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Garrett County Ag Newsletter

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Healthy Soil for Your Farm



Are you interested in better understanding your soil and how to have a healthy soil? University of Maryland and Maryland Department of Agriculture are offering a workshop on Healthy Soils for Your Farm.

The workshop will be held on March 19th at Garrett College in McHenry in Rm 111 of the Garrett Information Enterprise Center from 9:30 am to 2:30 pm. The program will include soil evaluation using the Maryland Soil Health Card, other tests and measures of soil health, cover crops, planting no till vegetable crops and funding for soil health practices.

Please register by March 15th by calling Garrett College at 301-387-3069. Lunch will be provided and there is no cost for the meeting.

Nutrient Management Reminders

Since we have passed March 1st, a few deadlines have passed that affect nutrient management. First, you can spread manure provided the ground is not covered with snow or frozen. Second, the Annual Implementation Report (AIR) was due on March 1st. If you have not sent it in, do so right away to avoid any sort of fine from the Maryland Department of Agriculture. If you have not called in and requested a plan be written for 2024, please do so as soon as possible as we have a long list of folks already.



Now is a great time to get soil and manure samples as well if you are needing those for your 2024 plan. While we no longer send out manure and soil samples, we do have soil bags, manure bottles, probes and all the paperwork needed to send out samples. The sample information comes back to us on email which makes completing plans simpler. Soil samples are \$10 for basic samples and manure samples \$45 through Spectrum Analytic. We have a list of other labs if you are looking for a different lab.

Appalachian Farm and Food Alliance Seeking Board of Director Members



The newly formed non-profit organization Appalachian Farm and Food Alliance (AFFA) is seeking individuals to serve on the Board of Directors. The purpose of the AFFA is to facilitate collaboration between agricultural and food system service providers to educate the public and provide solutions for food insecurity through the creation of a resilient, sustainable, and equitable food and agriculture system across the region. We would like to have board of directors come from a wide variety of agriculture areas as well as others in the food system including restaurants, food pantries,

health services, etc.

If you would like to serve as a director or would like to nominate someone, contact Willie Lantz and you will be sent a nomination form. The next meeting of the AFFA will be March 26th at 6:30pm at the Garrett County Extension Office. If you have any questions or to request a nomination form contact Willie at 301-334-6960 or wlantz@umd.edu.

Mt. Fresh Farmers Market Applications Due April 1st



The Mt. Fresh Farmers Market is now taking applications for vendors for the 2024 Summer Season which runs from June 1st to Oct 31st. The market is located at the pavilion in the Oakland town park and operates on Wednesdays and Saturdays from 10am to

1pm. If you are interested in applying to be a vendor the applications are due by April 1st and are available on the Mt. Fresh website at mountainfresh.org. For questions or to request an application contact Melissa Bolyard at 301-334-6960 or Levi Lantz at 240-442-7189.

GSCD Fruit Tree & Bush Fundraiser

Sales of Fruit Trees and Bushes benefit GSCD's outreach endeavors such as the scholarship and help pay for costs not covered with State funding which are associated with GSCD administering programs to help farmers and landowners in Garrett County. The deadline to order is April 1. Distribution will be mid April. Those ordering will be notified of the date as it draws closer.

Garrett Soil Conservation District's Fruit Tree & Bush Fundraiser

Apples

- **Albemarle Pippen** - cider
- **Fuji** - long storage
- **Yellow Transparent** - old fashioned applesauce
- **Gala** - #1 fresh eating
- **GoldRush** - easy to grow
- **Autumn Crisp** - more vitamin C
- **Crimson Crisp** - superior to Honey Crisp
- **Ruby Rush** - grow organically

Pears

- Potomac
- Barlett

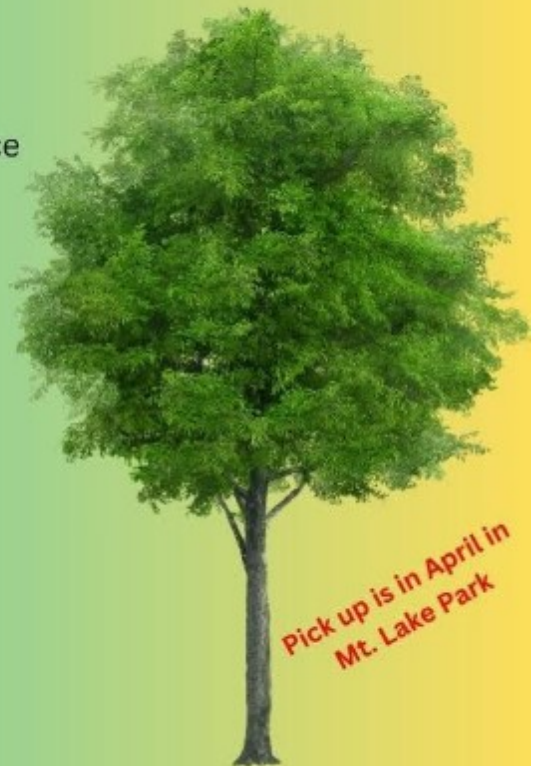
Plums

- Long John
- Castleton

Cherry

- Montmorency

Plus:
Blueberries
Raspberries
Elderberries



<https://garrettsoilconservation.org>

Scholarship Opportunity



**GARRETT SOIL
CONSERVATION DISTRICT**

**2024
\$1000 SCHOLARSHIP**

Now Open- Deadline May 1, 2024

<https://garrettscd.org/scholarship>

Planning to attend college fall 2024 and major in Agriculture, Natural Resources, or related field. 3.0 or better gpa. Attended high school in Garrett County, MD - public; private; or homeschool. Currently in high school, graduated, or in college.

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[Agronomy News](#)

The **Fruit & Vegetable News** is a timely publication for the commercial vegetable and fruit industry available electronically from April through October. Published by the University of Maryland Extension Agriculture and Food Systems team.

[Fruit & Vegetable News](#)

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