26th Annual Harvest Breakfast

Friday, November 13th, 2015
Queen Anne’s County 4H Park
Doors Open 6:45am
Program Begins 7:30am

RSVP to QAC Extension (410) 758-0166
Before November 8th

Gratitude is the open door to abundance,
let us share our abundance to those in need.
We ask that you bring a monetary donation or
non-perishable food item(s) upon entry which
will be shared with our local community food-banks.

Topic: Agriculture’s Impact
Speaker: Miss Maryland Agriculture 2015
Jenell Eck

PRIVATE PESTICIDE APPLICATOR EXAM
November 24, 2015, 6:00 p.m.
UME Cecil Co. Extension Office, Elkton, MD.
To register call 410-996-5280.
Core Manuals are available between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. M-F.
If anyone wants to meet to review items for the exam, please call and schedule a time to meet.
**NOVEMBER 2015:**

**01 -** DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME ENDS! SET CLOCKS BACK 1 HOUR.

**03 -** Farm Succession Planning Workshop, 8:30 p.m.-9:00 p.m., Kent County Extension, DE

**05 -** Poultry Growers Meeting, 11:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m., Tilghman Terrace meeting room, Centreville, MD. Biosecurity Update from MDA, Jo Chapman, DMV.

**05 -** Ag GaG Webinar Thursday, November 5, 2015 from 1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m. (EST) go.umd.edu/AgGaGWebinar

**06-7** 12th Annual Small Farm Conference sponsored by UMES. Register at: http://www.eventbrite.com/e/12th-annual-small-farm-conference-tickets-18036971066

**10 -** Timely Ag Issues, 7:30 a.m., Tilghman Terrace, Centreville, MD. $2/person: coffee, donuts, etc.

**11 -** VETERAN’S DAY - Cecil, Kent & Queen Anne’s Offices closed.

**13 -** Harvest Breakfast, Queen Anne’s County 4-H Park, 7:30 a.m., Queen Anne’s Co. 4-H Park, Centreville, MD. RSVP by Nov. 8 to 410-758-0166.

**15 -** Lawn Fertilizer Blackout Date for Homeowners. Go to: http://mda.maryland.gov/Pages/fertilizer.aspx

**17-19 Mid Atlantic Crop Management School, Princess Royale Hotel in Ocean City. More p.3 Register at:** https://www.psla.umd.edu/extension/md-crops

**19 -** Can Food Production and a Clean Chesapeake Bay Co-exist? 6:30 p.m., Decker Theater, Washington College. Panel discussion by farmers, environmentalists and local residents. Hon. Wayne Gilchrest, Moderator.

**20 -** Ag & Environmental Law Conference, 8:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m., Doubletree Hotel, Annapolis, MD.


**24 -** Timely Ag Issues, 7:30 a.m., Tilghman Terrace, Centreville, MD. $2/person: coffee, donuts, etc.

26-27 UME Extension Offices closed in observance of Thanksgiving Holiday.

**DECEMBER 2015:**

**01 -** Private Pesticide Applicator Recertification and Nutrient Management Voucher Training, 6:00-9:00 p.m., Kent County Extension Office, Chestertown. Must pre-register by calling 410-778-1661.

**03 -** Estate Planning, Chesapeake College, Wye Mills.

**04 -** Private Pesticide Applicator Training, 9:00-11:00 a.m., Queen Anne’s County Extension Office, Centreville, MD. Pre-register by calling 410-758-0166.

**08 -** New Poultry Grower Workshop, Caroline County 4-H Park, 8:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. More info to follow.

**08 -** Profitability With Specialty Fruits and Vegetables, 9:00 a.m.- 4:00 p.m., Wye Res. & Ed Center, Queenstown, MD, Call by Nov. 24 to register: 410-827-8056 x115.

**10 -** Farm Transition Workshop, 8:30 a.m. -1:00 p.m., Chesapeake College, Wye Mills, MD. To register: http://keepingthefarminthefamily.eventbrite.com For more information contact Shannon Dill sdill@umd.edu or 410-822-1244.

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**AGRONOMY NEWS - CURRENT ISSUE**
https://extension.umd.edu/anne-arundel-county/agriculture-natural-

**FRUIT & VEGETABLE NEWSLETTER - CURRENT ISSUE**
https://extension.umd.edu/anne-arundel-county/agriculture/vegetable-fruit-

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**Animal & Avian Sciences Fall Newsletter**
Below is the link to the latest Newsletter of the Department of Animal and Avian Sciences at the University of Maryland. It highlights activities, events and achievements within the department. We hope that you enjoy the update. http://issuu.com/
EPA Proposes Changes to Private Applicator Rule (Your Private Applicator Pesticide License)

Comment Period Open Until November 23, 2015

The EPA is proposing to change rules for certification of private applicators. They have proposed changes to standardize rules across state borders. This includes:

- Stricter standards
- All applicators being at least 18 years old.
- A CEU being 50 minutes long (it is currently 30).
- Private applicators would need 5 hours of education every three years.

Read all of the proposed changes in bold here:

Comment on the proposed changes at http://www.regulations.gov in docket number EPA-HQ-OPP-2011-0183. EPA is accepting comments on the proposal until November 23, 2015.

AG GAG WEBINAR, Thursday, November 5, 2015 from 1:00 PM to 2:00 PM (EST)

Please see the attached announcement for an upcoming webinar covering the recent ag gag ruling. The webinar will cover the constitutional law issues raised by the judge’s opinion and avenues still available to agricultural producers. You can register at go.umd.edu/AgGagWebinar.

Our speakers will be Prof. Erin Hawley of the University of Missouri’s School of Law and Ashley Newhall of the Department of Agricultural and Resource Economics and the Agriculture Law Education Initiative.

New #WomenInAg Infographics Show Impact of Women in Agriculture in Every State

Posted by Alyn Kiel, USDA Office of Communications

From the classroom to the farm to the boardroom, women in agriculture are helping to pave the way for a better future. As leaders, it is our responsibility to make sure the next generation of women are educated, encouraged and empowered to take on the challenges of meeting the world’s growing food, fuel and fiber needs. To celebrate and honor the contributions of women in agriculture, USDA is releasing a series of state-by-state infographics detailing the impact women have on agriculture in each state and across the country. Be sure to share these infographics on social media or print them to help tell the story of women in ag in your state!

Over the past few months, we’ve also been featuring the powerful stories of women in agriculture on the USDA blog. By following the #womeninag tag on the USDA blog, you can read first-person accounts from women like Carissa Koopmann Rivers, a fifth generation cow/calf rancher from Sunol, California, Casey Cox, the Executive Director of the Flint River Soil and Water Conservation District, and Dr. Jewel Hairston, the Dean of the College of Agriculture at Virginia State University.

To coincide with the release of the new infographics, each day this week, we’ll feature advice and stories from women in agriculture at various stages in their lives and careers. Be sure to check back on the USDA blog later today for our first of five #womeninag blogs this week, featuring Katy Coba, the Director of the Oregon Department of Agriculture.

Mid-Atlantic Crop Management School

Nov. 17 to Nov. 19
Ocean City, MD.

Register for MACMS online at: https://www.SignUp4.net/public/ap.aspx?EID=20154802E. The site will go active in the next few days. If you prefer a pdf version of the MACMS brochure, please email Richard Taylor at rtaylor@udel.edu.

The program for 2015 has now been set and the online registration website will go active as of 5:00 p.m. on Friday, September 18, 2015. Everyone is welcome to attend. Local and regional farmers, independent consultants, certified crop advisers, nutrient management consultants, and agency and university professionals join together to learn the latest on a wide range of topics from local, regional, and even national speakers. Sessions on pest management, crop management, soil and water management, fertility management and some interactive sessions will be offered. Certified Crop Adviser (CCA), Nutrient Management, and Pesticide credits are available. Continuing education credits are available from a number of states in the region including Delaware, Maryland, West Virginia, Virginia, New Jersey, and Pennsylvania. There are 43 different talks to choose from over the 2.5 day school. Some of the topics that will be covered are:

* Effects of Stress on Corn Early in the Season
* High Yield Soybeans: Is There a Recipe? Roundtable Discussion
* Row Crop Planters – Wider, Faster, or Both
* Lime Rate and Its Relationship to Fertility and Soil Type
* Nitrogen Release from Non-chemical Fertilizers
* The Intersection of Cover Crops and Weed Control
* Future Technologies for Herbicide Resistance Weed Management
* Understanding and Identifying Stalk Rots in Corn
Can Food Production and a Clean Chesapeake Bay Coexist?
6:30 p.m. | November 19
Decker Theater, Washington College

We all want clean water and vibrant rivers. We all need food to survive, but farming practices are often blamed for the deterioration of the Chesapeake Bay. Can we have both?

Join us at 6:30 pm on Thursday, Nov. 19 for a panel discussion by farmers, environmentalists, and local residents about challenges and successes in the effort to achieve a healthier Chesapeake Bay while continuing to produce food. The event is free and open to the public. The discussion will be driven by questions from the audience.

The agricultural perspective will be represented by Sean Jones, a dairy farmer in Massey, Md., Trey Hill, a row crop farmer in Rock Hall, Md., and Mike Twining, a representative with Willard Agri-Service. The environmental perspective will be provided by Kim Coble, a Vice President of Chesapeake Bay Foundation, and Jeff Horstman, Miles-Wye Riverkeeper in Easton, Md. Judy Denver, a hydrologist with the US Geological Survey, will explain the findings of recent scientific studies of nutrient movement through our groundwater. The lively discussion, driven by audience questions, will be moderated by Rep. Wayne Gilchrest. This event is co-hosted by the Sassafras River Association and the Chesapeake Bay Association.

Panelists
Kim Coble – VP Environmental Protection and Restoration, Chesapeake Bay Foundation, Annapolis, Md.
Trey Hill – Harborview Farms, Rock Hall, Md.
Jeff Horstman – Miles-Wye RIVERKEEPER®; Midshore Riverkeeper Conservancy, Easton, Md.
Sean Jones – Jones Family Farm, Massey, Md.
Mike Twining – VP Sales and Marketing, Willard Agri-Service, Dover, Delaware

Moderator; Hon. Wayne Gilchrest – Education Programs Director, Sassafras Environmental Education Center

http://www.sassafrasriver.org/whatwedo/Panel_Media_Advisory.pdf

Farm Diversification: Profitability with Specialty Fruits and Vegetables
Tuesday, December 8, 2015
9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Wye Research and Education Center, Queenstown, MD

Farm diversification opens opportunity and increases potential profitability! Adding specialty fruit and vegetable crops to your farm can increase profit margins several ways. Like diversifying in the stock market, engaging in more than one enterprise and adding value to what you already grow will spread profit risk, not to mention the “growing” interests in locally produced foods. Extension Educators and local growers come together to present their ideas during this one-day program to help you increase your knowledge on specialty crops, processing, marketing and the University services available to help you.

Lunch will be served and will feature some specialty crop foods. There will be a $20 per person fee to cover expenses.

Call Debby Dant to register by November 24th, 2015 at 410-827-8056 X115. Please contact Andrew Ristvey for program details at 410-827-8056 X113, aristvey@umd.edu. Wye Research is located at 124 Wye Narrows Drive, Queenstown, MD, 21658.

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Maryland Value Added Producer Grants for Capital Equipment Now Available From MARBIDCO

MARYLAND (October 15, 2015) ... The Maryland Agricultural and Resource-Based Industry Development Corporation (MARBIDCO) has announced a grant funding opportunity to encourage Maryland's agricultural producers to expand or diversify their business operations by installing capital equipment to make a product that is “value added.” Eligible applicants must be a crop or livestock producer or processor, agricultural cooperative, seafood processor, or primary or secondary timber products processor, and have been in business for a minimum of two years. Applicants can receive up to $15,000 for projects such as production buildings and major fixtures, livestock or seafood processing facilities, fruit or vegetable processing facilities, creamery production equipment, timber or wood products facilities and manure digesters. Cash matching funds are required, and must be at least equal to the amount of grant funds requested. The submission deadline for applications seeking to receive MVAPG-Capital Assets Option grants from MARBIDCO is Monday, December 14, 2015; by 4:00 p.m. (Applications received in the mail with a Saturday, December 12, 2015, postmark will also be accepted). Grant award announcements will be made by late January 2016. Late applications will not be accepted.

Please visit the MARBIDCO website for more information and to download the MVAPG-Capital Assets Option application form: www.marbidco.org/applications. Questions about the MVAPG-Capital Assets Option Program may also be addressed by contacting Andra Davis, MARBIDCO Financial Programs Specialist, at (410) 267-6807.
The conference is geared toward members of the agriculture community, including farmers, agricultural and environmental attorneys, regulators, agriculture professionals, environmental associations, and elected officials. ALEI hopes the Conference will advance the dialogue about the complex system of environmental laws that affect farmers across Maryland. Discussion topics to include:

- Nutrient Credit Trading
- The Maryland Animal Feeding Operations (AFO) General Permit
- Bay Leasing for Shellfish Aquaculture
- Anaerobic Digesters on the Farm: Policy, Legal and Science Panel Discussion
- On-Farm Conservation Practices

Speakers will include Maryland Secretary of the Environment, Ben Grumbles. For more information, please email umaglaw@umd.edu.

The Agriculture Law Education Initiative is a collaboration between the University of Maryland Francis King Carey School of Law and College of Agriculture & Natural Resources, University of Maryland, College Park. Through the University of Maryland Extension - the statewide, non-formal agriculture education system - the collaboration partners with the School of Agricultural and Natural Sciences, University of Maryland Eastern Shore.

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Farm Transition Workshop to Take Place

A 1-day workshop will take place on December 10, 2015 at Chesapeake College-Wye Mills for those agricultural producers interested in learning the components that go into a successful farm transition.

Keeping the Farm in the Family: Tips on Farm Transition Planning will involve a single day workshop from 8:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m. The workshop will focus on business and personal goal setting, financial analysis, human resources, family communications, and estate planning. The workshop will feature Dale Johnson, farm management specialist, and Henry Leonard, III, C.P.A., CBIZ MHM, LLC and C. Lee Gordon, Esq, Parker, Counts, Melton & Goodman, P.C.

The workshop is hosted by the Agriculture Law Education Initiative, the Department of Agricultural and Resource Economics, University of Maryland Extension, and with funding from USDA-Risk Management Agency. The workshop costs $10/person and includes a lunch and refreshments. To register online visit http://keepingthefarminthefamily.eventbrite.com for more information contact Shannon Dill at sdill@umd.edu or 410-822-1244.