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POULTRY GROWERS MEETING

University of Maryland Extension
September 8, 2014
Time: 11 a.m.-2pm
Tilghman Terrace, 104 Tilghman Ave., Centreville, MD.

A light lunch will be provided. The University of MD Extension would like to invite you to attend a growers meeting. The topics will include; winter power ventilation, tightening houses and balancing moisture loading using RH static pressure and air exchange.

Call Shelia Shorter, **by Sept. 5** to register, 410-758-0166 or email: sshorter@umd.edu

2014 CROP INSURANCE INDUSTRY WORKSHOP

Doubletree Hotel, Annapolis, Maryland

September 9, 2014

8:45 a.m. to 3:15 p.m.

This year's Delaware and Maryland Crop Insurance Workshop will include expert speakers that discuss insights into current issues impacting the federal crop insurance program. This year's workshop will include Dr. Joe Glauber, Chief Economist for USDA; Juan Garcia, Administrator for Farm Service Agency-USDA; Stephen Frerichs, American Society of Farm Managers and Rural Appraisers; Pat McMillan, Maryland Department of Agriculture; and Gene Gantz, USDA-RMA.

Tentative agenda is available at: <http://extension.umd.edu/sites/default/files/docs/programs/crop-insurance/Tentative%20Agenda.pdf>

Speakers and their bios are available at: <http://extension.umd.edu/sites/default/files/docs/programs/crop-insurance/Press%20Release%20Crop%20Insurance%202014.pdf>



Please make plans today to attend.

The workshop is free and open to all. To register:

<https://cropinsuranceworkshop.eventbrite.com/>

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2014 Farm Bill

The 2014 farm bill creates interesting issues for farmers. A web page has been designed to house materials to best help Maryland farmers better understand the decision they will need to make under the 2014 farm bill. Take a look at the link below. Bookmark this page for future, easy reference. <http://www.arec.umd.edu/extension/crop-insurance/2014-farm-bill>

"The work of the Agriculture Committee, including reauthorizing the Farm Bill, affects every American; ensuring that our farmers and ranchers have the tools they need to produce an abundant and affordable food and fiber supply is as important to our country as national defense."
Chairman Frank D. Lucas

2014 MARYLAND WHEAT and BARLEY TRIALS NOW AVAILABLE!

Please call the Extension Office for a copy or visit: http://www.psla.umd.edu/sites/default/files/images/uploaded/Extension/MD_CROPS/SmallGrainsPDFs/2014MarylandWheatandBarleyTrials.pdf



"Providing Legal Education Resources to Maryland Farmers" prepared by University of Maryland Agriculture Law Education Initiative. This is a new brochure that is available NOW through your local Extension Office. Stop by to pick up your free copy!



Farm Families Honored at Queen Anne's County Fair

The 2014 Queen Anne's County Farm Families of The Year were honored at this year's county fair held at the Queen Anne's 4-H Park. Bob Arnold grows a variety of produce, like corn, winter squash, eggplant and cauliflower, on 360 acres of land near Chestertown. He is aided by a staff of migrant workers and his three sons, Bobby, 20; Peter, 13; and Brian, 10 who he says all contribute to the family business. His wife, Sarah, is an ESOL (English as a Second Language) teacher who also helps sell the family's produce at roadside stands and the farmers market during the summer. Bob serves as the Queen Anne's County Farm Bureau President. Maryland's farmers are some of the best in the country," Arnold said. "I think they care more for the rural outside than anyone anywhere that I've ever met."

Mark Eck and his family have been raising chickens for 37 years on their farms near Ingleside. Their operation today consist of seven houses raising 810,000 birds annually and tilling 1,200 acres growing corn, wheat, soybeans, hay and barley. Eck's children also have an appreciation for agriculture. Son Alan works on the family farm and also runs his own operation selling straw and raising hogs and cattle. He holds a degree from Delaware Technical Community College in Production Agriculture and is currently working on obtaining a B.S. in Animal Science from DE State University. Eck's daughter, Jenell, was recently elected as president of the Maryland chapter of the FFA. A recent high school graduate, she will attend college on only a part-time basis this year so she can focus on her work with FFA.

Bob Arnold and Family



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Mark Eck and Family



"Queen Anne's County is a great place to raise chickens, says Mark, "but more importantly, it's a great place to raise a family."

Maryland Farmers to Receive Additional Funds in Federal Crop Insurance Assistance

Annapolis (August 20, 2014)—Maryland farmers who signed up for an eligible crop insurance policy in 2014 will receive an additional automatic premium assistance (federal) credit of up to \$225 per policy. The U.S. Department of Agriculture's Risk Management Agency will reduce premiums by up to \$225 per buy-up, crop policy for eligible Maryland producers, thanks to an estimated \$5.1 million that was made available to 16 targeted states (including Maryland) through a crop insurance assistance package. All Catastrophic Risk Protection policies, and any policies or endorsements insured under the Livestock Risk Protection and Livestock Gross Margin (dairy) plans of insurance are not eligible for this financial assistance. "Crop insurance is an essential risk-management tool that can help producers balance the financial risk of rising input costs and volatile crop prices," said Maryland Agriculture Secretary Hance. "The additional financial assistance will encourage farmers to buy up higher levels of protection." Maryland farmers purchased 6,464 crop insurance policies in 2014. Over seventy three per cent of these policies were purchased with buy-up coverage and are eligible for this financial assistance. Statewide Maryland farmers will receive \$1,118,122 in financial assistance. The premium reduction will be applied automatically to all eligible 2014 policies with reporting deadlines before September 30. The financial assistance will show up as a credit in farmer's August premium notice for eligible policies. If the total producer-paid premium is less than \$225, the amount of premium reduction will be capped at 100-percent of the producer premium due. Producers will receive assistance for each eligible policy, not to exceed \$50,000. Administrative policy fees will not be covered. Maryland producers received nearly \$13.9 million in indemnities for the 2013 crop year. For more information on Maryland's crop insurance program, call Steve Connelly, 410-841-5824.

MidAtlantic Precision Ag Equipment Day A Success!



In order to be efficient and productive, farmers of today must constantly stay connected with the technologies of tomorrow. That's why the ***4th Annual MidAtlantic Precision Ag Equipment Day*** brought together farmers and national experts on agricultural equipment, engineering and data collection. To see more pictures go to: <https://extension.umd.edu/news/connecting-md-farmers-cutting-edge-technology>. If you attended please don't forget to complete the emailed survey.



CALENDAR

SEPTEMBER 2014:

September 1...

University of Maryland's General Forestry Course, 9:00 a.m. to Monday, Dec. 15, 2014, 5 p.m. Paper or online course.

<http://extension.umd.edu/forestry-course> Contact Nancy Stewart, 410-827-8056 or nstewar1@umd.edu

September 1...Labor Day..UME Cecil, Kent, Q.A.'s offices closed.

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 8...

Poultry Growers Meeting, UME, 11:00 a.m. to 2 p.m., Tilghman Terrace, 104 Tilghman Ave., Centreville, MD. Light lunch provided. Bill Brown, Poultry Extension Agent from Delaware Cooperative Extension will be the speaker. Pre-register by Sept. 5. Call 410-758-0166 or email sshorter@umd.edu

September 9...

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

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

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Practical Experiences in Nutrient Management, 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m., Central Maryland Research & Education for more information Call MDA at 410-841-5959 or email nminfo.mda@maryland.gov

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 12...

Pesticide Container Recycling for Kent County, 9:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m., Nicholson Transfer Facility on Earl Nicholson Road, Chestertown, MD

September 13...

Advanced Horse Pasture Management Seminar, 8:30 a.m.—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>

September 19...

Pesticide Container Recycling for Caroline, Kent, Queen Anne's and Talbot Counties, 9:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m., MidShore Regional Solid Waste Facility on Barker's Landing Road, Easton.

September 23...

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

September 23...

First Day of Autumn!

September 25...

How To Write A Nutrient Management Plan, 9:30 a.m.—3:30 p.m., UME, Wye Res. & Ed Center, Queenstown, MD. Cost \$20. Call 410-841-5959.

COMING SOON! Mid-Atlantic Crop Management School. The 2014 School will be held at the Princess Royale Hotel in Ocean City, MD, **November 18-20**. The link for registration will be available in early September.

OCTOBER 2014:

October 1...

Deadline—LEAD Maryland Foundation, Inc. applications are due. Go to: <http://extension.umd.edu/lead-maryland>

BEEKEEPER SERVICES



Having trouble with honey bee swarms, yellow jacket nests, hornet nests?

Call your local Extension Office for a list of MDA provided names and phone numbers of those who will collect the swarms/nests.

DID YOU KNOW?

It takes 12 honey bees to produce 1 tablespoon of honey.

"Advanced Horse Pasture Management Seminar: Beyond the Basics"

**September 13, 2014
8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.**

The University's Central Maryland Research and Education Center located at 4240 Folly Quarter Road, Ellicott City, MD. Forage, horse, and conservation specialists will teach participants how to maximize the use and productivity of their horse pastures while improving horse & environmental health. Register online at: <https://pasture201seminar.eventbrite.com> or call your local Extension Office for a registration form.



MDA Launches New Ads for "Manure Happens" Campaign

The "Grow With Manure" ads encourage farmers to look into the benefits of using dairy manure on their crop fields. All four ads direct readers to the new MDA website:

www.mda.maryland.gov/manure.

**Talk is Cheap.
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SEPT. 7 ~ NATIONAL GRANDPARENTS DAY!

General Fairs and Shows Information
<http://www.marylandstatefair.com/index.cfm>

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Contact your local UME Agriculture Educator:

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

USEFUL LINKS

Commercial Tree Fruit <http://pubs.ext.vt.edu/456/456-419/456-419.html>

Commercial Vegetable Production Recommendations: <https://extension.umd.edu/news/2014-commercial-vegetable-production-recommendations-maryland>

Commercial Field Crop Recommendations: <http://pubs.ext.vt.edu/456/456-016/456-016.html>

**LEAD Maryland Foundation
Accepting Applications for Fellowship Program**



The LEAD Maryland Foundation, Inc. (LEAD) is seeking applicants for its next class of LEAD Fellows. Program information and the application are available at the University of Maryland Extension's website: <http://extension.umd.edu/lead-maryland>.
Completed applications are **due to LEAD by October 1, 2014** for participation in 2015-2016.

**A New Program
To help Beginning Farmers in Maryland**

The *Maryland Collaborative for Beginning Farmer Success* builds on existing Extension resources and partnerships with Future Harvest-CASA and Southern MD Agriculture Development Commission, regional nonprofits, agricultural organizations, and experienced farmers to provide beginning farmers with easily accessible tools and practical experience-based training on farm production, marketing, land management, business planning, and financial resources. The Collaborative features four major components for various levels of background knowledge a beginning farmer may already possess. For more info see: <http://www.extension.umd.edu/newfarmer>

MARYLAND FARM BUREAU HAS MOVED!

New address: 3358 Davidsonville Road, Davidsonville, MD 21035; 410-922-3426 and 1-800-248-9012

In the interest of conserving our environmental resources, we would like to send our monthly newsletter via email. If you are able to receive our email electronically, please contact your county office and share your email address. Thank you for helping to preserve our environment.