

For Immediate

Release Date: 06/15/2023

Farm O Gram

Winchester, VA ~ Feeder Cattle (\$/100wt.) (As of 06/05/2023)

Steers:

300 – 400	\$227.00
400 - 500	5 \$210.00 - \$247.00
500 - 600	\$185.00 - \$257.00
600 - 700	\$191.00 - \$232.00
700 - 800	\$190.00 - \$216.00
800 - 900	\$201.00

Heifers:

300 - 400	\$150.00 - \$243.00
400 - 500	\$145.00 - \$237.00
500 - 600	\$189.00 - \$228.00
600 – 700	\$162.00 - \$196.00
700 - 800	\$167.00 - \$186.00
800 - 900	\$150.00 - \$181.00

Slaughter Cows:

Breaker	\$87.00 - \$114.00
Boner	\$80.00 - \$98.00
Lean	\$55.00 - \$85.00

Maryland Grain Bids Prices Per Bushel (As of 06/06/2023)

#2 Shelled Corn	\$6.28 - \$6.68
#1 Soybeans	\$12.84- \$13.33
#1 Wheat	\$6.02 - \$6.20

Wolgemuth Hay Auction ~ New Holland Hay and Straw Prices Per Ton (As of 06/05/2023)

Alfalfa	\$195.00
Mixed Hay	\$210.00 - \$310.00
Wheat Straw	\$125.00 - \$180.00

AG Happenings

MDA Changes Nutrient Management Plan Writing

Since 1989, University of Maryland (UM) and Maryland Department of Agriculture (MDA) have cooperated on the development of the Maryland Nutrient Management program. MDA has provided pass through funding from the EPA to employ a Nutrient Management Plan writer in each county in the state. In 1998, Maryland passed laws mandating that any farm with 8,000 lbs. of livestock or \$2,500 in agriculture income must have a nutrient management plan. On June 1, 2023, MDA announced major changes to the funding structure for nutrient management planning. MDA will no longer be funding UM Extension offices to write plans for farmers. Farmers are expected as of August 31, 2023 to seek a private consultant to write the plan or be trained to write their own plan. MDA is pledging to have a cost share program that will cover part of the costs of the plans. UM Extension is planning two meetings in Garrett County to discuss with farmers the future of nutrient management planning. The meeting will be held on Wed, June 28th at the Pleasant Valley Community Building from 7-9pm and in Grantsville at a location and time to be determined. If you are interested in attending one of these meetings please call the extension office at 301-334-6960 to register.

Maryland Department of Agriculture Small Farm Cover Crop Program Announced

Maryland Department of Agriculture's new Small Farm Cover Crop Program is now accepting applications. This new program is for small scale producers who do not qualify for other cover crop programs.

Growers who plant 10 or less acres of cover crops can receive up to \$1500 in reimbursements for cover crops planted after a production crop. Both summer and winter cover crops are eligible.

Cover crops can be planted in fields, raised beds, or high tunnels following the harvest of vegetables, herbs, flowers, sorghum, soybeans, hemp, millet, or tobacco. In order to qualify, farms need to have a minimum of \$1000 in sales annually.

For more information, please go to <https://garrettscd.org/smallfarmcovercrops/>. Applications should be made through the Garrett Soil Conservation District, 1916 Maryland Hwy, Ste C, Mt. Lake Park, MD 21550. 301-501-5886.