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., farmers in the Cecil, Kent, Caroline, Queen Anne's and Talbot counties area will have an opportunity to get a grasp on the new farm bill programs. The workshop is sponsored by University of Maryland's Department of Agricultural and Resource Economics (AREC), University of Maryland Extension (UME), Maryland Department of Agriculture (MDA), and USDA – Risk Management Agency. This Farm Bill Workshop will take place at the Queen Ann's County Fair Grounds in the Dining Hall and will prepare Maryland farmers for their upcoming decisions. "The new farm bill is complicated and Maryland grain and dairy producers will want to be aware of how to best choose their options using software aids," said Dr. Howard Leathers, AREC associate professor. "By attending a workshop, a producer will walk away with a better understanding of the new programs in the farm bill and how these programs could potentially impact their operations," Leathers said. The tentative agenda is:

- 10:30 to 11:00 - Registration/Lunch
- 11:00 to 12:00 - Understanding the Decision-making Process in Commodity Programs, Howard Leathers, AREC
- 12:00 to 12:45 - How the Decision-making Process Will Work on the Farm, Jim Hanson, AREC
- 12:45 to 1:15 - Legal Issues to Be Aware of in the New Farm Bill, Paul Goeringer, AREC
- 2:15 to 2:00 - Tying It All Together, Howard Leathers, AREC

Pre-registration is required on or before August 12. To register, send check (\$10.00 per person) made payable to Queen Anne's County EAC (QACEAC) and send to 505 Railroad Ave Suite 4, Centreville MD 21617. Registration fee covers lunch. If you have any question contact Shelia Shorter at 410.758.0166.

See more at: <http://extension.umd.edu/news/events/wed-2014-08-13-1100-upper-shore-farm-bill-workshop#sthash.ChN5R7xE.dpuf>



**Come Join Us**  
**WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 13, 2014**

- Breakfast:** Snacks on bus
- Lunch & Dinner:** Food vouchers will be given to use at Ag Progress
- Cost:** \$20 per person  
*includes bus, morning and return snacks, Ag Progress food vouchers*

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For more information about Ag Progress Days visit [agsci.psu.edu/apd](http://agsci.psu.edu/apd)

**Register online at**  
[www.mafc.com/ag-progress-days-bus-trip.php](http://www.mafc.com/ag-progress-days-bus-trip.php)  
 or complete the form and return by **August 6, 2014** along with your \$20 per person registration fee made payable to MidAtlantic Farm Credit. Mail to:

**MidAtlantic Farm Credit**  
 379 Deep Shore Road  
 Denton, MD 21629

### Ag Progress Days Bus Trip Registration Form

**Bus pick-up location** (Check One):

- Centre at Salisbury, Salisbury, MD at 5 a.m.
- MidAtlantic Farm Credit Office, Dover, DE at 6 a.m.
- UMD Cecil County Extension Office, Elkton, MD at 7 a.m.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Number Attending: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Guest(s): \_\_\_\_\_

\*Payment must be received prior to trip. For additional guest assistance, please contact Amber Bullock at 888.339.3334.

## CALENDAR of EVENTS

### JULY 2014:

**July 29...**

**Grain Marketing Meeting, 6:30 a.m.**, Sudlersville Methodist Church Hall, 103 N. Church St., Sudlersville, MD. Speaker: Rachel Melvin, MDA "Bay Program Agricultural WIP Goals." \$10 breakfast.

### AUGUST 2014:

**August 2...**

**Pastured Poultry Conference Free for producers, 9:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m.**, Delaware State University, Ag Annex, Room 111, Center for Small Flock Research and Innovation, Dover, Delaware.

**August 6...**

**Mid-Atlantic Precision Ag Equipment Day, 8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.**, Wye Research & Ed Center, 124 Narrows Dr., Queenstown, MD.

**August 6...**

**Kent County Farm Bureau Picnic, 6:30 p.m.**, Andelot Farm, 12240 Andelot Farm Lane, Worton, MD. Meat and drinks provided. Bring a dish to share.

**August 6...**

**Caroline/Dorchester County Fair, (All day) to Saturday, Aug. 9, 2014 (All day).** Caroline County 4-H Park, 8230 Detour Road <http://www.extension.umd.edu/news/events/wed-2014-08-06-0000-carolinedorchester-county-fair>

**August 7...**

**2014 Maryland Horse Forum, 8:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.**, Prince George's Equestrian Center, Upper Marlboro, MD. To register: <http://www.eventbrite.com/e/maryland-horse-forum-2014-tickets-11169404991> More info: <https://www.facebook.com/MDJorseForum>

**August 11-16...**

**Queen Anne's County Fair, Queen Anne's County 4-H Park, Centreville, MD.** <http://queenannescfair.com/>

**August 12...**

**Grain Marketing Meeting, 6:30 a.m.**, Sudlersville Methodist Church Hall, 103 N. Church St., Sudlersville, MD. Speaker: Chad Nagel, Nagel Farm Service." \$10 breakfast.

**August 12...**

**Lower Shore Farm Bill Workshop, 10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.**, Rockawalkin Community Hall, 6772 Rockawalkin Rd., Hebron, MD.. Cost \$10.

**August 13...**

**Upper Shore Farm Bill Workshop, 10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.**, Queen Anne's County 4-H Park, Dining Hall, Centreville, MD. Call 410-758-0166 for more information. Cost \$10.

**August 13...**

**Ag Progress Days Bus Trip, 7:00 a.m.**, sponsored by Mid Atlantic Farm Credit, will be offering a bus pick up at the Cecil County Extension Office location on August 13<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 a.m.. The bus will return to Cecil Co. around 9:00 p.m.

**August 15...**

**Pesticide Container Recycling for Eastern Shore, 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.**, Nicholson Transfer Facility on Earl Nicholson Road, Chestertown, MD

**August 21...**

**2014 Eastern PA Grazing Conference, 9 a.m.—4 p.m.** See ad to right.

**August 22– Sept. 1, 2014—Maryland State Fair**  
Timonium Fairgrounds, Timonium, MD

**August 29...**

**Grain Marketing Meeting, 6:30 a.m.**, Sudlersville Methodist Church Hall, 103 N. Church St., Sudlersville, MD. \$10 breakfast.

### SEPTEMBER 2014:

**September 4...**

**Annie's Project—Session I, 9 a.m.—2 p.m.**, Chesapeake College, Wye Mills, MD. To register: <http://2014mtt.eventbrite.com>

**September 9...**

**Crop Insurance Industry Workshop, 8:15 a.m.—3:15 p.m.**, Doubletree Hotel, Annapolis, MD

**September 11...**

**Annie's Project—Session I, 9 a.m.—2 p.m.**, Chesapeake College, Wye Mills, MD. To register: <http://2014mtt.eventbrite.com>

**September 13...**

**Advanced Horse Pasture Management Seminar, 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.**, Central Maryland Research & Ed Center, 4240 Folly Quarter Road, Ellicott City, MD.

**September 18...**

**Annie's Project—Session I, 9 a.m.—2 p.m.**, Chesapeake College, Wye Mills, MD. To register: <http://2014mtt.eventbrite.com>



### **2014 Eastern PA Grazing Conference**

The 2014 Eastern Pennsylvania Grazing Conference "Healthy Pastures: It's All About the Grass" is an exciting educational opportunity focusing on the importance of understanding forage growth and health when making management decisions.

August 21, 2014, 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.  
777 Hollywood Blvd Grantville, PA 17028

#### **Registration**

- **Cost:** \$45, includes lunch and hand-out materials
- **Registration Deadline:** August 15, 2014

<http://extension.psu.edu/animals/equine/events/2014-eastern-pa-grazing-conference>

Please print and mail the [Registration Form \(PDF\)](#)  
For more information or to register by phone, contact Dick Hann at 717-832-0127 or [hannr54@comcast.net](mailto:hannr54@comcast.net).

A new issue of ***Branching Out*** is now available! The Summer 2014 issue is attached as a PDF, and is also available *Branching Out* Vol. 22, No. 2 ~ Summer 2014.  
<http://extension.umd.edu/news/newsletters/summer-2014>



Below is a link to the latest *Newsletter of the Department of Animal and Avian Sciences* at the University of Maryland. It highlights recent activities, events and achievements within the department. We hope that you enjoy the update.

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Kent County ~ Emily M. Joyce at 410-778-1661 or [ejoyce@umd.edu](mailto:ejoyce@umd.edu)  
Queen Anne's County ~ Jennifer Rhodes at 410-758-0166 or [jrhodes@umd.edu](mailto:jrhodes@umd.edu)

**Ag Law Infoline Phone Number Available for Maryland Farmers**

The Agriculture Law Education Initiative has recently launched an Infoline phone number for the agricultural community to call. The Infoline phone number will direct callers to legal information resources related to their agricultural operation. The Infoline, (410) 706-7377, is currently answered by staff at the University of Maryland Francis King Carey School of Law. "A central goal of the Initiative is to assist in the preservation of family farms. The Infoline will help link family farmers with useful resources to further this goal," says Barbara Gontrum, associate dean at the University of Maryland Francis King Carey School of Law. "This important step is a testament to our sincerity in providing resources and guidance for Maryland's agriculture community," said Dr. Moses Kairo, dean of the UMES School of Agricultural and Natural Sciences. "The Infoline will be another tool in connect the Maryland agricultural community with access to legal information to guide them in managing their operations." Dr. Cheng-i Wei, dean and director of the College of Agriculture and Natural Resources notes that "the Infoline will be a valuable resource to the Maryland agricultural community. By being able to connect callers with legal information to help agricultural producers better understand their legal issues." In 2011, the Maryland General Assembly gave the University System of Maryland a new assignment: preserve Maryland's family farms by helping their owners address the complicated legal issues associated with agricultural estates and trusts, regulatory compliance, and other agricultural law issues. The Infoline will run as an initial 6-month pilot to gauge its effectiveness in servicing Maryland's agriculture community. To learn more about the Agriculture Law Education Initiative please visit [www.umaglaw.org](http://www.umaglaw.org).

The Agriculture Law Education Initiative is a collaboration under University of Maryland: MPowering the State. The Initiative combines the expertise and efforts of three distinguished Maryland institutions - the Francis King Carey School of Law at the University of Maryland, Baltimore (UMB), the College of Agriculture and Natural Resources at the University of Maryland, College Park (UMD), and the School of Agricultural and Natural Sciences at the University of Maryland, Eastern Shore (UMES). It is committed to providing Maryland farmers with the information they need to prosper while complying with the complex network of laws and policies protecting the integrity of the state's food system and environment.

**About MPowering the State**

The University of Maryland: MPowering the State brings together two universities of distinction to form a new collaborative partnership. Harnessing the resources of each, the University of Maryland, College Park and the University of Maryland, Baltimore will focus the collective expertise on critical statewide issues of public health, biomedical informatics, and bioengineering. This collaboration will drive an even greater impact on the state, its economy, the job market, and the next generation of innovators. The joint initiatives will have a profound effect on productivity, the economy, and the very fabric of higher education.

<http://www.mpowermaryland.com>

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