UME is currently working to meet the changing needs of the community, and many of our educational programs and events have transitioned to virtual platforms. Programming and events online will still be held throughout the day, evening and on weekends. Your local agent is also available via email, phone, and teleconferencing, between 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Please visit your local extension office’s website for information on your best email or phone contact.

Kent

A temporary phone number for each county office has been set up should you need to speak with someone directly.

Kent: 410-708-7770

Queen Anne’s: 410-490-6625

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Maryland’s 2020-2021 Cover Crop Sign-up

Mail-In Registration July 1 - July 17, 2020
**JULY 2020**

01 - Grower Lunch Break with Extension. 12:00pm. Join your favorite Extension Agents, Jon, Georgie, Jennifer, and Jenny to get together for a lunch break chat. To register: https://umd.zoom.us/meeting/register/tUtudogqjkpGNDno5ZLyNu-hrao7iHBljk. After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing the information about joining the meeting.

07 - Timely Ag Issues/Grain Marketing - Maryland Cover Crop Program Overview of Changes. 8:00am. Speaker: Tony Riggi, QA Soil Conservation District Manager. To register: https://umd.zoom.us/meeting/register/tUtudogqjkpGNDno5ZLyNu-hrao7iHBljk. After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing the information about joining the meeting.

08 - MidAtlantic Women in Agriculture Webinar: Designing a Successful Pasture and Grazing System. 12:00pm. For more information and to register: https://extension.umd.edu/womeninaag/webinars

15 - Grower Lunch Break with Extension. 12:00pm. Join your favorite Extension Agents, Jon, Georgie, Jennifer, and Jenny to get together for a lunch break chat. To register: https://umd.zoom.us/meeting/register/tUtudogqjkpGNDno5ZLyNu-hrao7iHBljk. After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing the information about joining the meeting.

17 - Food Safety Fridays – A How-To Webinar Series: Water Quality Testing and Criteria. 12:00pm-12:45pm. To Register: https://www.eventbrite.com/e/food-safety-fridays-a-how-to-webinar-series-registration-103266799778 For more information contact Sarah Everhart at severhart@law.umaryland.edu

22 - MidAtlantic Women in Agriculture Webinar: Things to Consider Before Starting Your Small Herd. 12:00pm. For more information and to register: https://extension.umd.edu/womeninaag/webinars

**AUGUST 2020**

04 - Timely Ag Issues/Grain Marketing. 8:00am. To register: https://umd.zoom.us/meeting/register/tUtudogqjkpGNDno5ZLyNu-hrao7iHBljk. After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing the information about joining the meeting.

04 - Managing Predators with a Small or Backyard Poultry Flock. 3:00pm-4:00pm. For more information: https://connect.extension.org/event/managing-predators-with-a-small-or-backyard-poultry-flock

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12 - MidAtlantic Women in Agriculture Webinar: Marketing Campaigns - Start Small to Grow Tall. 12:00pm. For more information and to register: https://extension.umd.edu/womeninaag/webinars

19 - Grower Lunch Break with Extension. 12:00pm. Join your favorite Extension Agents, Jon, Georgie, Jennifer, and Jenny to get together for a lunch break chat. To register: https://umd.zoom.us/meeting/register/tUtudogqjkpGNDno5ZLyNu-hrao7iHBljk. After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing the information about joining the meeting.

21 - Food Safety Fridays – A How-To Webinar Series: Manage Wildlife. 12:00pm-12:45pm. To Register: https://www.eventbrite.com/e/food-safety-fridays-a-how-to-webinar-series-registration-103266799778 For more information contact Sarah Everhart at severhart@law.umaryland.edu

26 - MidAtlantic Women in Agriculture Webinar: Emotional Wellbeing: Warning Signs and Resources. 12:00pm. For more information and to register: https://extension.umd.edu/womeninaag/webinars

**Queen Anne’s County Weed Control Program**

Doug George, Weed Control Coordinator
312 Safety Drive
Centreville, MD 21617
Phone (410) 758-0925
www.qac.org/property-management

- **Hourly rates:**
  - Farm Land: $55 per hour
  - Non-Farm Land: $100 per hour
  - CRP/CREP Sites: $125 per hour
  - Aquatic Weeds: $150 per hour
  - Invasive Species: $100 per hour
  - Minimum Charge: One Hour

**Kent County Weed Control Program**

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Chester, MD 21620
Phone (410) 708-1227
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**MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE'S 2020 PESTICIDE CONTAINER RECYCLING COLLECTION DATES**

**EASTERN SHORE**

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More information about Maryland’s 2020 Pesticide Container Recycling Program and availability in other counties can be found here.
In early April I posted about the Paycheck Protection Program (PPP). The PPP, a forgivable loan program meant to provide financial assistance during the COVID-19 pandemic, was part of the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES). On June 5, 2020, President Trump signed the Paycheck Protection Program Flexibility Act of 2020 (PPPFA) into law (H.R. 7010). The PPPFA is an attempt to address many of the concerns about the PPP expressed by the small business community. This post will provide an overview of some of the legislative changes to the PPP.

**Extension of the Period to Use PPP Funds**

According to the terms of the PPP, the Small Business Administration (SBA) will forgive loans if all employees are kept on the payroll for eight weeks. The PPPFA extends the covered period for loan forgiveness from eight weeks after the date of loan disbursement to the earlier of 24 weeks from the date the PPP loan is originated or Dec. 31, 2020. Borrowers who received their loans before June 5th can elect to use either an 8-week period or a 24-week period, however, borrowers who receive their loan after June 5th borrowers are required to use the 24-week period. Businesses will still need to spend the money on payroll and authorized expenses (rent, mortgage payments, utilities, and interest on loans) but they now have an extended period in which to do so.

**Adjustment of Allowable Percentage Spent on Payroll**

One of the major concerns about the PPP, particularly for businesses unable to operate due to COVID-19, was
the requirement to spend 75% of the loan on payroll-related expenses. The 75% requirement meant employers who received PPP funding and wanted full loan forgiveness were forced, in some situations, to pay workers who were not actually working. The PPPFA reduces the percentage of the loan proceeds required to be spent on payroll from 75% to 60%. If a borrower uses less than 60% of the loan amount for payroll costs during the forgiveness period, the borrower will be eligible for a reduced amount of loan forgiveness.

Amendment to FTE Employee Retention Requirements

The purpose of the PPP was the retention of full-time employees (FTE) and, to be eligible for full loan forgiveness, businesses were required to rehire the same number of FTE as they had prior to the onset of COVID-19 by June 30, 2020. The PPPFA extends the rehire date to December 31, 2020. According to this article, the PPPFA also creates an exception if the business is able to demonstrate it:

- is unable to rehire an individual who was an employee of the eligible recipient on or before February 15, 2020;
- is able to demonstrate an inability to hire similarly qualified employees on or before December 31, 2020; or
- is able to demonstrate an inability to return to the same level of business activity as the business had prior to February 15, 2020.

Extension of the Deferral Period and Maturity Date

According to the PPP, loan payments were deferred for a minimum of six months, but not to exceed one year. The PPPFA replaces this period with deferral time frames tied to forgiveness of the loan. Payments are deferred until the date on which the amount of forgiveness determined is remitted to the lender. If a borrower does not submit to his/her lender a loan forgiveness application within 10 months after the end of the loan forgiveness covered period (either the 8 or 24 week period referenced above), the borrower must begin paying principal and interest after that period.

For loans made before June 5, 2020, the maturity is two years; however, borrowers and lenders may mutually agree to extend the maturity of such loans to five years. According to the PPPFA, for loans made on or after June 5, the maturity is five years. A loan is considered to be made when the SBA assigns a loan number to the PPP loan.

Application and Regulations

The PPPFA confirms that June 30, 2020, is the last date on which a PPP loan application can be approved. On June 12, a new PPP application was released. On June 11, 2020, the SBA published revisions to its First Interim Final Rule on the Paycheck Protection Program. These regulations are a good source of information for how the PPPFA amends and impacts the PPP.

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COVID-19 Information and Resources

**National Resources:**
- CDC Protect your Workers from Heat Stress ([https://www.cdc.gov/niosh/topics/heatstress/infographic.html](https://www.cdc.gov/niosh/topics/heatstress/infographic.html))

**State Resources:**
- Updates from Governor Larry Hogan ([https://governor.maryland.gov/](https://governor.maryland.gov/))
- Maryland Coronavirus (COVID-19) Information for Business ([https://govstatus.egov.com/md-coronavirus-business?fbclid=IwAR3ALqeov9oa7m3e6wQmS1fK6fBzgBA1DC4r7ydrSC0Xcq9Vc4pVwiwrg](https://govstatus.egov.com/md-coronavirus-business?fbclid=IwAR3ALqeov9oa7m3e6wQmS1fK6fBzgBA1DC4r7ydrSC0Xcq9Vc4pVwiwrg))

**County Resources:**
- **Kent:**
  - Kent County Health Department ([http://kenthd.org/covid-19/](http://kenthd.org/covid-19/))
  - Kent CARES for Growth Grant ([https://www.kentcounty.com/business/business-support/incentives/grants?fbclid=IwAR2Ne9X1H0PjMLH8WPBeXQTPVku-Qnnp56udVQQN1giNmG3HIKjvAXnWq6Q](https://www.kentcounty.com/business/business-support/incentives/grants?fbclid=IwAR2Ne9X1H0PjMLH8WPBeXQTPVku-Qnnp56udVQQN1giNmG3HIKjvAXnWq6Q))
- **Queen Anne’s:**
  - Queen Anne’s County ([https://www.qac.org/](https://www.qac.org/))
  - Queen Anne’s County Health Department ([https://health.maryland.gov/qahc/Pages/qahc-home.aspx](https://health.maryland.gov/qahc/Pages/qahc-home.aspx))

**Extension Resources:**
- University of Maryland Extension ([https://extension.umd.edu/learn/covid-19-resources](https://extension.umd.edu/learn/covid-19-resources))
- Maryland Poultry ([https://extension.umd.edu/poultry](https://extension.umd.edu/poultry))
- Extension Disaster Education Network ([https://extensiondisaster.net/](https://extensiondisaster.net/))
- Coronavirus Food Assistance Program Resources ([https://extension.umd.edu/learn/coronavirus-food-assistance-program-resources-are-now-available](https://extension.umd.edu/learn/coronavirus-food-assistance-program-resources-are-now-available))

**Health & Wellness:**
- FACE COVID - How To Respond Effectively To The Corona Crisis ([https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BmvNCdpHUYM](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BmvNCdpHUYM))
- Purdue University Extension: Eat Gather Go Recipes ([https://www.eatgathergo.org/recipes?meal=24](https://www.eatgathergo.org/recipes?meal=24))
**Chicken Scratch**

**Pixel Art**

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1 = blue
2 = pink
3 = purple
4 = yellow
5 = green

**Crayon**

**Color IN!**

Answer from last month:
A Blueberry Pie

**Galatians 6:9**

And let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up.

**Riddle Me This!**

What is full of holes but still holds water?

**Answer (unscramble):** A geonsp

![Riddle cartoon](image)

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