

# Mountain Top Ag News

## Mt. Top Fruit & Vegetable Meeting Set For December 19

The 2018 Mt. Top Fruit & Vegetable Meeting is set for Wednesday, December 19, 2018 at the Garrett College CTTC at 116 Industrial Drive, Accident, Maryland from 8:30 am to 3:30 pm.

### 8:30 am Registration

### 8:45 am Welcome

### 9:00 - 9:50 Session I

**Room 1** Fruit and Vegetable Weed Control "Why Herbicides Will Sometimes Fail?" by Dave Myers

**Room 2** Produce Safety – Personal Hygiene and Water Management by Willie Lantz

### 10:00 – 10:50 Session 2

**Room 1** Managing White Mold in Tomatoes by Habtamu Demisse

**Room 2** Growing Strawberries in Containers: Tips for Success by Kathy

Demchak

### 11:00 – 11:50 Session 3

**Room 1** Identification and Management of Common Onion Diseases by Beth Gugino

**Room 2** Cultural Approaches to Minimize Spotted Wing Drosophila Pressure in Raspberries and Blueberries by Kathy Demchak

### 12:00 – 1:00 Lunch and Visit Vendors

### 1:00 – 1:50 Session 4

**Room 1** Strategies for Managing the Mildews and Other Common Diseases of Cucurbits by Beth Gugino

**Room 2** Grafted Indeterminate Tomatoes by Kaitlin Horst

### 2:00 – 3:30 Session 5

From Farm to Market (Best

Practices for Market Signage and Displays) by Lynn Rubin, & Lorien MacAuley

*For this session only, Garrett County attendees will be entered into a raffle to win a grant up to \$200 to purchase signage/marketing materials for their farmers market or farm stand displays! Limitations apply: Items must be approved before purchase. This is a reimbursement grant: once previously-approved eligible items are purchased by the recipient, the recipient must submit receipts and pictures of the purchased items to receive reimbursement.*

### 3:30 – 4:30 Session 6

Maryland WIC & Sr FMNP & e-WIC Training (Required for FMNP farmers every 3 years) by Weida Stoecker

**Cost:** \$20.00 if pre-

registered before December 10; \$25.00 at the door; includes lunch

**Vendors:** Fruit & Vegetable Suppliers will be on hand to discuss products and services. To be a vendor, call 301-334-6960. Vendor cost: \$20, includes one registration (including lunch).

**Registration:** Register online and pay by credit card at <http://bit.ly/2018FruitVeg> or call the Extension Office at 301-334-6960 to pre-register then pay at the door.

## Got Hay or Straw for Sale? Get Listed on the Garrett Farms website for free!

With the rainy weather this summer/fall, many farmers had a difficult time getting quality hay made. The Extension Office often fields questions about where folks can find hay and straw for sale. Garrett Farms website (at [www.GarrettFarms.org](http://www.GarrettFarms.org)) is where the office finds that info and/or refers people to.

Please contact the office and let us know what you have for sale:

- Type of Hay or Straw
- Type/Size of Bales
- Amount Available
- How it is Stored
- Pricing
- Contact Info

We'll be happy to put a listing on the website for free. And please let us know if you sell it all! 301-334-6960

## Tri State Hay & Pasture Conference Jan 17

The Tri-State Hay and Pasture Conference brings regional experts in grassland management to Garrett County, Maryland and the surrounding counties in Maryland, Pennsylvania and West Virginia.

The conference will be held Thursday, January 17, 2019 at the Garrett College CTTC at 116 Industrial Drive, Accident, Maryland from 8:30 am to 4:00 pm.

This year's Tri-State Hay and Pasture Conference will feature several different topics including:

- Fertilizing Grasses by Les

Vough, UME Professor Emeritus

- Feeding Lower Quality Hay by Jessica Williamson, Penn State University Extension Forage Specialist
- Are Clovers Worth it and Are Phytoestrogens in Clover Good or Evil? With Dennis Hancock, University of Georgia Extension Forage Specialist
- Advancements in Alfalfa Production and Management by Dennis Hancock
- Forage Yield and Nutritive

Value of Reduced Lignin Alfalfa by Amanda Grev, UME Forage Specialist

Participants will receive nutrient management credits in West Virginia and Maryland and Pesticide Credits in WV, MD and PA.

To Register – Call the Garrett County Extension Office at 301-334-6960 or you can register and pay online at <https://tinyurl.com/2019Hay>. If pre-registered by Tuesday, Jan 8th the cost is \$20 which includes lunch and can be paid at the door. Walk in and registrations after Jan 8th will be \$25.

### FFA Notes:

#### Oakland

On December 15, approximately 30 Chapter members will be participating in the "Laying of the Wreaths" at Arlington Cemetery.

On November 6, Four students: Lilah Schmidt, Justin Richter, Mariah Klotz, and Lexi Fridley participated in the state Land Judging contest. Lilah Schmidt was 1st place overall: combined scores of Land Judging and Home Site contests. Oakland FFA was 1st Place in Home Site and 4th in Land Judging. Lexi placed 3rd and Mariah placed 4th individuals in Home Site.

**Contact Info for the above:**  
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#### Northern

The Northern Garrett annual spring plant sale will be held the first two Saturdays in May, May 4 and 11, 2019 from 8:00 am, to 12:00 pm.

The 2nd annual Antique Tractor/Car and Toy Tractor Show will be held on Saturday May 18, 2019. Please consider bringing your prized tractors/cars to put on display. Toy vendors will be set up in the high school cafeteria and the tractor/car show will be in the parking lot. Admission is \$3 for those ages 12 and up. Concessions will be available.

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## Upcoming Events of Interest

- PASA (Pennsylvania Association of Sustainable Agriculture) Conference**  
 February 6-9, 2019  
 Lancaster, PA  
<https://pasafarming.org/conference/>
- Mid Atlantic Fruit & Vegetable Convention**  
 January 29-31, 2019  
 Hershey, PA  
<http://www.mafvc.org/>
- Growing Our Future Harvest: 20th Anniversary Conference (FH-CASA)**  
 January 17-19, 2019  
 College Park, MD  
<https://www.futureharvestca.org/>
- Maryland Farmers Market Conference**  
 March 7, 2019  
 Annapolis, MD  
 301-334-6968
- Sheep & Goat Workshop**  
 December 4, 2018  
 5:30-9:00 pm  
 Butler Agway  
 Butler, PA  
 (Register by 12/3. Dinner is provided. Free to attend. 724-482-2194)  
 See session info on 12/5 event, listed below.
- Sheep & Goat Workshop**  
 December 5, 2018  
 5:30-9:00 pm  
 Eighty Four Agway  
 Eighty Four, PA  
 (Register by 12/3. Dinner is provided. Free to attend. 724-222-0600)  
 Sessions on Lambing and Kidding: Handling Problems and Delivery; Sustained Nutrition for Breeding, Pregnancy and Lactation, Creep Feeding, and Balancing Minerals.

## Garrett Co. Farm Bureau Updates

### 4-H and FFA Club Fundraiser Opportunity

The Garrett County Farm Bureau (GCFB) is offering a unique fundraiser to help support our Garrett County 4-H and FFA clubs. GCFB will pay the clubs \$10 for each new Farm Bureau membership that a 4-H or FFA member recruits.

A goal of the Garrett County Farm Bureau is to support our local youth agriculture education. As a Farm Bureau member, your children will be eligible for the annual local college scholarships (4 - \$500 scholarships per year) and the opportunity to be Miss Garrett County Agriculture (\$1,000 scholarship). Additional scholarships (\$2,000 each) are available through the Maryland Farm Bureau.

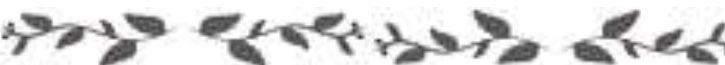
GCFB also sponsored the Maryland Ag Education Foundation Mobile Science

Lab trailer at all Garrett County elementary schools last September. They have also provided funding for local FFA and elementary school agriculture related projects. Farm Bureau membership includes a variety of discounts, including local fuel discounts, and many others.

The fundraiser opportunity will be offered through January and February 2019.

Simply contact any 4-H or FFA member for a membership form, include a \$60 membership check, and return it to your 4-H or FFA leader by February 28, 2019.

Anyone who would like to support Garrett County's agricultural community may join Farm Bureau! Contact Arlene Lantz if you have questions at [alantz.4h@gmail.com](mailto:alantz.4h@gmail.com)



## Home Horticulture Classes Set

Garrett College, in coordination with the University of Maryland Extension, is sponsoring a variety of home horticulture classes in 2019.

Classes include:

- 2/20: Houseplants 101 (growing houseplants)
- 3/19: "I Will Survive" (growing leafy greens in winter)
- 4/16: "I Need You Now" (perennial vegetables)
- 4/22: "We Are the World" (Composting)
- 5/2: "Forward, Mulch!" (mulching strategies)
- 5/3: DIY: Solutions for Managing Water Runoff (storm water management)
- 5/14: DIY: Rain Barrels (hands on demonstration)
- 5/21: "How Do I Live Without You" (approaches

for companion planting)

- 6/4: "Staying Alive" (cut flower gardens)
- 6/24: "Moving On Up" (forcing flower blossoms)

Each class costs only \$14.

For more information on these courses, contact Terry Beachy at 301-895-4700 or [terry.beachy@garrettcollege.edu](mailto:terry.beachy@garrettcollege.edu).

To register for a course, contact Garrett College Continuing Education & Workforce Development at 301-387-3069.



## WV Small Farms Conference

February 13-16, 2019

Charleston Civic Center,  
Charleston, WV

For 15 years, the WVU Extension Service Small Farm Conference has offered the most authentic and inclusive view of agricultural opportunities for West Virginia small farm families.

Annually, the conference boasts a variety of useful topics, unique events and informative speakers across more than 110 sessions. Under the organization of the WVU Extension Service Small Farm Center, 550 conference goers enjoyed locally sourced meals in

## Local Agriculture Marketing Grants Available

Garrett County Economic Development offers Agriculture Marketing Grants to ag-based businesses in Garrett County.

Up to four grants of up to \$250 each may be awarded annually to fund up to 90% of the costs of each project. Grant funds can be used to aid in the promotion of agriculture-based businesses in Garrett County. Examples include signage, brochures, logo development, business cards, displays, etc.

Applications are simple and taken anytime. Funds are distributed on a first-come, first-served basis to qualified projects as funding allows. Once approved, the grant funds will be reimbursed to awardees with valid receipt(s) dated after grant approval.

Visit [www.gcedonline.com](http://www.gcedonline.com) (under agribusiness) or call Cheryl DeBerry at 301-334-6968 for more information.

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We hope that you'll join us for the fifteenth year of the conference February 13-16th at the Charleston Civic Center in Charleston, West Virginia.

Don't forget to get notifications about this event, so you can see the updates as they happen. The registration website will go live in November.

For more information, visit the website: <https://extension.wvu.edu/sm-all-farm-conference>

Follow the #WVUSFC tag on Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter.

For information contact: Tom McConnell, Program Leader, at 304-293-2642 or Lisa Jones, Program Coordinator at 304-293-2715 or email [LLagana@mail.wvu.edu](mailto:LLagana@mail.wvu.edu)

## Private Pesticide Applicator Recertification and Training

Farmers that have pesticide licenses expiring on December 30, 2018 should make sure they have recertification credits and renew their licenses with Maryland Department of Agriculture.

If you need assistance with recertification or license renewal please call the Extension Office.

There will be two opportunities for those that may need the recertification training.

- **Monday, December 3rd** at the Extension Office in Oakland from 6-8pm.
- **Monday, December 10th** at the Grantsville Library from 6-8pm.

Farmers need attend only one of the trainings.

## Appalachian Grazing Conference

Creating a Winning Combination...

managing soil, water, plant, & animal health

Join us March 7-9, 2019 at the Morgantown Marriott at Waterfront Place Hotel!

The Appalachian Grazing Conference is held every two years and offers informative presentations and demonstrations to farmers with cattle, goats and sheep. Participants hear from America's leading speakers on strategies designed to increase their profits.

The 2019 conference will feature Keynotes by Sarah Flack and Dr. Allen Williams. Sarah Flack is the author of The Art and Science of Grazing, and Organic Dairy Production and is a nationally known speaker and consultant on grazing and organic livestock. Allen Williams is a 6th generation family

farmer and founding partner of Grass Fed Insights, LLC, Soil Health Consultants, LLC, and Soil Health Academy, LLC. He is a partner in Joyce Farms, Inc. He has consulted with more than 4,200 farmers and ranchers in the U.S., Canada, Mexico, and South America on operations from a few acres to over 1 million acres.

The Thursday afternoon program will begin with a bus tour, departing at 2 PM, of the WVU Animal Science Farm facilities. See the new dairy cow loafing barn and apple orchard and learn about grazing management and small ruminant research projects. The tour will conclude with a dinner at the WVU Alumni Center. The cost is \$35 and covers the bus tour and meal. (Limited to 80 participants.)

Register for the conference and/or tour online at [www.wvagg.com](http://www.wvagg.com) or get a brochure from the Extension office. Mailed registrations must be postmarked by 3/1.

Full registration before 3/4 is \$150, after 3/4 is \$175. Single day registration is \$125, and the WVU Animal Science Farm tour costs \$35 (register for the tour by 3/4).

The Appalachian Grazing Conference is a collaboration of: Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture; Southwest Pennsylvania Project Grass; USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service in West Virginia and Pennsylvania; West Virginia Association of Conservation Districts; West Virginia Conservation Agency; West Virginia University Davis College of Agriculture, Natural Resources and Design; West Virginia University Extension Service.

If you are interested in signing up for a training or the recertification sessions please call the Extension Office at 301-334-6960.



## Got Club Animals for Sale?

It will soon be the time of year for 4-H and FFA members to choose their animals for exhibiting at the fair. If you have or will have animals available, please contact the Extension Office at 301-334-6960 or [rcvetnic@umd.edu](mailto:rcvetnic@umd.edu) to get on the list.

## Transferring the Farm to the Next Generation Workshop

This winter, the Department of Agricultural and Resource Economics (AREC) is partnering with the Agriculture Law Education Initiative (ALEI), the University of Maryland Extension, the Maryland Department of Agriculture, and Nationwide Insurance to host a series of one-day farm succession workshops around Maryland.

The first series of workshops, Transferring the Farm to the Next Generation, features speakers like Farm Management Specialist Dale Johnson, Craig Highfield with Alliance for the Bay, and Extension Legal Specialist Paul Goering. This series will discuss business planning techniques, attached forested land, estate planning, tax basics, and more.

December 6 @ 8:30 AM - 3:00 PM, Allegany College of Maryland at 12401 Willowbrook Rd, Cumberland, MD 21502

Cost is \$10. For more information on the Transferring the Farm to the Next Generation workshop series, or to register, visit <http://bit.ly/2qSWpYh> or email [lgoering@umd.edu](mailto:lgoering@umd.edu)

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## Selling Farm Products to the Public? Get a free listing on Local Food & Farms Website!!

If you are selling farm products or services to the public, or have an Agritourism enterprise, or just want to get the word out about your agribusiness, you need to get listed or update your listing on [www.GarrettFarms.org](http://www.GarrettFarms.org)

Just go to the website and check the "Farms A-Z" page to see if you're already listed. If not, or if you are listed and the info needs updated, send the information to Cheryl DeBerry at: 301-334-6968, or [cdeberry@garrettcountry.org](mailto:cdeberry@garrettcountry.org)

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