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Local Workshops Held

Recently, Maryland Department of Agriculture and Freedom AG and Energy recently partnered with University of Maryland Extension to deliver local farmers three workshops which provided an overview regarding pesticide record keeping and storage, productive crops, soil health, nitrogen management, pest management, produce safety to name just a few topics. Farmers were able to obtain Private Applicator Pesticide and Nutrient Applicator Vouchers and Consultant recertification credits for attending.



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WESTERN MD AGRONOMY
MEETING

Deer Cooperator License Permit



Maryland farmers and landowners facing deer damage have several management strategies available. Common options include installing fencing to deter deer, using repellents (chemical or natural) to discourage feeding, and implementing controlled hunting to manage deer populations.

Obtaining a Deer Cooperator License is the last line of defense when fighting deer damage. For more information, visit [Maryland Department of Natural Resources](https://www.dnr.state.md.us/) website for details on how to apply for a permit.

Nutrient Management Update



Nutrient management planning is in full swing as farmers plan their 2025 crops and nutrient applications.

Maryland law requires all farmers grossing at least \$2,500 a year or livestock producers with 8,000 pounds or more of live animal weight to follow nutrient management plans when fertilizing crops and managing animal manure.

Farmers are required to have an updated nutrient management plan before applying nutrients to their soil.

2025 Nutrient Management Plans have been written for 92 producers on 12,669 acres in Garrett County so far.

If you have questions about nutrient management or are in need of a nutrient management plan for your operation email or call Andrea at auphold@umd.edu or 301-334-6960

Farmers Encouraged To Participate In TAPS Program

Researchers at the University of Maryland are inviting growers across the state to participate in their University of Maryland – Testing Ag Performance Solutions (UMD-TAPS) program this year. The program is supported by the Maryland Soybean Board and will run throughout the summer.

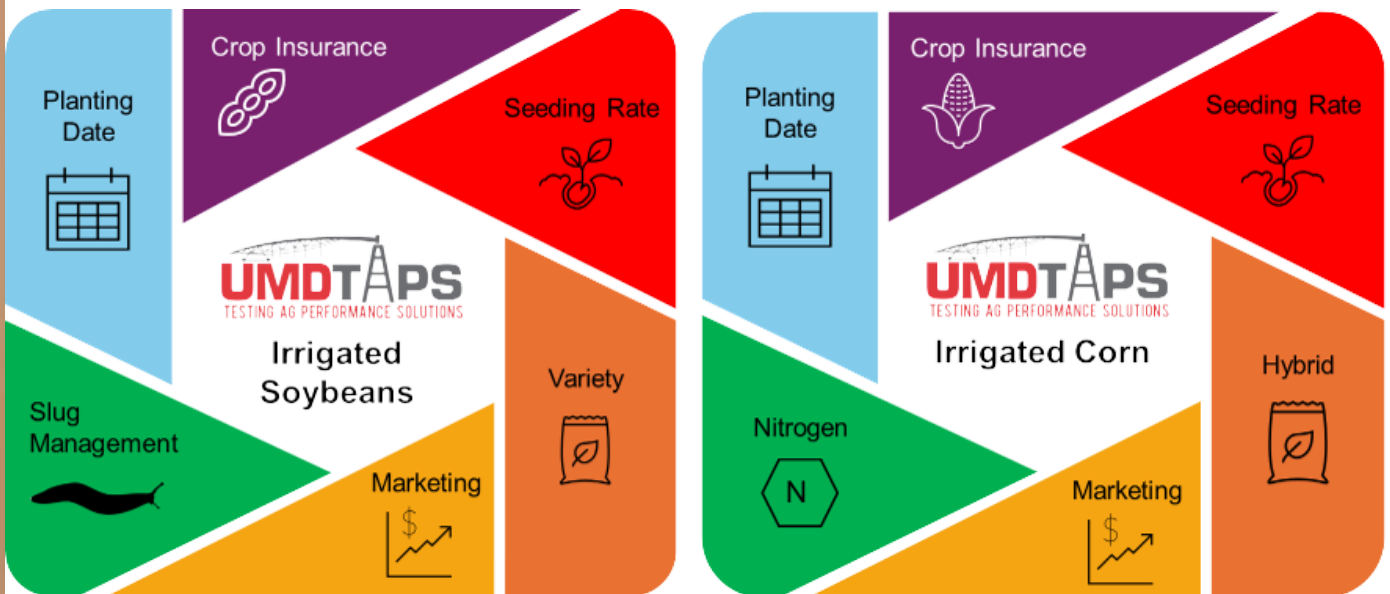
Piloted at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, the TAPS program provides farmers with a zero-risk opportunity to advance their agricultural management skills and knowledge. It serves as a growing season contest and research framework, designed to uncover how producers' management decisions drive crop yields, farm profitability, and input- use efficiency.



Growers must make decisions about variety selection, fertility, pest management, and irrigation and their management decisions will be executed in small plots at the Wye Research and Education Center. Decisions made by all participants will be executed in one field, in a true head-to-head competition. The goal is to identify which suite of management decisions will become the most profitable, efficient, and highest yielding. Researchers at the Maryland Agricultural Experimentation Station (MAES) WYE Research and Education Center will lead the program and gather data on each plot to share with farmers.

When the season ends, growers will participate in an awards dinner where they will gain access to valuable data sets to help them enhance their agricultural operations. The irrigated corn competition is limited to 20 teams and the irrigated soybean competition is limited to 15 teams. Due to limited availability, researchers urge teams to sign up as soon as possible.

Interested applicants can sign up using the QR code by visiting <http://bit.ly/UMDTAPS25> . For any questions, please reach out to Dr. Nicole Fiorellino at nfiorell@umd.edu.



Statewide Agriculture Newsletters



Newsletters from UME offer informative, researched-based information that the reader can put into practice. Informative articles include crop production, disease information, animal science, and upcoming programs. Take a closer look at the newsletters listed below.

The **Agronomy News** is a statewide newsletter for farmers, consultants, researchers, and educators interested in grain and row crop forage production systems. This newsletter is published once a month during the growing season and will include topics pertinent to agronomic crop production. Subscribers will receive an email with the latest edition.

[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.

[Vegetable & Fruit News](#)

For more than 30 years, **Branching Out** has kept Maryland woodland owners and managers informed about ways to develop and enhance their natural areas, how to identify and control invasive plants and insects, and about news and regional online and in person events.

[Branching Out](#)

Maryland Forage Focus



The University of Maryland Forage Extension Program offers a wealth of resources and educational opportunities designed to support those involved in forage production and management. By signing up for monthly updates, you can stay informed about upcoming programming, workshops, and events that can enhance your knowledge and skills in this field. Additionally, you'll gain

access to a variety of useful resources, including research findings, best practices, and expert advice tailored to the needs of forage producers. To ensure you don't miss out on these valuable insights and opportunities, visit the provided link to subscribe and receive the latest information directly in your inbox. Sign up at this [link](#) to start receiving these resources.

Update AG Client Contact Information

Please [click here](#) to update your contact information and to stay updated on everything agriculture-related in Garrett County and the tri-state area.

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