

# FARM NOTES

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## UME NUTRIENT MANAGEMENT UPDATE

*University of Maryland Press Release*

University of Maryland Extension (UME) has launched an enhanced nutrient management planning process designed to adapt to modern farming practices and operations that better align with Maryland’s agricultural regulations and environmental goals. Moving forward, UME will now administer and coordinate statewide nutrient management planning following the finalization of the agreement between the College of Agriculture and Natural Resources (AGNR) and the Maryland Department of Agriculture.

This reinvigorated effort marks a significant opportunity for enhanced collaboration between UME led advisors and the farming community. The program will build on its prior successes and service model that includes no cost nutrient management plans; soil, manure and tissue sampling assistance and guidance; farmer training and certification; continuing education training opportunities, and much more.

Maryland law requires farmers grossing at least \$2,500 a year or livestock producers with at least 8,000 pounds of live animal weight to follow nutrient management plans when fertilizing crops and managing animal manure. Nutrient management plans specify how much fertilizer, manure or other nutrient sources may be safely applied to crops to achieve yields and prevent excess nutrients from impacting waterways.

Key highlights of the reinvigorated program:

**Statewide Coverage:** UME will increase staffing to provide nutrient management planning coverage across the entire state. Farmers across Maryland can benefit from this service, ensuring sustainable and responsible agricultural practices.

**Staffing and Training:** As part of this initiative, the university is in the process of hiring and training additional nutrient management advisors. These advisors will play a crucial role in assisting farmers and facilitating compliance with Maryland’s regulations. There are multiple positions statewide at various locations, with more information available at <https://ejobs.umd.edu/postings/113947>.

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**Scientifically Grounded Plans:** Nutrient management plans developed through this program are rooted in scientific principles and adhere to Maryland's regulatory framework, promoting both profitable and sustainable farming practices.

“The University of Maryland Extension is committed to the improvement of this program and increasing farmer accessibility to help them meet their regulatory goals and preserve Maryland’s waterways,” said Craig Beyrouthy, dean and director of AGNR. “We are thrilled to launch this new model in our ongoing efforts to support Maryland’s agricultural community.”

The University of Maryland Extension encourages all farmers and stakeholders interested in nutrient management planning to reach out to their respective county Extension offices. These offices serve as valuable resources and points of contact for accessing this essential service and connecting with trained advisors. For more information on the UME Nutrient Management Program, visit [go.umd.edu/anmp](https://go.umd.edu/anmp) and for a list of Extension offices visit <https://extension.umd.edu/locations>.

**UPCOMING PROGRAMS FOR PESTICIDE AND NUTRIENT MANAGEMENT CREDITS & NEW APPLICATORS**

Upcoming Programs for Pesticide & Nutrient Management Credits			
Date & Time	Program	Location	Registration
November 29, 2023 6 – 8 p.m.	Private Applicator Recertification	Carroll County Extension Office	Call 410-386-2760
December 6, 2023 6 – 8 p.m.	Nutrient Management Voucher Training	MAVFC Reception Hall Mt. Airy	Call 301-590-2807 or 410-313-2707
December 7, 2023 8 a.m. – 12 p.m.	Northern Maryland Field Crops Day*	Friendly Farms Restaurant, Upperco	Call 410-887-8090
January 11, 2024 9 a.m. – 2 p.m.	Carroll County Mid-Winter Meeting*	Carroll County Ag Center, Burns Hall	Call 410-386-2760
February 5, 2024 5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.	Private Applicator Recertification	Carroll County Extension Office	Call 410-386-2760
February 22, 2024 6 – 8 p.m.	New Private Applicator Training (optional)	Carroll County Extension Office	Call 410-386-2760
February 29, 2024 6 – 8 p.m.	New Private Applicator Exam	Carroll County Extension Office	Call 410-386-2760
March 4, 2024 5:30 – 7:30 p.m.	Nutrient Management Voucher Training	Carroll County Extension Office	Call 410-386-2760

*\*Satisfies credits for BOTH pesticide and nutrient management*

Online, self-paced, Nutrient Management Voucher training and Private Pesticide Applicator Recertification is available, free of charge through UME by visiting: <https://umeagfs.teachable.com/>





**Maryland Sheep Breeders Association**  
**Sheep Shearing School – Beginners Session**  
**Registration Form**

What:	MSBA workshop to teach sheep owners and aspiring commercial shearers to properly shear sheep using electric, hand-held shearing machines. Blade shearing will <b>NOT</b> be taught. Participants will learn: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• the New Zealand method of sheep shearing,</li> <li>• the care and adjustment of electric, hand-held shearing machines and blades, and</li> <li>• proper wool handling and care during and after shearing.</li> </ul> Each participant will receive the ASI Sheep Shearing Manual, an instructional DVD, and assorted wool literature. Shearing equipment will be provided. It is suggested to wear sturdy shoes, light-duty gloves, durable pants, and a durable long-sleeve shirt. Overalls and bib-overalls encouraged. Lunch is <b>NOT</b> provided. Please bring water and/or sports drinks to stay hydrated.
When:	February 16 and 17, 2024, 9:30AM to 3:30PM each day. (Inclement weather dates: February 23-24, 2024)
Where:	<b>Dale Lehman's Farm</b> , 8202 Kavanglen Lane, Fairplay, MD 21733. Please look for "Shearing School" sign at the end of the driveway.
Who:	Shearing school is open to anyone wanting to learn commercial sheep shearing techniques and who is physically and mentally capable. (It is encouraged to have seen professional shearing in action prior to registering, so as to know the demands of commercial shearing techniques.) Fifteen participants will be selected from applications, in order to optimize the instructor-to-learner ratio. Due to overwhelming past response, applications will be prioritized based on the list below, in descending order: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• MSBA Members (highest priority) (based on 2022 membership)</li> <li>• Prior MSBA Shearing School attendees</li> <li>• Sheep owners</li> <li>• Aspiring commercial shearers</li> <li>• Sheep and fiber enthusiasts/non-owners (lowest priority)</li> </ul> After registration has closed, applications will be reviewed and participants chosen, based on priority and a first come – first served basis. Due to safety, participants under 16 years will <b>NOT</b> be accepted.
How:	Registration must be made in advance and accompanied by \$150 per registrant. This fee includes ASI materials (see above). Complete and submit this registration form, with fee, by January 20, 2024, to <b>Aaron Geiman, MSBA Shearing School, 429 Hook Road, Westminster, Maryland 21157</b> . Please make checks payable to <b>Maryland Sheep Breeders Association, Inc.</b> No registrations accepted after the aforementioned deadline. Within one week following the deadline, accepted and rejected applicants will be notified via email and/or postal mail. Cancellation by a participant within two weeks (ten business days) of the event, will result in forfeiture of registration fee.
Instructor:	Aaron Geiman – Agriscience Teacher, Carroll County Public Schools, Maryland Guest MSBA Shearing School Alumni
Contact:	<a href="mailto:mdsheepshearingschool@gmail.com">mdsheepshearingschool@gmail.com</a>

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail (print clearly): \_\_\_\_\_ MSBA Member? YES or NO

Number Attending: \_\_\_\_\_ x \$150 per applicant = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Hand (check one): Right-Handed \_\_\_\_\_ Left-Handed \_\_\_\_\_

Reason for Attending (check one): \_\_\_\_\_ Returning Participant \_\_\_\_\_ Sheep Owner

\_\_\_\_\_ Aspiring Commercial Shearer \_\_\_\_\_ Sheep Enthusiast \_\_\_\_\_ Other

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Please write one to three sentences to elaborate on your reason(s) for attending.

## MARYLAND GRAIN PRODUCERS SCHOLARSHIP

### *Maryland Grain Producers Press Release*

The Maryland Grain Producers are offering a total of \$15,000 through seven scholarships for the 2024 to 2025 school year. There are three different scholarship opportunities for Grain Producer Members and non-members. Applications are due online by **January 31st**.

#### **Maryland Grain Honoree Scholarship**

- Awarding three scholarships in the amount of \$3,000 each.
- Must be a member of the Maryland Grain Producers Association.
- Must be attending a secondary education school studying agriculture or working towards a degree to directly benefit the agriculture industry.

#### **Maryland Grain Membership Scholarship**

- Awarding two scholarships in the amount of \$2,000 each.
- Must be a member of the Maryland Grain Producers Association.
- Must be attending a secondary education school, with any area of study.

#### **Maryland Grain Production Scholarship**

- Awarding two scholarships in the amount of \$1,000 each.
- Must be attending a secondary education school studying agriculture or working towards a degree to directly benefit the agriculture industry.

For the three different opportunities, all applicants are only eligible to receive a scholarship two times and only eligible to apply for one of the three scholarships available. One's family farm may not have requested Maryland grain checkoff refunds in the last 12 months. Lastly, graduate students are ineligible to apply.

In addition to our scholarship program, those eligible for the Honoree and Membership Scholarship, as well as grad students, would be eligible for the National Corn Growers Scholarships. Please visit their website at <https://www.ncga.com/key-issues/other-topics/scholarship-programs> to learn more and apply online.

For more information and to apply online for our 2024 scholarship program, visit our website at <https://marylandgrain.org/scholarship-3/>.

## MARYLAND GRAIN PRODUCERS CDL GRANT

### *Maryland Grain Producers Press Release*

The Maryland Grain Producers Association is offering their CDL Grant program to producer members for the second year. To assist farmers with the financial burden now associated with the classes required to obtain a CDL for themselves and or their employees, a \$1,500 grant will be awarded to two applicants.

To apply for the grant complete the application, found on [MarylandGrain.org](https://MarylandGrain.org) by March 1st. Applications will be reviewed by the selection committee with all personal information redacted. Winners will be announced at the 2024 Maryland Commodity Classic on July 25th. Eligible candidates include [Maryland Grain Producer Association members](#), or employees of. Other eligibility requirements can be found on the online application. Grant funds will only be awarded once a CDL A has been obtained.

If you have any questions, please contact Jenell McHenry with our team at [jenell.mdag@gmail.com](mailto:jenell.mdag@gmail.com) or by calling 443-262-6969.





# 2024 Carroll County Mid-Winter Meeting



## Get your MD & PA Sprayer Certifications!

This program provides MD Private Applicator recertification credits, Nutrient Management Voucher credits, and PA Pesticide credits.

### January 11, 2024

9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

**Burns Hall  
at the Carroll County Ag  
Center**

706 Agriculture Center  
Westminster, MD 21157

Please RSVP at  
**410-386-2760**

- 9:00 - 9:15** Welcome Coffee and Doughnuts
- 9:15 - 9:45** Permits, Grading, and Building Projects
- 9:45 - 10:30** Legal Update on Pesticide Issues and Solar Update
- 10:30 - 11:00** Maximizing Forage Quality
- 11:00 - 11:30** Opportunities and Challenges of New Application Technologies
- 11:30 - 12:00** Latest Technology in Sprayer, Autonomy, See and Spray, along with importance of documentation of field data
- 12:00 - 12:30** Lunch - Get your food and go back to the tables, the meeting will continue
- 12:30 - 1:00** Update on the Movement, Severity, and Control Options for Tar Spot
- 1:00 - 1:30** Nutrient Management Update
- 1:30 - 2:00** Pesticide Safety and Handling Update

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*If you need a reasonable accommodation to participate in any event or activity, please contact the UME-Carroll Extension Office by December 28, 2023, at 410-386-2760.*

**December 7**  
 8 AM—12 PM  
 Friendly Farms  
 Restaurant

**ALL PRODUCERS OF CORN,  
 SOYBEANS, SMALL GRAINS AND HAY**  
**You are invited to attend the**  
**2023 Northern Maryland**  
**Field Crops Day**

**TOPICS INCLUDE:**

- Risk Management Strategies
- Understanding Nitrogen release from Cover Crops
- Crash Course on Corn Diseases
- Update on Wheat Varieties
- MDA Nutrient Management and Pesticide Updates

**Ticket Order Form**

\$28.00 if you pre-register, or \$35.00 at the door, includes an all-you-can-eat lunch. This meeting serves as recertification for Maryland private pesticide applicators and offers recertification credits for Pennsylvania Applicators.

*In addition, producers can attend specific presentations to also renew their Maryland nutrient applicator's voucher and earn Certified Crop Advisor continuing education credits.*

To register to attend call the University of Maryland Extension, Baltimore County Office at (410) 887-8090 or fill out the form below and mail to: 1114 Shawan Road, Suite 2, Cockeysville, MD 21030. Make checks out to BCEAC.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Tickets @ \$28: \_\_\_\_\_ Total: \_\_\_\_\_



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### Dates to remember

- Nov. 24 Grain Marketing Mtg. @ Plum Crazy Diner  
7:30 a.m.
- Nov. 29 Private Pesticide Applicator Recertification,  
6-8 p.m. @ UME Carroll County Office
- Dec. 6 Nutrient Management Voucher Training,  
6-8 p.m. @ MAVFC Reception Hall
- Dec. 7 Northern Maryland Field Crops Day,  
8 a.m.-12 p.m. @ Friendly Farms, Upperco
- Dec. 8 Grain Marketing Mtg. @ Plum Crazy Diner  
7:30 a.m.
- Dec. 22 Grain Marketing Mtg. @ Plum Crazy Diner  
7:30 a.m.

- Jan. 11 Carroll County Mid-Winter Meeting,  
9 a.m.-2 p.m. @ Burns Hall, Carroll Co. Ag.  
Center
- Jan. 20 Registration Deadline for MSBA Shearing  
School
- Jan. 20 Grain Marketing Mtg. @ Plum Crazy Diner  
7:30 a.m.
- Jan. 31 MD Grain Producers Scholarship Applications  
Due
- Mar. 1 MD Grain Producers CDL Grant Applications  
Due

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