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2023 Nutrient Management Summit



The Maryland Department of Agriculture is hosting a Nutrient Management Summit to discuss upcoming changes to the nutrient management plan writing program. The Summit is being held on Monday, July 17, 2023 from 10 a.m.- 1 p.m. at Anne Arundel Community College. Coffee and refreshments will be served beginning at 9:30 a.m., and a light lunch will be served.

Registration is now required so they can accommodate all guests for lunch. To register please visit: <https://bit.ly/3reiweh> to confirm your attendance. For directions, please visit the [Anne Arundel Community College](#) website. The Summit will be held at the Pascal Center for Performing Arts ([Campus map](#)) 101 College Parkway Arnold, MD 21012.

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.

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

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/>

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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