

# Mountain Top Ag News

## Appalachia Grows: Small Farms Conference January 22-23

January 22-23, 2016 at the Allegany Co. Fairgrounds, Cumberland. We're featuring local foods in the menu, at a farmers market, and a tasting event. Join us! Visit [www.AppGrows.com](http://www.AppGrows.com) or check page 7 for more info.

### Agenda:

#### Friday, January 22 - Farm Marketing Success

12:00 pm Registration

1:00 pm Session 1

- A. Starting and Operating an On-Farm CSA
- B. Financing Ag Businesses and Technical Assistance
- C. Marketing Meat: Methods and Regulations

2:00 pm Session 2

- A. Growing and Marketing Winter Greens
- B. Agritourism on the Farm
- C. Farm to Home: Post Harvest Handling and Packing

3:00 pm Break & **Farmers Market** Open 3-6:00 pm

3:30 pm Session 3

- A. Value Added Products through Co-Packing
- B. Marketing Your Farm

#### MD Farmers Market Conference

Join us for the annual Maryland Farmers Market Conference March 15, 2016 at Maryland Department of Agriculture in Annapolis. We'll have sessions about the Farmers Market Nutrition

Products

C. Farm to Table from a Restaurant Perspective

4:00 pm Vendor Area Open

5:00 pm Keynote Speaker: Dr. Craig Beyrouthy, Dean of College of Agriculture and Natural Resources at the University of Maryland

5-7:00 pm "Taste of Appalachia" Tasting Event Featuring Local Foods

#### Saturday, January 23 - Small Farms Conference

8:00 - 8:45 am Registration

8:30 - 9:00 am Welcome and Opening Remarks

9:00 - 9:50 Session 1

- A. Strawberry Production as a Small Farm Enterprise
- B. Facts vs Fiction: Niche Marketing of Value-Added Beef in a Profitable and Sustainable Way. Is it possible?
- C. Using High Tunnels to Increase Farm Profitability
- D. Hop Growth in Western Maryland

10:00-10:30 am Morning Break and Refreshments

10:30 - 11:20 am Session 2

A. Bramble Production as a

Program, Marketing, Food Safety Regulations, and more! For more information, contact Shelby Watson-Hampton at [Shelby.Watson@Maryland.Gov](mailto:Shelby.Watson@Maryland.Gov) or 410-841-5776.

Small Farm Enterprise

B. Designing and Constructing an Easy to Use and Inexpensive Livestock Handling Facility

C. Growing Grafted Tomatoes in High Tunnels

D. Soil Health

11:30 - 12:20 pm Session 3

A. Introduction to Vegetable Plasticulture

B. Getting the Most from a Small Pasture Based Livestock Operation

C. Implementing a Biocontrol Program in Greenhouses and High Tunnels

D. Composting and Environmental Sustainability

12:30 - 1:30 pm Lunch  
Keynote Lunch Speaker: Joe Bartenfelder, Maryland Secretary of Agriculture

1:30 - 2:00 pm Meet the Secretary and Staff and Visit

Vendors

2:00 - 2:50 pm Session 4

A. Growing Leafy Greens in the Field and High Tunnels

B. Rags to Reality: Starting a Sustainable Farm Operation and Redefining Wealth

C. Growing Bedding Plants for Spring Sales

D. GAP/Food Safety Update

3:00 - 3:50 pm Session 5

A. Growing Sweet Corn for Fresh Market

B. Your Smart Phone—It's in Your Pocket Use It! - Apps for Today's Small Farmer

C. Fertilization Basics and the Impact of Water Quality on Greenhouse and High Tunnel Crops

D. Energy Efficiency for Agriculture

**Registration form and additional information on page 7.**

#### Local Farm Brochure Listings Sought

The "Visit Our Working Farms: Share Our Rural Heritage" agritourism & farm stand brochure and **Local Food & Farm Guide** will be updated and printed this spring.

Anyone with an agritourism or a direct farm sales enterprise in Garrett Co., MD or Preston Co., WV is eligible for a listing in the agritourism brochure.

Listings in the agritourism brochure cost \$25 and include a picture and info. Paid in 2015? You're already in!

Food Guide listings are free and are open to anyone selling farm products in or around Garrett County.

Contact Cheryl DeBerry at 301-334-6968 by February 1 for more information or to participate.

## Clean Burning Wood Stove Grant Program Available

To help Maryland homeowners invest in clean energy, the Maryland Energy Administration (MEA) provides grants for clean burning wood stoves that displace electric or non-natural gas fossil fuel heating systems or old woodstoves. After the successes of the Wood Stove Grant pilot in the 2012-2013 heating season, MEA has indefinitely extended the program, while increasing each qualified grant by \$100. To ensure you qualify, please closely review the programmatic guidelines at [http://energy.maryland.gov/R](http://energy.maryland.gov/Residential/woodstoves/index.html)

[Residential/woodstoves/index.html](http://energy.maryland.gov/Residential/woodstoves/index.html).

### Programmatic Highlights:

- Qualified wood stove grants are up to \$500; the Qualified pellet stove grants are up to \$700.
- The stove must be installed at a primary Maryland residence
- The stove must displace electric or non-natural gas fossil fuel heating systems or old uncertified woodstoves
- A property may not receive more than one grant per technology per fiscal year

- MEA cannot offer grants to a property held in trust

Eligible wood stoves must meet both of the following requirements:

Wood stoves must be EPA Certified (approved stove list) and emit no more than 3 grams of particulate matter (PM)/hr, AND

Pellet stoves must meet Washington Emission Standards (approved stove list) and emit no more than 2 grams of particulate matter.

Programmatic Updates from your Feedback:

- You can now self-install a stove, as long as it is inspected by the local permitting office or your insurance provider and a

letter from the inspector noting that it has been safely installed is submitted.

- You can now replace a non-qualifying woodstove for a qualifying woodstove and receive a grant. Just ensure that the stove meets all of the regulations outlined on the program page.

All of these requirements can be found on the woodstove program page, which can be found at: <http://energy.maryland.gov/Residential/woodstoves/index.html>

For additional questions, please write to [ccep@energy.state.md.us](mailto:ccep@energy.state.md.us)

## Agriculture Tire Recycling Collection Program for Farm Bureau Members

We are pleased to announce that Farm Bureau members will have the opportunity to drop off used agricultural tires of all sizes at no charge. The Agricultural Scrap Tire Drop-Off Event is part of Maryland Farm Bureau's service-to-member effort, coordinated with Garrett County Farm Bureau, Garrett County Government, and state officials at the Maryland Department of the Environment and Maryland Environmental Services.

The Garrett County agricultural tire drop-off event is being hosted at the County Landfill in January.

There are no fees and no

permits needed to participate. Members must present a copy of the letter received from Farm Bureau with each load of tires you deliver to the drop off location to demonstrate your eligibility to participate.

If you have any questions for Farm Bureau, please call Matt Teffeau at (410) 922-3426 or (800) 248-9012.

- There is no limit to the number of tires.
- Passenger, light truck, and agricultural tires on or off rims accepted.
- Commercial Businesses are Prohibited.

Drop off Used Tires from your farm from January 11-February 1, 2016 at the County Landfill:

3118 Oakland Sang Run Rd, Oakland, MD 21550

County contact: Kim Madigan (301) 387-0322

## Western Maryland Agronomy Meeting set for February 18

The Western Maryland Agronomy Meeting will be held on Thursday, February 18th at the Pleasant Valley Community Center Building on Joni Miller Road south of Oakland.

The meeting is being sponsored by University of Maryland Extension and Southern States Oakland Cooperative.

Private Applicator Pesticide Credits and Nutrient Applicator Voucher and Consultant Credits will be available.

A complete schedule will be available in the near future.

To register or if you have questions please contact the extension office at 301-334-6960.

## Sheep & Goat Workshop

January 23rd 1-3pm  
Springs Meeting Hall,  
Springs PA

The Sheep and Goat Workshop is being conducted by Wendy Guingrich, Casselman Veterinary Service and Susan Schoenian, Sheep and Goat Specialist with University of Maryland

Extension.

Topics to be included will be disease related to nutrition and pregnant animals as well as parasites and deworming strategies.

To register for the Sheep and Goat Workshop contact the Garrett County Extension office at 301-334-6960.



## Maryland Nutrient Management News & Updates

### MD Nutrient Trading Symposium January 8

The public is invited to attend the Maryland Nutrient Trading Symposium to be held January 8, 2016, at Chesapeake College in Wye Mills on Maryland's Eastern Shore. The day-long symposium is sponsored by the Maryland Departments of the Environment and Agriculture in collaboration with the Harry R. Hughes Center for Agro-Ecology, the Chesapeake Bay Foundation and the Maryland Grain Producers.

In recent years, nutrient trading has emerged as a promising strategy for bringing cost-effectiveness and market-driven efficiency to the achievement of nutrient reduction goals. Nutrient trading is an important element of Maryland's approach for restoring the Bay by creating opportunities for the sectors facing the highest costs to meet a portion of their responsibilities by purchasing offsets or credits created by other sources.

In October, the Maryland

Departments of the Environment and Agriculture released the Maryland Nutrient Trading Policy Statement in announcing that Maryland is pursuing new tools for faster, better restoration of the Chesapeake Bay. The Policy Statement is a road map for the development of cross-sector, water quality trading programs that use innovation, economies of scale, and public-private partnerships to speed improvements to the Bay and local rivers and streams.

At the time of the announcement, Governor Larry Hogan said, "The Chesapeake Bay is one of our most important, valuable and beloved resources and our cleanup efforts will not stop until the Bay is restored. These new tools, which make sense both economically and environmentally, are yet another example of our commitment to preserving our natural resources for generations to come."

The path forward includes

the issuance, with input from a stakeholder advisory group, of guidelines that would be used to initiate trades within Maryland. It also includes the adoption of regulations proposed by the Maryland Department of Agriculture establishing the requirements and standards for the generation, verification, and certification of nutrient and sediment credits on agricultural lands.

In noting that the new regulations will be published in the Maryland Register on December 28, Agriculture Secretary Joe Bartenfelder said, "These new regulations will clarify the role of agriculture in helping to achieve the State's water quality goals and provide a framework for farmers and landowners to access new sources of revenue for the financing of conservation practices and the generation of supplemental farm income."

The symposium, which is

another part of the road map, will address the basic concepts of trading and the role of trading in Bay restoration efforts, as well as the State's current approach to trading and its future plans. The agenda also will afford significant time for

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"Trading means upgrading and accelerating the cleanup through teamwork and innovation," said Maryland Department of the Environment Secretary Ben Grumbles. "We are building upon, not replacing, regulatory tools with smarter strategies and broader partnerships."

The cost to attend the event is \$25 per person and includes continental breakfast and lunch. To register and find information about the agenda, presenters, location, directions, and contacts, visit

<http://conta.cc/1JdMSkH>

### Update Your Plan Today!

Now is a great time to get your Maryland Nutrient Management Plan updated for 2016. Plans are required to be updated on a yearly basis.

Give Jill Hauser a call at the extension office (301-334-6960) to update your plan. She will need your cropping

and livestock information.

Check your soil sample results as they are good for three seasons. We are continuing to send in soil samples from the extension office. Basic samples are \$8.00 + shipping for small numbers of samples.

### Private Applicator Pesticide Exam Prep

The Extension office will offer a training session for farmers interested in obtaining their Private Applicator Pesticide Licenses on January 19th from 6:30-9:00pm at the Garrett County Extension Office.

The private applicator license is required for farmers to be able to purchase and use restricted use pesticides on their property or properties

that are managed by the farm.

The training will cover pesticide laws, safety and application of pesticides. A test date will be scheduled in Garrett County in February for anyone that is interested in taking the exam.

If you need additional information or would like to register for the training, call the extension office at 301-334-6960.

## Maryland Dairy Convention Feb. 27

The Maryland Dairy Industry Association and Maryland Dairy Shrine invite ALL dairy farmers, youth and industry supporters to: "Achieving Dairy Excellence in Challenging Times" Maryland Dairy Convention!

Saturday, February 27, 2016

Holiday Inn and Conference Center, FSK Mall 5400 Holiday Drive, Frederick

The convention day program, hosted by the Maryland Dairy Industry Assn., features dynamic speakers, trade show, Dairy of Distinction and scholarship winners and youth contest.

This year features an afternoon tour of Rock Hill Orchard / Woodbourne Creamery, a local orchard and creamery utilizing pastured Guernseys and a robotic milker.

Social time, auction and evening celebrating Maryland Dairy Shrine inductees and scholars cap off the day.

### **Junior dairyman contest**

The junior dairyman contest for ages 8 to 21 includes, but is not limited to, feedstuff, milking equipment and reproductive tract identification; sire selection; DHIA sheet evaluation. The event runs concurrent to the day program.

Following the contest, junior committee members review contest components for additional learning experience. All youth who participate receive a cash award at the evening banquet.

### **Program:**

- Registration/Trade Show/Silent Auction/Dairy Treats at 8:30 - 9:20 a.m.

- Welcome and Overview of the Day/Junior Dairyman Contest begins 9:20 - 9:30 a.m.
  - Keynote: Achieving Excellence 9:30 - 10:15 a.m.
  - Gordie Jones, DVM, Central Sands Dairy, LLC, Nekoosa, WI
  - Concurrent Breakout Sessions 10:20 - 11:05 a.m.
    - \* Session A: Does Forage Quality Impact Profitability and How Much? By Virginia Ishler, Pennsylvania State University, University Park, PA
    - \* Session B: Feed Evaluation Technology: Information to Allow Your Nutritionist to Work Smarter by Ralph Ward, Cumberland Valley Analytical Services, Hagerstown, MD
  - Break/Trade Show/Silent Auction 11:05 - 11:35 a.m.
  - Mid-Atlantic Dairy Association Update 11:35 - 11:45 a.m.
  - MDIA Business Meeting, Election of Directors and Scholarship Presentation 11:45 a.m. - Noon
  - Lunch/Trade Show/Silent Auction 12:15 - 1:15 p.m.
  - Concurrent Breakout Sessions 1:15 - 2 p.m.
    - \* Session A: Using Activity and Ruminant Monitoring for Reproductive and Health Management by Julio Giordano, Cornell University, Ithaca, NY
    - \* Session B: Group Feeding of Calves by Sue Puffenbarger, Land O'Lakes
  - Goldilocks Dry Cow Diet ... Happy Fresh Cows/No DA's or Ketosis 2 - 2:30 p.m. by Gordie Jones, Central Sands Dairy, LLC, Nekoosa, WI
  - Dairy of Distinction awards 2:30 - 3 p.m.
  - Afternoon tour to Rock Hill Orchard/Woodbourne Creamery
  - Reception 6:30 p.m.
  - Maryland Dairy Shrine Dinner, Annual Meeting and Awards Program 7 - 9:30 p.m.
- \*\* The convention is approved for three continuing education credits with the American Registry of Professional Animal Scientists \*\*

### **Hotel accommodations**

Room rates at the Holiday Inn are \$99 per night (mention Maryland Dairy Industry Association). Attendees should call 301-694-7500 and ask for in-house reservations by January 27.

### **Convention Rates:**

- Day meeting adult (on or before 2/16) = \$25
- Day meeting adult (after 2/16) = \$35
- Day meeting youth (in contest) = No charge
- Banquet adult (on or before 2/16) = \$30
- Banquet adult (after 2/16) = \$40
- Banquet - youth (under age 5) = No charge

For more information, call 301-349-0750 or e-mail [secretary@marylanddairyindustry.org](mailto:secretary@marylanddairyindustry.org)

## Northern Garrett FFA Plant Sale Date Set

The Northern Garrett High School FFA Plant Sale will be held on Saturday, May 7, 2016 from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm. You'll find a mix of annual bedding plants, baskets and vegetable transplants, including Tomatoes, Peppers, Cabbage, Marigolds, Petunias, Asters, Dwarf Sunflowers, Black-Eyed Susans, Impatiens, Snapdragon, Pansies, etc.

## Scholarships to be available

Scholarship applications will be available this spring! Forms & info will be at: [extension.umd.edu/garrett-county](http://extension.umd.edu/garrett-county)

Click on "4-H/Youth" link at top, then on the left choose "4-H Clubs" then "Forms", then scroll down to the "Scholarship" section.

## Kathleen A. P. Mathias Agriculture Energy Efficiency Grants Available

The Kathleen A.P. Mathias Agriculture Energy Efficiency Program through the Maryland Energy Administration offers grants for up to 50% of costs for energy efficiency upgrades and renewable energy projects for farms and businesses within the agricultural sector. Visit the program's website for more information:

<http://energy.maryland.gov/business/Pages/incentives/FY2016mathiasag.aspx>

The deadline is January 20!



# Master Gardener News



## Get Tick Smart!

With the mild weather this winter, it is a good time to share some new resources and information about dealing with ticks. Ticks can survive through extreme cold and snow and then become active with the warm temperatures. Tick bites are a growing public health concern because there are more ticks in more areas than ever before. The University of Rhode Island has launched the TickEncounter Resource Center, which promotes tick-bite protection and tick borne disease prevention by engaging, educating, and empowering people to take action. According to TickSmart, a section of the [www.tickencounter.org/](http://www.tickencounter.org/) website, the number one way to prevent tick bites is to remove all clothing that you wore outside as soon as you

return home and place the clothes in a dryer, on the hottest setting for 20 minutes, then launder your clothes as normal. The hot, dry air will kill all life stages of a tick, which could potentially survive the wash cycle alone. Also, tick babies or nymphs are only the size of a poppy seed, so they can be easily missed, so be sure to check around the waistband of pants and shorts. Ticks do not jump or fly, but simply wait at a level that is similar to their targeted host and then crawl onto the host.

Any tick that you may find on your body, should be removed with a pair of pointed tweezers, by tightly grasping the tick near its head, as near to the host's skin surface as possible, and then pulling straight out.

Tape the removed tick to a piece of cardstock and mail to the Maryland Department of Agriculture for correct identification, do not put the tick in alcohol as that can interfere with testing for pathogens. The form that needs to accompany the tick to MDA can be found here [http://extension.umd.edu/sites/default/files/\\_images/programs/hgic/Publications/TickIdentificationMDAform.pdf](http://extension.umd.edu/sites/default/files/_images/programs/hgic/Publications/TickIdentificationMDAform.pdf) or picked up at the University of Maryland Extension office in Garrett County. You may choose to have the tick

tested for pathogens through a private laboratory for a small fee if it is a black legged or deer tick. For more information or additional resources, please call Ashley at University of Maryland Extension in Garrett County at 301-334-6960 or email [abachtel@umd.edu](mailto:abachtel@umd.edu).



## Maryland Cattle Industry Convention March 4-5

The Maryland Cattle Industry Convention will be held on March 4th and 5th at the Clarion Hotel in Hagerstown.

The Friday program features two tracks. Track one for participants involves ENGAGE training where participants will learn about engaging with the public on farming issues. The second track is hay and pasture management with featured speaker Dr. Garry Lacefield, Forage Specialist Emeritus, University of Kentucky.

The Maryland Cattleman Association will hold its **annual breakfast meeting** on Saturday followed by workshops on Forage vs Grain

Finishing by Dr. John Andrae, Forage and Livestock Specialist, Clemson University.

The lunch speaker will be Donna Moening with the topic of "The Beef Story Belongs to You".

The **4-H Livestock Skillathon** will also be held on Saturday with award presented after the lunch speaker.

For more information on the Maryland Cattle Industry Convention visit their website at [www.marylandcattle.org](http://www.marylandcattle.org) or call Scott Barao at 410-795-5309.

## Potomac Edison Energy Ag Efficiency Incentives Program

The Agriculture Incentives Program is available to Maryland commercial and industrial retail service customers of Potomac Edison. The Program offers incentives and information to encourage participants to install high-efficiency equipment. Flat-rate incentives are available for the following equipment categories:

- Variable Frequency Drives on Dairy Vacuum Pumps
- Automatic Milker Takeoffs
- Dairy Scroll Compressors
- High-Efficiency Ventilation Fans
- High-Volume, Low-Speed Fans
- Livestock Waterers

**Pre-Approval Requirements**  
All applications received by the Program will require pre-

approval before the purchase and installation of equipment.

### Effective Dates

To qualify for incentives through this Program, equipment must have been purchased and installed after December 1, 2015, and after the receipt of a pre-approval email from the Program Administrator.

### Limitations

Incentives available from the Program are limited to the total equipment cost (excluding taxes). Only installation of new equipment is eligible for incentives under this Program.

For an application and further details, please visit the website at: [energysavemd-business.com/specialty-programs/agricultural](http://energysavemd-business.com/specialty-programs/agricultural)

## Tri-State Hay & Pasture Conference set for January 14 in Salisbury, PA

- How are your management practices affecting the stand productivity and persistence of your hay and pasture stands?
- Are you cutting or grazing at the proper height?
- Are you applying appropriate amounts of lime and fertilizer and doing so at the correct times?
- Are you seeding grasses and legumes that are adapted to your soil types and your management practices?
- Is weed control hurting your pastures' production?

These and other questions will be addressed by renowned forage and equine experts at the Tri-State Hay and Pasture Conferences to be held on January 14th at the Salisbury Fire Hall in Salisbury, PA with registration starting at 8:00am.

Featured speakers will include Dr. Marvin Hall, forage specialist at Penn State University, Dr. Sidney Bosworth, agronomy Extension specialist at the University of Vermont, and Dr. Jessica Williamson, forage specialist at Penn State University.

Hall will relate forage management to how farm machinery works. Understanding how a piece of machinery works can help you keep it working at peak performance or at least keep it from breaking down. Understanding how forage plants grow can likewise help you keep those plants at peak performance or at least keep you from killing them. In his presentation entitled Plant Growth, Development, and

Implications for Management Decisions you will learn how different forage plants grow and how that should affect your harvest or grazing management. He will also touch on how small changes in the plant cell ultimately affect how much of the forage can be eaten and utilized by your animals. "Unfortunately, what your grandma told you about 'what you don't know not hurting you' was wrong. What you don't know about plant growth and development can hurt your farming operation" says Hall.

Bosworth will address a topic of particular relevance given the difficult weather conditions for haymaking the last several years and almost daily news stories about climate change. His topic for this presentation will be Managing Forage Quality with Fluctuating Weather. He will discuss, for example, how cool, cloudy conditions vs. hot, sunny conditions prior to harvest affect forage quality, whether for hay/silage or grazing.

In a second presentation Bosworth will address Improving Farm Viability Through Advanced Forage Crop Selection and Management. Genetic variation among forage species and varietal selection within a specie has been shown to impact fiber content of feed. Fiber digestibility, a relatively new means to measure quality, has not been extensively evaluated on forages. Many research projects have documented that improved fiber digestibility can increase animal production and lower the amount of concentrate fed. Variation in

neutral detergent fiber (NDF) and digestible NDF has been documented in Vermont studies evaluating changes in fiber content of cool-season grasses in the spring. Bosworth found orchardgrass to have higher digestible NDF than reed canarygrass or timothy even though total NDF was typically higher for the orchardgrass since it matures earlier than the other grasses. New studies are evaluating variation in fiber content and digestibility of tall fescue and ryegrass group of grasses.

Williamson will cover a frequently overlooked management practice that can do a lot to improve pasture productivity -- Better Weed Control. Producers must take many management factors into consideration in developing a good pasture weed control plan.

Don't miss this very informative day with some of the region's experts in the field of forage production and management.

### Agenda:

8:00 to 9:00 am, Registration

9:00 to 09:15 am, Welcome, Housekeeping Details, and Evaluations

9:15 to 10:30 am, **Improving Farm Viability through Advanced Forage Selection and Management**; Presenter: Dr. Sid Bosworth, Extension Forage Specialist, University of Vermont

10:30 to 11:30 am, **Plant Growth, Development, and Implications for Management Decisions - Part 1**; Presenter: Dr. Marvin Hall, Forage

Specialist, Penn State University

11:30 – 11:45 am, Break

11:45 to 12:30 pm, **Managing Forage Quality with Fluctuating Weather**; Presenter: Dr. Sid Bosworth, Extension Forage Specialist, University of Vermont

12:30 to 1:15 pm, Lunch

1:15 to 1:30 pm, **Greetings from the Maryland-Delaware Forage Council**; Les Vough, President MDFC and Forage Agronomist, Southern Maryland RC & D, Leonardtown, MD

1:30 to 2:30 pm, **Plant Growth, Development, and Implications for Management Decisions - Part 2**; Presenter: Dr. Marvin Hall, Forage Specialist, Penn State University

2:30 to 3:30 pm **Improving Pasture Productivity through Better Weed Control**; Jessica Williamson, Forage Specialist, Penn State Extension

To register for the Tri-State Hay and Pasture Conference contact the University of Maryland Extension office in Garrett County at 301-334-6960.

The fee which includes lunch is \$20 for advanced registration by January 8th and \$25 at the door if not registered.

For a complete schedule of the days events contact the extension office or visit: <https://extension.umd.edu/garrett-county/agriculture/tri-state-hay-and-pasture-conference>.

*Come Learn, Network, and Be Inspired!*

**Who Should Attend?**

Anyone interested in farming, producing food or farm products, currently farming and want to expand or diversify, or just wanting to learn from experts!

**Friday's** program is focused on marketing of local agriculture products. Participants will have a choice of sessions on agriculture marketing topics. There will also be great opportunities for networking at the vendor tables, Winter Farmers Market and at the Taste of Appalachia.

**Saturday's** program is for everyone, whether you're farming or not! We'll have vendors available to talk about their latest products, lots of time for networking and great sessions on a variety of topics.

*See schedule and additional info on page 1*

**Expand your Conference Experience!**

**Farmers Market:**

Join us as a vendor at the farmers market! It's free! Contact Suzy Snow at rhea.snow@yahoo.com or call 240-821-3370.

**Taste of Appalachia:**

We're having a local foods dinner tasting event Friday night! If you have available foods to supply the restaurants, contact 301-334-6960.

**Conference Vendors:**

Would you like to be a vendor at the conference, to connect with farmers and future farmers in the region? Contact Sherry Frick sfrick@umd.edu or call 301-724-3320.



[www.AppGrows.com](http://www.AppGrows.com)

*Register online or mail a check!*  
Early Registration Due January 15

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Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Farm/Business Name (if applicable) \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

<u>Date</u>	<u>First Adult</u>	<u>Additional Adults</u>	<u>Children</u>	<u>Total</u>
Friday, January 22 only	_____ x \$25	_____ x \$20	_____ x \$10	= _____
Saturday, January 23 only	_____ x \$20	_____ x \$15	_____ x \$10	= _____
Both Friday and Saturday	_____ x \$40	_____ x \$35	_____ x \$20	= _____

**TOTAL DUE:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Names of additional people attending from your Farm/Business:** *(list additional on back)*

Name \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_ Adult \_\_\_ Child (age 3-10)  
 Name \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_ Adult \_\_\_ Child (age 3-10)  
 Name \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_ Adult \_\_\_ Child (age 3-10)  
 Name \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_ Adult \_\_\_ Child (age 3-10)

Dietary Restrictions? Please List: \_\_\_\_\_

Please make checks to: **Garrett EAC** and mail to: 1916 MD Hwy, Ste A, Mt. Lake Park, MD 21550 *by January 15, 2016*



## Got Club Animals for Sale?

It's almost 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 [wguard@umd.edu](mailto:wguard@umd.edu) to get on the list.

## Fair Animal ID Requirements

### **Important!!**

All 4-H and FFA market animals are now required to have USDA disease traceability tags.

***It will be the responsibility of the breeder/producer and the member/family to assure they have their USDA tags.*** This is the same requirement as has been in place for sheep and goats for many years (Scrapie tags).

Breeders may request free USDA tags by going to the MDA website:

<http://mda.maryland.gov/AnimalHealth/Pages/disease-traceability.aspx>

For more information, visit the website or call 410-841-5810.

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