

For Immediate Release

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## Farm O Gram

**Winchester, VA ~ Feeder Cattle (\$/100wt.) (As of 12/02/2024)**

**Steers:**

300 – 400	\$305.00 - \$333.00
400 - 500	\$227.00 - \$333.00
500 - 600	\$225.00 - \$301.00
600 - 700	\$237.00 - \$293.00
700 - 800	\$180.00 - \$249.00
800 - 900	\$212.00 - \$235.00

**Heifers:**

300 - 400	\$200.00 - \$280.00
400 - 500	\$197.00 - \$277.00
500 - 600	\$200.00 - \$251.00
600 – 700	\$175.00 - \$235.00
700 - 800	\$197.00 - \$216.00
800 - 900	\$175.00 - \$208.00

**Slaughter Cows:**

Breaker	\$107.00 - \$111.00
Boner	\$ 97.00 - \$115.00
Lean	\$ 71.00 - \$100.00

**Maryland Grain Bids Prices per Bushel (As of 12/03/2024)**

#2 Shelled Corn	\$4.72 - \$5.12
#1 Soybeans	\$9.16 - \$9.46
#1 Wheat	\$5.44

**Wolgemuth Hay Auction ~ New Holland Hay and Straw Prices per Ton (As of 11/25/2024)**

Alfalfa	\$250.00 - \$380.00
Mixed Hay	\$175.00 - \$320.00
Wheat Straw	\$130.00 - \$215.00

## Ag Happenings

**Pesticide Recertification and New Pesticide Licenses-**If your private applicator pesticide license expires in December of 2024, you should receive a card in the mail from Maryland Department of Agriculture. The postcard will have information about how to renew your pesticide licenses. You will only receive that postcard if you have enough recertification credits. You will receive a letter if you do not have enough credits to renew. The last December session for anyone needing recertification credit will be held Monday, December 16th, at the Extension Office in Oakland from 6-8 pm. You can call the extension office at 301-334-6960 to register for either of those dates. We will also hold a class for anyone who wishes to take the private applicator pesticide exam on Monday, January 23rd, from 5:30 pm to 8:30 pm. The class will be a review of materials that will be on the exam. The private applicator allows farmers to apply restricted-use pesticides to land they own and manage. The exam can be taken online, or we will schedule one later in the winter. Study materials are available online or for purchase (hard copies) at the Extension Office. Call the office at 301-334-6960 or stop in and let us know if you want to take the exam or get study materials.

**Winter Ban on Spreading Manure Begins December 16**

The Maryland Department of Agriculture reminds farmers that the winter ban on spreading manure and other nutrient sources on cropland, including food-processing residuals (FPRs) begins December 16, 2024. Farmers may resume spreading on March 1, 2025, based on their nutrient management plan recommendations, as long as fields are not saturated, snow-covered, or hard-frozen.

Maryland's nutrient management regulations prohibit farmers from spreading manure and other nutrient sources on fields in winter due to the increased risk of runoff into local waterways. Farmers are required to store liquid manure sources generated on farms in structures. The department is authorized to work with livestock farmers to

prevent overflows from storage structures and minimize impacts on water quality. In these instances, farmers must contact the Nutrient Management Program for emergency authorization before spreading occurs.

Temporary field stockpiling of “stackable” poultry litter and other qualifying organic nutrient sources is allowed if the moisture content is 60% or less. Farmers may not apply stackable organic nutrient sources to fields in winter under any conditions.

Farmers should contact their regional nutrient management specialist if they have storage concerns, questions about the regulations, or need guidance on storage requirements. For more information, please visit the department’s Nutrient Management Program website.