

Mountain Top Ag News

Mt. Top Fruit & Veg Conference

The 2012 Mt. Top Fruit and Vegetable conference will be held on Saturday, January 21 at Garrett College starting at 8:15am. The conference this year will feature seven 45 minute long sessions with two speakers scheduled concurrently. Topics for this year include "Producing Vegetables in Low Tunnels", "Cucumber Varieties for High Tunnels" and "Blackberry Variety Trail" being presented by Lewis Jett, Commercial Horticulture Specialist with WVU Extension. Jerry Brust with University of Maryland Extension will present topics on Spotted Wing Drosophila, Stink Bugs, tomato ripening disorders, and soils for organic production. Cheryl DeBerry with the Garrett County Department of Economic Development will present three topics on marketing Fruits and Vegetables including "Farm Marketing in the Digital Age",

"Adding Social Media to your Farm Marketing Plan" and "Best Practices in Marketing at Farmers Markets". Other topics will include Maryland's new GAP certification, vegetable weed control, packaging and weighing produce, potato production, high tunnel tomato variety trial and markets for local products. The cost for the program is \$12.00 and lunch will be provided.

Regional vendors of fruit and vegetable supplies and products will have exhibits set up that can be viewed during the day. The Maryland Vegetable Growers Association is helping to sponsor the event.

If you would like more information including a schedule of the day's events please contact the Extension Office at 301-334-6960 or visit our events web page at <http://garrett.umd.edu/Agnr/>

Tri State Hay & Pasture Conference 'Forages in Your Future'

Presentations at this year's Tri-State Hay and Pasture Conference will challenge you to think about your farming operation and how forages can be part of your future.

Ways to grow and harvest more forage from the same land, including evaluating soil fertility and selection of forage species, will be covered. The advantages and disadvantages of pure stands and mixtures of grass-forbs-legumes will also be discussed. Proper management results in profitable yields and high quality forage. The end result of mismanagement is low, unprofitable yields and low quality forage.

The Tri-State Hay & Pasture Conference will be held this year on January 19th at Garrett College in

McHenry, Md starting at 8:30am with registration.

Certified crop advisor and nutrient management certification credits will be offered.

Registration for the conference will be \$15 per person by January 13 and \$20 after the 13th (includes lunch). Checks should be made payable to Garrett EAC and sent to Hay & Pasture Conference, University of Maryland Extension, 1916 Maryland Highway, Suite A, Mtn. Lake Park, MD 21550.

For more information or to obtain the complete program agenda and registration materials, contact the Garrett County Extension office at 301-334-6960. Information is also online at <http://garrett.umd.edu/Agnr/TriStateHayfolder/>

WV Small Farms Conference's "Winter Blues Farmers Market" Vendors Needed

The West Virginia Farmers Market Association (WVFMA) Winter Blues Farmers Market will coincide again with the WVU Extension Service's WV Small Farm Conference this year in Morgantown, WV.

The market will be indoors in the spacious event center; they will provide all tables and cloths. You must provide your own signage, coolers, extension cords, etc. There is substantial parking available with 2 multi level garages attached to the building. Set up times will be staggered; large bay doors with hydraulic lifts can be used for set up of heavier items such as freezers. You will be assigned a set up time once we know what you are bringing.

Date: Thursday, March 1, 2012

Market time: 4 -7 PM

New Location: Morgantown Event Center at the Waterfront Place

Hotel and Conference Center

Applications due by February 12.

Download & complete the application from www.wffarmers.org and mail to: Susan Sauter, WVFMA/WBFM, 1932 Girl Scout Camp Rd, Bruceton Mills, WV 26525. If you choose to email your application, please send it to Lesa Gay at winterbluesfarmersmarket@gmail.com For more information call Susan Sauter at 304-288-5366 or Lesa Gay at 304 291-8014.

A \$20 space fee will be charged this year to help with expenses or \$10 for current WVFMA members.

Make checks payable to the WVFMA. Applications are available at www.wffarmers.org

The March 1-3 WV Small Farms Conference information and registration is at: <http://smallfarmcenter.ext.wvu.edu/>

Spring Agronomy Meeting

With corn and soybean prices at an all time high, now is the time to plan the management of your crops to get the maximum yield while controlling your costs.

The University of Maryland Extension is teaming up with Southern States Oakland Cooperative to sponsor a day filled with all types of presentations including crop production inputs, herbicides, insecticides, soil management and grain marketing on Friday, March 9th. Concurrent sessions will be held so producers can chose which presentations they wish to attend. A trade show area will be set up that will feature fertilizer, chemical and seed companies where representatives will be on hand to answer questions

about new and traditional products. Let us know if you have a business or product that you would like to have included in the trade show.

A complete agenda for the event will be available around February 1st. The agenda will be available at the Oakland Southern States store, the Extension Office and online at <http://garrett.umd.edu/Agnr/> If you would like a copy e-mailed or sent through the mail to you, please give us a call at 301-334-6960.

The cost for the meeting will be \$10.00 and will include lunch. Private applicator pesticide credits, nutrient applicator voucher and nutrient management consultant credits will be available.



Master Gardener News



Maryland Master Gardener Program—Join us in 2012

Do you know what the term “Master Gardener” means? Have you ever wondered how a person becomes a Master Gardener? Are you interested in serving your community and learning more about home horticulture?

A Master Gardener is someone who is eager to learn, inspired, active, outgoing, organized and ready to better the community through teaching, demonstrating, and volunteering. In Maryland, the Master Gardener program began in 1978 as a means of extending the horticultural and pest management expertise of Maryland Cooperative Extension to the general public. In 2009, Maryland Cooperative Extension changed their name to University of Maryland Extension, but the critical mission of educating Maryland residents about safe, effective and sustainable horticultural practices that build healthy gardens, landscapes, and communities is more important than ever.

Today, the Master Gardener Program can be found in 18 Maryland counties, Baltimore City, and two Maryland correctional institutes. Master Gardener programs can be found in every state in the United States and even in other Countries.

What kind of commitment does it take to become a Master Gardener? First of all you must have an interest in some aspect of home horticulture. You do not need any previous technical training because the University of Maryland Extension will provide 40 hours of basic training and education on topics such as entomology, soil science, botany, plant pathology, ecology, vegetable gardening, ornamentals, and much more. Attending the 40 hours basic training education is required and

there is an exam at the end which must be passed. After the basic training classes, Master Gardener Interns are asked to complete 40 hours of community service at which time they are given the title of an Active Maryland Master Gardener.

In order to retain certification, every year following training you must complete 10 hours of continuing education and 20 hours of community service through approved activities. Some of the community service projects that Garrett County Master Gardeners sponsor include the Healing Garden at Garrett Memorial Hospital, A Chestnut Tree Restoration Planting at the Western Maryland 4-H Center, a booth at the Garrett County Agricultural Fair, an educational display and plant clinic held twice a week at the Mt. Fresh Farmers Market in Oakland, Grow It Eat It Presentations to local community members, and several other projects.

2012 Community Service Projects are being organized and we are looking for new people that are interested in this program. The basic training course will be held at the Garrett County Extension Office in Mt. Lake Park and is scheduled to begin on Thursday, March 8th. Basic training classes will be held every Thursday evening through May 31st, 2012 from 6:00 pm-9:00 pm.

A training fee of \$200 will be charged to each participant which includes the purchase of the University of Maryland Master Gardener Handbook, full of wonderful information and resources. There are also opportunities for advanced training and a chance to travel to International conferences. The next international conference will be held

in 2013 and is scheduled to be held in Alaska!

The Maryland Master Gardener vision is a healthier world through environmental stewardship. Sign up today so that you can begin meeting new people, making friendships, gaining knowledge, and becoming a teacher and leader in your community!

In order for the class to be held a minimum of 10 people need to register.

If you are interested in learning more about the Master Gardener Program, please call the University of Maryland Extension Office in Garrett County at 301-334-6960 and speak with Ashley or email abachtel@umd.edu

Broccoli Soup

- 1/4 cup onion, chopped
 - 1/4 cup margarine or 1/4 cup butter
 - 1/4 cup flour
 - 1 teaspoon salt (or to taste)
 - 1/4 teaspoon white pepper (or to taste)
 - 1 cup chicken broth
 - 2 1/2 cups milk
 - 2 cups broccoli, cooked & chopped
 - 1-2 cups shredded cheddar cheese
 - 1/4 cup chopped celery
- Saute onion and celery in butter in saucepan on medium until tender. Add flour, salt and pepper, cooking and stirring until mixture is smooth and bubbly. Add broth and milk (all at once), stirring until mixture comes to a boil and begins to thicken. Add broccoli, stirring until all is heated through. Remove from heat and stir in cheese until melted and smooth.

Spring Master Gardener Presentations Scheduled

The following Master Gardener Presentations will be held at Garrett College at 7:00 pm:

“Planning Your Vegetable or Flower Garden”

Thursday – February 23, 2012
Presenters: Maggi Coene & Kathy Tucker

“Seedlings and Transplants”

Thursday – March 15, 2012
Presenter: Lois Stienfort

“Grow It Eat It” and “Growing Vegetables in Containers”

Thursday – April 5, 2012
Presenter: Jerry Crabtree

“Planting Perennials for Full Season Blooming and Color”

Thursday – May 10, 2012
Presenters: Jerry Crabtree & Shelley Packard

“Common Pests and Diseases of the Vegetable Garden”

Thursday – June 7, 2012
Presenter: Sherry Frick

For more information, contact Ashley Bodkins at 301-334-6960 or abachtel@umd.edu





Interested in Keeping Bees? Want to Learn About Beekeeping? Having Trouble with Your Hives?



The Appalachian Beekeepers Association supports new and existing beekeepers in the area. If you would like information about getting started with bees, are interested in attending a Bee School in the spring, or have other questions, contact the Extension Office for a referral to an association member.

The Appalachian Beekeepers Association is selling raffle tickets for a complete hive with bees. The drawing will be March 16, 2012. The cost is \$10.00 per ticket. Tickets are available at the Extension Office or through Association members.

Appalachian Beekeepers Association generally meets monthly. If you are interested in joining the Association, being on the bee/honey mailing list or attending Association meetings, contact the Extension Office at 301-334-6960.



Appalachian Beekeepers Association

“Garrett County Youth Project”

(A project to set up and help a youth in beekeeping)

Rules and Regulations

All applications will be read aloud at a Beekeepers Meeting. A committee will determine the best applications as nominations to be voted on by the association members.

Recipient must visit a working hive before receiving a hive awarded from our association.

Recipient and parents must sign a waiver alleviating our Beekeepers Association from any responsibility of accidents, which may occur, or any problems from products of the honeybees donated by our association's youth project.

If bees are kept at another address, the property owner must sign the consent and waiver.

Recipient must become a member of Appalachian Beekeepers Association and attend the monthly meetings when possible. (At least four meetings per year).

The hive must be registered through the State Department of Agriculture. The new beekeeper must comply with all State beekeeping regulations.

Recipient must log and keep a journal of interactions with the beehive and report periodically to the beekeepers association.

In case of loss of interest in beekeeping or problems in caring for the bees, the bees and equipment must be returned to the association so they can be donated to another interested youth.

Help and mentoring will be available from members of our organization as needed.

All applications (see back of this page or available at www.garrett.umd.edu) are due March 1st to:

Appalachian Beekeepers Association
c/o University of Maryland Extension
1916 Maryland Highway, Suite A
Mt. Lake Park, MD 21550

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(A project to set up and help a youth in beekeeping)

Application for Award

Due March 1st to Appalachian Beekeepers Association



Applicant's Name: _____

Address _____

Phone _____ Age _____ (minimum 12 years, maximum 16 years)

Garrett County Resident Yes _____ No _____

Organizations Involved In: 4H _____ FFA _____ FHA _____ Scouts _____ Other _____

Why do you want to become a beekeeper?

What is the importance of honeybees in our society?

How much available time do you have to care for the bees? _____

Parent's Consent: _____ Date _____

Mid-Atlantic Poultry Expo

The University of Maryland Extension will host the Mid-Atlantic Small Flock Poultry Expo on Saturday, February 4, 2012 from 8:30 AM to 3:30 PM at the University of Maryland Extension-Carroll County Office & Carroll County Agriculture Center, 700 Agriculture Center Drive, Westminster, Maryland, 21157.

The expo will feature educational seminars on poultry nutrition, disease prevention and control, chicken breeds, egg and meat production basics, housing, pasturing, feeding and watering systems, regulations and ordinances, organic production, litter and mortality composting, breeding and egg incubation, turkey production, brooding chicks, poultry in diversified livestock operations, exotics, egg grading and handling, marketing and economics, urban poultry, and protecting your flock.

Vendors will be available with live poultry and poultry related items. A poultry processing demonstration will be conducted. Producers and Extension specialists will be

available for technical questions about production practices. 4-H will conduct activities and competitions. Door prizes will be awarded. Lunch and snacks will be available for purchase.

Registration: Adults: \$10 pre-registration fee, \$20 at the door

Youth 10-18: \$5 pre-registration, \$10 at the door

Children under 10: Free

4-H Members or Volunteers admitted free (must pre-register and show 4-H membership card at the door)

For additional information about the Mid-Atlantic Small Flock Poultry Expo, call (410) 386-2760 or visit the web site at <http://carroll.umd.edu/ag/poultry.cfm>

If you have a disability that requires special assistance for your participation in this program please contact the Carroll County Extension Office at (410) 386-2760, Fax: (410) 876-0132, at least two weeks prior to the program.

2012 Webinar Series: Sheep & Goat Nutrition & Feeding

A series of webinars will be held on consecutive Thursday nights in January and February. The webinars will focus on the feeding and nutrition of sheep and goats.

January 12 - Digestive physiology

January 19 - Nutrients

January 26 - Feedstuffs

February 2 - Nutritional management

February 9 - Rational balancing

February 16 - Nutritional disorders

Each webinar will begin at 7:30 p.m. EST and last for approximately one hour. An hour of questions and answers will follow. Topics may overlap more than one webinar. University of Maryland Extension Specialists and Educators will be the instructors for the webinars.

Anyone with an internet connection may participate in the webinars. High speed access is recommended. The first 100 people who log onto <https://connect.moo.umd.edu/sschoen/> will be able to participate. All webinars will be recorded and available for later viewing at

<http://www.sheepandgoat.com/recordings.html>

Even though pre-registration is not required, those who plan to participate should contact Susan Schoenian at sschoen@umd.edu or (301) 432-2767 x343, so that they can be added to the webinar e-mail reflector list. People who registered for last year's webinars should already be on the list and have received e-mail notification of the 2012 webinar series.

National Safe Tractor & Machinery Operation Program Scheduled

The US Department of Labor Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 identified several hazardous occupations where individuals employed in these occupations had to be 18 years of old or older. In 1968, the act was amended to include the hazardous Occupations Order for Agriculture. This order established the age for employment in agriculture as 16 years of age or 14 years of age with special training. The order also identified hazardous operations and farm tasks, such as operating a tractor over 20 horsepower and operating most farm machinery.

Exempt from this law are minors who are employed on a farm owned and operated by their parents or guardians and minors ages 14 and 15 who have received training and certification from an approved tractor and farm machinery safety certification program. Youth working for grandparents or aunts and uncles are not exempt from this law. Any farmer employing or who have youth 14 to 15 helping out on the farm operating tractors and machinery need to ensure that the youth have had the proper training and certification.

The Garrett County Office of the University of Maryland Extension will conduct a training program for youth ages 14 and 15 to meet the certification requirements for the law.

The certification requires 24 hours of training and participants must pass a tractor/machinery operators driving and written test. The program will use a national curriculum developed by Penn State University, The Ohio State University, and the national Safety Council. The program will include classroom and hands on training with operating tractors and farm machinery.

The training will be held in three parts. The first part will be classroom instruction, which will be held on Tuesday evenings from 6-9pm on March 13th and 27th and April 10th and 24th at the Garrett Co. Extension Office. The second part will be at-home assignments which will be completed between

the classroom meetings. The final part will be a four-hour driving & operating session which will be set up between the instructor and the participants. Participants will operate the tractor and equipment on the official 4-H Tractor Operators course. The participants will complete the written and driving test during the driving session.

This is an excellent opportunity for 4-H members to learn more about tractor safety and the tractor operators contest. Garrett County has had many members that have participated at the National Tractor driving event as a result of winning the county and state contests.

While the program is designed for participants who are 14 and 15, we will accept anyone who is 11 years and older who wants to learn more about tractor safety and operation. Participants under 14 will not be able to be certified as a tractor/machinery operator but will gain the knowledge and skills.

The cost for the program will be \$10.00. If you have any questions or to register for the training, call the Garrett County Extension Office at 301-334-6960.

Developing a Crossbreeding Program for Your Beef Herd

Developing a Crossbreeding Program for Your Herd will be held February 28 at 7:00 pm at the Garrett County Extension Office and March 13 at 7:00 pm at a location to be determined in Garrett County.

Dr. Scott Greiner from Virginia Tech, will be presenting a series via Adobe Connect about developing a profitable beef cattle crossbreeding program. Dr. Greiner will be speaking to us live through Adobe Connect, an internet based communication tool.

Call 301-334-6960 to register no later than February 23.

Livestock Home Study Courses Offered by Penn State Extension

Courses begin Feb. 1, 2012

Courses offered for:

- Beef Production
- Sheep Production
- Meat Goat Production

Who Should Sign Up?

Anyone interested in running a profitable beef, sheep, or meat goat operation should sign up. Courses are perfect for beginning producers and a great review for seasoned producers.

Why Home Study?

- You can study and learn about livestock production practices in your own home on your own time schedule.
- You receive one-on-one assistance from a course instructor.
- The course worksheets are designed to help you analyze your own individual operation. (If you don't own livestock yet, simply answer the worksheet questions based on what you plan to do.)
- You will gain a better understanding of the basics of livestock production.

Lesson Topics

- Basic Production
- Nutrition
- Reproduction
- Health Issues
- Marketing Your Livestock
- Financial Information

How Does The Course Work?

- Choose which course(s) you would like to take. (Beef, Sheep or Meat Goat)
- Lesson materials will be mailed or emailed on February 1. Sheep and goat postal participants receive a CD of materials and beef participants receive a notebook of materials.
- Read lesson materials weekly for six weeks
- Read the lesson materials, then complete the lesson worksheet

- Send the worksheet and any questions to the course instructor
- The course instructor makes comments and suggestions and returns worksheet to the participant.

Who are the Course Instructors?

Sheep and Beef Courses

Melanie Barkley

Bedford County Extension Educator

120 W. John Street, Suite 2

Bedford, PA 15522

814.623.4800 meh7@psu.edu

Meat Goat Course

Greg Strait

Fulton County Extension Educator

216 N. Second Street, Suite 1

McConnellsburg, PA 17233

717.485.4111 gls10@psu.edu

To join our Home Study Courses, please register by going to:

<http://guest.cvent.com/d/sdq58>

Or by calling 877-489-1398

Registration deadline: January 23, 2012

Registration Costs

- Sheep Course: Postal Service \$80.00
- Sheep Course: Internet/email \$45.00
- Meat Goat Course: Postal Service \$80.00
- Meat Goat Course: Internet/email \$45.00
- Beef Course: Postal Service \$80.00

For more information:

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Visit Penn State Extension on the web: extension.psu.edu

MD Children's Health Insurance Program Helps Families Care For Their Children

What is MCHIP?

Maryland Children's Health Insurance Program (MCHIP) is a state program that provides free health insurance for children in families who meet income guidelines.

Who is eligible?

Children are eligible if they:

- Live in Maryland
- Are under 19 for MCHIP or MCHIP Premium
- Are under 21 for the Family & Caregiver Program
- Meet income guidelines

MCHIP Premium requires payment of a small monthly premium.

MCHIP Covers:

- Well-child Checkups
- Prescription Drugs
- Dental and Vision Care
- Mental Health Care



- Shots
- Tests & X-rays
- Doctor Visits
- Hospital Stays
- Eyeglasses
- Emergency Care
- Transportation to medical appointments
- **AND MORE...**

Call 301-334-7720 or 301-895-3111 to obtain an application and to learn more about eligibility.

Winter Webinars to Cover Nutrients, Fertilizers, PSI, Ditch Management

The following programs will be offered on-line via Adobe Connect and can also be viewed at the Garrett County Extension Office (see note on March 9th meeting). To access these programs on the internet you will need a computer with speakers and a high-speed internet connection. Space is limited to 80 on-line participants and we will have room for around 20 participants at the Extension Office. Follow the link for each date to register for the online version. If you would like to attend at the Garrett County Extension Office please call the Extension Office at 301-334-6960. There is no cost for these programs.

January 13th – Uncertainties in Utilizing Manure as a Nutrient Source and Nutrient Management Plans for Tree Fruit Crops

2:00pm – 4:00pm

Register at least two days before at: <http://www.agnr.umd.edu/seminars/Description.cfm?ID=174>

February 10th – Fate of Transport of Nutrients in Ditch Drained Agroecosystems and Advanced Ditch Management to Reduce Nutrient Transport

2:00pm – 4:00pm

Register at least two days before at: <http://www.agnr.umd.edu/seminars/Description.cfm?ID=175>

March 9th - Update on the Evolution of the Maryland Phosphorus Site Index and Research on Enhanced Efficiency Fertilizers in Maryland

2:00pm – 4:00pm

Register at least two days before at: <http://www.agnr.umd.edu/seminars/Description.cfm?ID=176>

*A local session will be held at Garrett College in conjunction with the Garrett County Agronomy Meeting. You may just register for the two hour session instead of attending the entire Agronomy Meeting.

Estate Planning Workshops Set

The University of Maryland will be offering three webinars on Farm Estate Planning. Garrett County will be serving as a host site for the webinars. A local team will provide support to the participants in Garrett County.

The webinars will be led by Lori Lynch, Professor and Director of the Center for Agricultural and Natural Resource Policy and Extension Specialist for Land Policy; Wes Musser, Professor and Extension Specialist for Farm Management and Dale Johnson, Extension Specialist for Farm Management.

The sessions will be held on February 28th, March 6th, and March 13th from 9:30am to 12:30pm. Participants will receive information on estate planning

during the webinar and then have a week to work through the details with their family. The local team will be available to assist individual families with the estate planning process.

The overall goal of the program is to help families work through the details necessary to prepare them to work with a lawyer on an estate plan.

More details on the program will be available around the middle of January. If you are interested in receiving more information about the estate planning workshop please call the Extension Office at 301-334-6960 and we will mail you complete information as it becomes available.

Nutrient Management Plan Updates

This is just a reminder that most farms need an annual update for their nutrient management plan. Yearly we need updated information on your crop rotations, manure sample results, and animal numbers. We will need new soil sample results if your soil results are older than three years.

Contact Jill Hauser, Nutrient Management Advisor at the

Extension Office to submit your information or to discuss your plan.

Also do not forget to return your Annual Implementation Report to Maryland Department of Agriculture. If you need assistance with completing the report, give us a call or stop by the office. Failure to return the report will result in a fine.

Garrett Growers Incorporates

In the December 2010, a group of fresh fruit and vegetable producers started meeting for the purpose of organizing local sales of fresh produce to area restaurants and grocery stores. During the summer and fall of 2011 the group delivered to four local restaurants and grocery stores.

The group has also been working on getting Garrett Growers incorporated as an agriculture cooperative. In December of 2011, Garrett Growers was officially recognized as an incorporated agriculture cooperative. As an agriculture cooperative the members purchase a set number of shares in the coop. Members of the cooperative must, by law, be entities that are utilizing the goods

and services of the business, which in this case is marketing fresh fruits and vegetables.

The major function of Garrett Growers is to coordinate the production of fresh fruits and vegetables to meet the demand of specific local markets. The farmer members are currently working on developing plans for production and marketing for the summer and fall of 2012.

University of Maryland Extension through a grant from Northeast Sustainable Agriculture Research and Education division of USDA has been assisting with the development of markets and marketing materials.

What's Happening?

January 13-14, 2012

Future Harvest - Chesapeake Alliance for Sustainable Agriculture: Farm to Institution: Making Local Food Economies a Reality
Landsdown, VA
www.futureharvestcasa.org

January 13
Winter Webinar #1:
Uncertainties in Utilizing...
2:00 - 4:00 pm

January 19
Tri-State Hay & Pasture
Conference
Garrett College

January 21
Mt. Top Fruit & Vegetable
Conference
Garrett College

January 23 (Tentative)
Private Pesticide Applicator
Test
3:00 pm Extension Office.

January 31-February 2
MidAtlantic Fruit and
Vegetable Convention
Hershey, PA
www.mafvc.org

February 1-4, 2012
PASA, Pennsylvania
Association for Sustainable
Agriculture Conference
State College, PA
www.pasafarming.org

February 4
Mid-Atlantic Poultry Expo
8:30 am - 3:30 pm
UMD Extension in Carroll Co.

February 6th
Sam's Agway Crop Meeting
9:30am - 2:30pm
Pleasant Valley Community
Center
Contact Sam's Agway at
301-334-3444 to register.
Private applicator pesticide
recertification credits.

February 8th
David N. Yoder 2012 Crop
Meeting
9:15am - 2:30pm
Springs Community Building

Contact David at 301-895-4056 to register. Private applicator pesticide recertification credits.

February 10
Winter Webinar #2: Fate of
Transport of Nutrients...
2:00 - 4:00 pm

February 28 & March 13
Developing a Crossbreeding
Program for your Herd
7:00 pm

March 1-3, 2012
West Virginia Small Farms
Conference
Waterfront Conference
Center, Morgantown, WV
smallfarmcenter.ext.wvu.edu

March 1
Winter Blues Farmers Market
4:00 - 7:00 pm
Morgantown, WV

March 8 - May 31, Thursdays
Master Gardener Training
6:00 - 9:00 pm
Garrett Co. Extension Office

March 9th
Garrett County Agronomy
Meeting
9:00 - 3:30pm
Winter Webinar #3: Update
on the Evolution of the...
2:00 - 4:00 pm
Garrett College

March 12th
Maryland Nutrient
Applicator Voucher Renewal
Session
7:00pm - 9:00pm
Pleasant Valley Community
Center
Contact the Garrett County
Extension office to register at
301-334-6960.

March 13, 27
April 10, 24
National Safe Tractor &
Machinery Training
6:00 - 9:00 pm
Garrett Co. Extension Office

March 23-24
Maryland-Delaware Sheep
Shearing School
Westminster, MD

2012 Maryland-Delaware Sheep Shearing School for Beginners

Date: March 23 and 24, 2012 (Friday and Saturday)

Place: Ridgely Thompson Farm, 1942 Uniontown Road, Westminster, MD 21157. Directions: From Baltimore Beltway (I-695) take 795 North to Rt. 140 to Westminster. Follow 140 around Westminster until the dual lane highway turns into single lane at blinker light at Rt. 31; turn left on Rt. 31, go to second light and turn right on to Uniontown Road, go about 3 miles and farm is on right side.

Time: 9:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Sponsor: University of Maryland and Delaware Extension, the Maryland Sheep Breeders' Association, Inc. and the Delaware Sheep and Wool Producers Association

Registration Deadline: March 19, 2012. All registrations must be in advance accompanied by an \$80.00 per person fee.

Note! There will be no registration later than March 19 or the day of the school. Participation is limited to the first 25 people who register.

(This is done so the class can be kept to a size that will afford the best learning opportunities.)

Minimum Age: 16 years

What You Need to Bring: lunch including drinks (no facilities for lunch are close by), comfortable clothes and shoes, gloves, a body with the strength and willingness to learn to shear sheep.

Note! Shearing machines will be provided.

You Will Learn: The New Zealand method of shearing sheep; How to adjust and care for hand-held shearing machines; How to set and adjust blades on these shearing machines; How to properly handle wool after shearing.

(NOTE: We do not teach blade shearing)

Each registrant will receive an ASI Shearing Notebook and instructional DVD.

Registration information is available at garrett.umd.edu under "agriculture events" or by calling 301-334-6960.

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Farm Service Agency
301-334-6954

MPWW Meat Goat Producers Assn.
301-334-4121

Garrett County Soil Conservation District
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