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Garrett County Ag Newsletter

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Changes to the Nutrient Management Program



On June 1, our office was made aware that MDA has made the decision to cut funding to the UMD Nutrient Management program. As of August 31, our Nutrient Management Advisor, Jill Hauser will no longer be writing nutrient management plans for clients on behalf of UMD.

MDA is developing a cost-share program that will provide partial funding to all eligible farmers in Maryland to help offset the cost of privatized plan writing. We will continue to assist producers to the best of our ability.

UM Extension is planning two meetings in Garrett County to discuss with farmers the future of nutrient management planning. The meetings will be held on Wed, June 28th at the Pleasant Valley Community Building from 7-9 pm and at the Grantsville Firehall on Thurs, June 29th from 7-9 pm. If you are interested in attending one of these meetings please call the extension office at 301-334-6960 to register.

The MDA press release can be found [here](#), along with a [FAQ document](#).

Mountain Fresh Summer Farmers Markets Begin

Summer Markets are here and the vendors have some amazing products...

Garrett County is beginning to start the summertime market season. The vendors are pushing forward with springtime veggies! The freshest produce is starting to come into the market at rapid rate weekly! They will have some of the season's first fresh veggies of the year with nice crisp lettuce, tender spinach, and fresh strawberries. There will be plenty of offerings!



The market is OPEN EVERY Wednesday and Saturday from 10 am till 1 pm @ the Mt. Fresh Pavilion in Downtown Oakland.

For a complete schedule of market dates and product availability visit:

<https://www.mountainfresh.org/>

Don't forget to sign up for their weekly [email list](#).

Order Your Veggie Box Today!

Garrett Growers is a small [farmer](#) cooperative selling local, fresh produce to [restaurants, grocers](#), and through our weekly [Veggie Box](#) subscriptions (CSA) and a la carts online ordering, delivered to homes and businesses.



Weekly Online Vegetable Ordering is open!

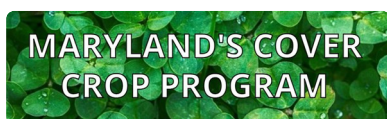
Veggie Boxes make eating healthy so easy, because they can either be delivered to your door (*if you are on the delivery route*) or you can pick them up at a convenient pick-up location.

Pick up locations are available in Mt. Lake Park, Oakland, Deep Creek Lake, Accident, Friendsville, and Grantsville.

[ORDER NOW](#)

Thank you so much for supporting Garrett Growers and our local farmers!

Cover Crop Sign Up Begins July 1st



Farmers can apply for grants to help cover the costs of seed, labor, and equipment to plant cover crops in their fields in the fall. This year's cover crop enrollment is July 1 through July 18.

Cover crops are your first line of defense against erosion and runoff in winter. Want to improve your soil's health? Check out this triple play of benefits:

- Cover crops add organic matter to the soil.
- Cover crops help suppress weeds and reduce compaction
- Cover crops protect fields from too much or too little rain

For more information visit the Garrett Soil Conservation District or contact Chuck Hayes at 301-501-5886.

Yearly Acreage Report Due

The Garrett County Farm Service Agency would like to remind Farmers that it is time to do your Yearly Acreage Report. Acreage Reports must be filed before the July 15 deadline in order to keep eligibility for all programs.

If you have questions or would like to apply for programs. Please Call the Garrett County FSA Office at 301-501-5885.

Farm and Food Workers Relief Program

Farm workers and meat packers may be eligible to claim a \$600 payment for their work during the [COVID-19](#) pandemic.



This \$600 payment is being administered by the Pasa Sustainable Agriculture non-profit, which is working with the U.S. [Department of Agriculture](#) to distribute these payments through the [Farm and Food Workers Relief Program](#). In total, eligible farm workers in 13 states, including Connecticut, Delaware, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Vermont, and West Virginia, along with the District of Columbia, can [claim this payment](#).

Applications for this payment opened on March 1, and will remain open until the funds for this payment are depleted.

To be eligible for this payment, a claimant must provide photo identification and proof they were employed as either a farm worker or meatpacking worker in the United States between January 27, 2020, and April 11, 2023. For additional information or to apply go to the Pasa website at <https://farmworkers.com/>

Cost-Share is Available for Manure Transport & Injection

Cost-share funding is available to help transport and inject all types of liquid manure into fields. Injecting liquid manure lowers the potential for nutrient runoff to surface waters and reduces on-farm odors.

There is funding to pay for both spring and fall-planted crops. It may be used for:

- Transporting Manure
- Hiring Custom Operators
- Rent or Lease of Equipment
- Operating Costs for Manure Injection



Cost-share grants to transport dairy and livestock manure pay up to 87.5 % of all eligible costs. Eligible farmers receive up to \$45 an acre in cost-share to inject liquid manure into the soil, based on a maximum application rate of 6,000 gallons per acre. Rates for manure transport are based on the distance between the manure source and the field. *(Please note that manure injection may not be possible in some Garrett County soils.)*

Applicants must be in good standing with the program and in compliance with Maryland's Nutrient Management regulations.

Spring manure injection and transport must be completed by June 30, 2023.

Claims for payment must be received by the department's Conservation Grants Office by **July 31, 2023**.

For more information and to apply, please contact our office at **301-501-5886** or sethmetheny1@maryland.gov.

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Organic Dairy Marketing Assistance Program



The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA), announces assistance for dairy producers with the new Organic Dairy Marketing Assistance Program (ODMAP). ODMAP is established to help mitigate market volatility, higher input and transportation costs, and unstable feed supply and prices that have created unique hardships in the organic dairy industry. Specifically, under the

ODMAP, USDA's Farm Service Agency (FSA) is making \$104 million available to organic dairy operations to assist with projected marketing costs in 2023, calculated using their marketing costs in 2022.

Eligible producers include certified organic dairy operations that produce milk from cows, goats and sheep. To complete the ODMAP application, producers must certify to pounds of 2022 milk production, how documentation of their organic certification, and submit a completed application form.

How to Apply

FSA offices are accepting applications until July 24, 2023. To apply, producers should contact Corrie Stoppel at the Garrett County FSA office at 301-501-5885.

Statewide Agriculture Newsletters



Newsletters from UME offer informative, researched-based information that the reader can put into practice. Informative articles include crop production, disease information, animal science, and upcoming programs. Take a closer look at the newsletters listed below.

The **Agronomy News** is a statewide newsletter for farmers, consultants, researchers, and educators interested in grain and row crop forage production systems. This newsletter is published once a month during the growing season and will include topics pertinent to agronomic crop production. Subscribers will receive an email with the latest edition.

[Agronomy News](#)

The **Fruit & Vegetable News** is a timely publication for the commercial vegetable and fruit industry available electronically from April through October. Published by the University of Maryland Extension Agriculture and Food Systems team.

[Fruit & Vegetable News](#)

Update AG Client Contact Information

Please [click here](#) to update your contact information and to stay updated on everything agriculture-related in Garrett County and the tri-state area.

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