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Talbot County Corn Club Results

This was an extra special year for Talbot County Corn Club celebrating 60 years of this annual event. Thank you to the over 100 members and guests that attended.

RESULTS
TALBOT COUNTY CORN CLUB
CHAMPION
Donald Foster
177.32 bu/ac
DEKALB 61-69

SECOND PLACE
Elaine Altvater
174.86 bu/ac
DEKALB 53-45

THIRD PLACE
Cecil H. Gannon & Sons Inc
167.98 bu/ac
DEKALB 53-45

TALBOT COUNTY CORN CLUB - YOUTH CHAMPION
Samuel Harrison
167.45 bu/ac
DEKALB 60-51

TALBOT COUNTY SOYBEAN PROGRAM 1ST PLACE – FULL SEASON
John Swaine III
62.80 bu/ac

TALBOT COUNTY SOYBEAN PROGRAM 1ST PLACE – DOUBLE CROP
Jay Shortall
55.82 bu/ac

Sean Clougherty’s corn sample for the 2011 Corn Club was incorrectly published. The correct bu/ac is 142.04.

DID YOU KNOW?
Agriculture employs more than 24 million American workers (17% of the total U.S. work force).
America's Farmers Grow Rural Education Program

America's Farmers Grow Rural EducationSM (AFGRE), a Monsanto Fund program, gives farmers in 1,245 counties across 39 states the opportunity to nominate their public school district to compete for a grant of up to $25,000. The nomination period takes place January 6 – April 15, 2012.

PLEASE CONSIDER NOMINATING TALBOT COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

For more information and to cast your nomination, please visit: http://www.americasfarmers.com/growruraleducation/

UPCOMING EASTERN SHORE AGRICULTURE PROGRAMS SPRING 2012

MID- ATLANTIC ARONIA GROWERS ASSOCIATION (MAGA).
March 14, First Annual Meeting, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. University of MD, Wye Research & Education Center. 124 Wye Narrows Dr. Queenstown, MD 21658 The purpose of MAGA is to represent the budding Aronia industry in Maryland and surrounding Mid-Atlantic States. Please contact: Andrew Ristvey, University of MD Extension, at 410-827-8056 X113 or Debby Dant X115.

MARYLAND AGRICULTURE AND AQUACULTURE FORUM
Technologies Addressing or Solving Challenges Impacting Mid and Upper Eastern Shore Agri-Businessesmen, Thursday, March 15, 2012, 8:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m., The Elks Club, 502 Dutchman’s Lane Easton, MD 21601 Cost: $15 per person. Breakfast, Breaks and Lunch Included.
Register: www.marylandtedco.org
Registration ends Friday, March 9, 2012
For those without Internet access, call 800.305.5565 to register.

HORSE PASTURE WALK March 21st, at 2:00 pm, Kent Equestrian Center 27190 Morgnec Rd. Chestertown, MD For more information call Jay Douthit at 410.778.1661 or email at jdouthit@umd.edu.

BEEF PRODUCERS MEETING
March 26, 6:30 p.m. Sudlersville Meat Locker. The University of Maryland Extension invites you to attend a Beef Producers meeting to learn more about direct marketing options and opportunities. With beef prices at high levels currently and the demand for local food increasing, now may be the time for you to consider or improve your marketing. Register: 410-778-1661 or email jdouthit@umd.edu.

FOOD FOR PROFIT
Have you ever been told that your favorite homemade bread, or salsa, is “good enough to sell?” Do you have additional fruit or vegetables from your farm or home garden that you would like to make into a commercial product? Food for Profit is a one-day workshop designed to help you work through the maze of local and state regulations, food safety issues, and business management concepts that all must be considered in setting up a commercial food business. The course will be held at the

Chesapeake College, Economic Development Center - EDC 27, Routes 50 and 213, Wye
Mills, MD 21679 on Thursday, April 12, 2012 from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. This session of Penn State Extension’s popular course is co-sponsored by the Maryland Rural Enterprise Development Center and University of Maryland Extension.

$40.00 per person (includes materials and lunch)

Pre-payment and registration are required. Please register at: http://www.cvent.com/d/vcq023 or call 877-489-1398

If you have any questions concerning this program, please contact Ginger S. Myers at 301-432-2767 x338 (gsmyers@umd.edu)

WORKSHOPS for ON-FARM POULTRY and RABBIT PROCESSING CERTIFICATION
To help farmers meet growing consumer demand for local meats, the Maryland Department of Agriculture (MDA) in partnership with the University of Maryland and Southern Maryland Agricultural Development Commission will conduct a training workshop for on-farm poultry and rabbit slaughter and processing. This workshop is part of a voluntary certification program to assist small poultry and rabbit operations to meet the Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene’s approved source requirements to sell poultry and/or rabbit (off-farm) at farmers’ markets or to restaurants and retailers in Maryland.

Workshop participants will learn to recognize diseases of public health concern, take basic biosecurity measures, write and implement basic Standard Sanitary Operating Procedures, develop Hazard Analysis and Critical Control Point plans, and properly dispose of offal and waste water.

To become certified for off-farm sales, producers must:
• complete the training;
• pass a brief test at the training;
• submit an application for certification along with a $75 annual fee; and
• be inspected by MDA; MDA inspectors will conduct an inspection at least once per year to verify that producers are following food safety requirements.

The training will be held from 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. on March 23, 2012 at the University of Maryland Extension, Community Resource Building, 30 Duke Street, Conference Room 105, Prince Frederick, MD 20678. Registration check-in begins at 8:30 a.m. Additional training sessions are planned for late March in Annapolis and April 27, 2012 in Western Maryland.

The training fee is $20 which includes lunch and materials. To download a copy of the registration form, visit: www.mda.state.md.us/pdf/poultryrabbitwkshp.pdf. For questions, call Sherry Weygant at 410-841-5769 or email: weygansl@mda.state.md.us. Space is limited, so register early.

To learn more about Maryland’s Poultry and Rabbit Program, visit: www.mda.state.md.us/feed-food_safety-grading/food_qual_assur/poultry_rabbit/index.php.

PRODUCER’S DIGITAL TOOLBOX

1 day Seminar (8:30 AM - 1:30 PM) Check in is from 8:30 - 9:00 AM

This seminar will assist you in capitalizing on the hardware and digital tools now available through the internet. It will cover topics on Digital Databases - Getting Your Business Listed, Fingertip Marketing for Portable Devices and Apps, and Social & Professional Applications.
3 courses packaged into a 1 day seminar that are offered at 4 locations. Agenda includes:

1. Digital Databases - Getting Your Business Listed -How to enter their business information in the 8-9 digital databases, such as Google Maps and others.

2. Fingertip Marketing for Portable Devices and Apps - Incorporating digital service and application into your marketing plan.

3. Social & Professional Applications
   An introduction to the basics of Facebook, Twitter, and LinkedIn for businesses. This seminar will explore basic fundamentals of popular social networking sites, examples of use, and the potential benefits social media could bring to your business and community.

Locations:
April 10, 2012  WOR-WIC Community College, Salisbury, MD
April 20, 2012  Chesapeake College, Wye Mills, MD
May 10, 2012  Hagerstown Community College, Hagerstown, MD
May 15, 2012  Cecil College - North East Campus, North East, MD

Time: 8:30 AM - 1:30 PM
Cost: $40.00 per person (includes lunch and course materials)

Registration: You must pre-register!
No walk-ins will be accepted!

For more information about this program please contact: Shannon Dill (sdill@umd.edu) Ginger S. Myers (gsmyers@umd.edu), Jonathan Kays (jkays@umd.edu)

Register for the date and location in the course section.
You will need to mail your check, and make it payable to “EAC” to:
University of Maryland Extension - Talbot Office
Producer’s Digital Toolbox
28577 Mary’s Court, Suite 1
Easton, Maryland 21601

GET RECERTIFIED ONLINE IN THE COMFORT OF YOUR OWN HOME!

Nutrient Voucher
April 13, 2012 – 4-6pm. To register please call 410-222-6757
Pesticide Re-Certification
April 20, 2012 – 4-6pm. To register please call 410-222-6757

PESTICIDE and NUTRIENT MANAGEMENT

Private Applicator Recertification and Nutrient Management Voucher

These will certify you for both pesticide and nutrient voucher. There are also online classes available for certification.

March 15 – Talbot County
Time: 6:00 pm – 9:00 pm
Location: Talbot County Ag Center, Hiners Lane Easton, MD
Register: University of Maryland Extension 410-822-1244, sdill@umd.edu

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