

# Agriculture Awareness Day

April 9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup>, 2019

## Program Overview

- 583 Students Attended from four middle schools – All 7<sup>th</sup> Grade students from Queen Anne’s County Schools
- 25 Administrators Attended
- 90 Volunteers from the Agriculture Community
- The program took place at the Queen Anne’s County 4-H Park
- Volunteers presented a science based agricultural program.
- Topics included: technology, equipment, crops, aquaculture, nursery, produce, greenhouses, forestry, farm animals, bees, and agricultural myths.
- Careers in agriculture were discussed with each topic as students are starting to think about career paths.
- 57 students submitted essays on the topic of “How Does Agriculture Affect Your Life Every Day?” \$85 in prize money was awarded for the top 3 essays.



## Video

Courtesy of QACTV

2019 Ag Awareness Day

<https://youtu.be/Fr6cdiOzgu4>

## Photos

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## Essay Contest Winners

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place: Kailey Drain, Centreville, MD
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place: Campbell Riggs, Centreville, MD
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Place: Hannah Powell, Stevensville, MD



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## Pre & Post Survey Results

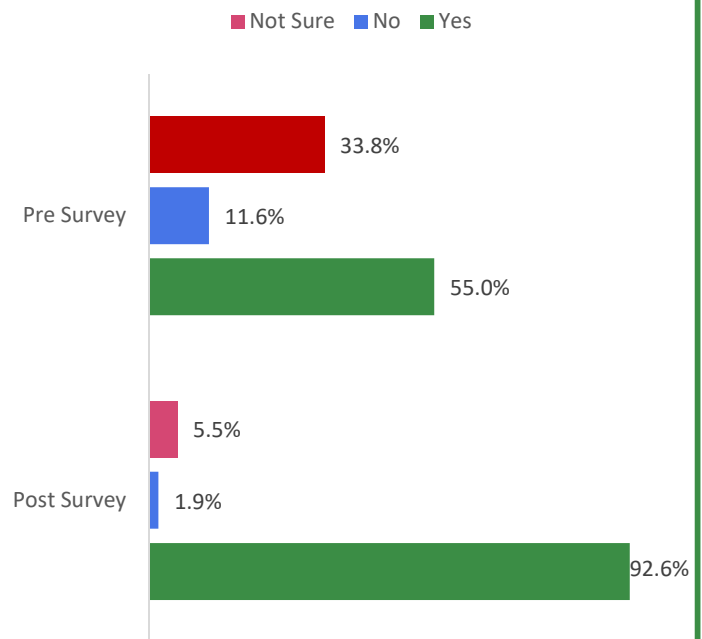
- Pre & post-surveys were conducted with 518 students participating in the pre-survey and 364 students participating in the post-survey.
- Attendees increased their knowledge of agriculture and/or farming in Maryland and learned how agriculture affects their life every day.
- Comments from students on the post survey show that **many students learned a lot and thought the day was fun and enjoyable.**
- The post survey indicates that **98.6%** of the attendees **believe it is true that the farming community cares about the environment** (up from 94.1% pre survey).
- 82.3%** of the students surveyed after the program indicated that they **believe it is true that today farmers use less chemicals, fertilizer and fuel with the aid of GPS, drones, UAV devices and computers** (up from 62.8% pre survey).
- 97.5%** of the students surveyed after the program indicated that they **believe it is true that the farming community cares about their animals** (up from 94.5%).
- 83.4%** of the students surveyed after the program indicated that they **believe it is true that aquaculture is agriculture** (up from 70.4%).



### Animals Displayed by:

Jessica Clarke  
 Alexander Evans  
 Alan Eck  
 Tom Jackson  
 Brigid, Helen & Brenan King  
 Leslie Moore  
 Temple & Madeline Rhodes  
 Annie Seward  
 Katie Starr  
 Quinn Williams

### Does agriculture affect your life every day?



### What is your level of knowledge of agriculture/farming in Maryland

