The University of Maryland Extension (UME) conducted an agricultural needs assessment for the seven counties in north and western Maryland in 2017. This survey will help UME understand the issues concerning agriculture, identify agricultural and educational needs and to focus UME agricultural training and resources.

Respondents

- Average Age: 55-64 Years (34%)
- Average Farm Size: 101-500 Acres
- 96% White
- 75% Male
- 25% Female
- Farming More Than 20 Years: 66%
- 53% Full Time Farming

Livestock Grain Commodities

Farm Viability Categories

Farmers asked to rank the amount of importance to the future viability of farms and the agriculture industry.

- Regulations & Legislation
- Farm Management
- Agriculture Production
- Food Safety

Priorities

Farmers asked to rate the top three priorities for services that UME would provide farms and the agriculture industry in the next 10 years.

- Source of Educational Material
- Interpretation and Assistance with Agricultural Regulations
- Research Data from Field and Variety Trials
- Agriculture Promotion and Education to Consumers and Non-farmers
- Source of Educational Workshops
- On-farm Consulting
- Farm Management Advice
- Agribusiness Training
- Leadership Development
- Manager Training
- Employee Training
Research & Education Needs
Farmers asked to indicate the amount knowledge and training desired in a variety of topics

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