
UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND EXTENSION

University of Maryland Extension (UME) is part of the University of Maryland, College of Agriculture and Natural Resources and extends non-formal, research based knowledge and resources from campus to each of the 23 Maryland counties and Baltimore City and 5 research stations. There is an office in each county and Baltimore City. These offices offer a number of farm and community programs and would be a great resource to a new and beginning farmer getting started. Contact your local Extension office to get on their email list to find out about farm and educational programs in your area. To find your local Extension office visit - <https://extension.umd.edu/locations>.

UME Beginning Farmer Success Program - Established in 2012, the UME, Maryland Beginning Farmer Success Project provides new farmers with resources and contacts to be able to explore enterprise options, refine business ideas, develop strategies, and implement their farming practice. The goal is to increase the number of successful beginning farmers and the acreage farmed by them. This statewide program uses a number of education and outreach methods to connect new farmers with the information and tools they need to be successful. **These include: field days, workshops, coaching, conferences, email blasts, online education.**

University of Maryland Crop/Livestock Production Information

Agriculture Links	www.extension.umd.edu/topics/agriculture
Aquaculture	www.extension.umd.edu/aquaculture
Beginning Farmers	www.extension.umd.edu/newfarmer
Equine	www.extension.umd.edu/horses
Field Crops	www.psla.umd.edu/extension/md-crops www.extension.umd.edu/grain
Grain Markets, Leases, Custom Rates	www.extension.umd.edu/grainmarketing
Grapes and Fruit	www.extension.umd.edu/smallfruit
Marketing	www.extension.umd.edu/agmarketing
MD Rural Enterprise Development Center – business planning, value added	www.extension.umd.edu/mredc
Environment and Natural Resources	www.extension.umd.edu/topics/environment
Nursery, IPM landscape, greenhouse	www.extension.umd.edu/ipm
Pastures	www.psla.umd.edu/extension/maryland-forages-program
Plant Clinic – plant pest diagnosis	www.extension.umd.edu/plantdiagnosticlab
Poultry – Small Flock	www.extension.umd.edu/poultry
Sheep and Goat	www.extension.umd.edu/sheep-goats
Vegetables	www.extension.umd.edu/mdvegetables
Urban agriculture	www.extension.umd.edu/urbanag