



# Commercial Poultry News

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## Evening Meeting

# Commercial Poultry Growers' Meeting October 1, 2024 - 5:30p-8:00p Denton, MD

In conjunction with the Delmarva Chicken Association's National Meeting Sept. 30 through Oct 2, we will hold a Poultry Growers' Meeting on Tuesday evening, from 5:30-8:00 pm, October 1 at the Caroline County 4H Park, 3230 Detour Road, Denton, MD 21629.

Two speakers that night, Dr. James MacDonald and Dr. Zac Williams, will speak on 'Packers & Stockyard Rule Updates' and 'Litter Management for Salmonella Control'.

This is a free event, with a very nice, catered BBQ chicken dinner by Chesapeake Culinary Center, who have assured us the chicken will be Halal.

Please **register by Tuesday, Sept. 24**, at: <https://forms.gle/xNusLjYiTqexMuLEA>

*Please note, Nutrient Management Credits are available for Delaware and Maryland.*

If after signing up and you cannot make it that night, please let us know. Call Sheila at 410-742-1178 or email [soscar@umd.edu](mailto:soscar@umd.edu). We appreciate it!

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## Updated Landowner-Oriented Agricultural Law Online Modules Available To Address Common Concerns

*Paul Goeringer, Extension Legal Specialist, University of Maryland*

College Park, MD – The Department of Agricultural and Resource Economics (AREC) and the Agriculture Law Education Initiative (ALEI) released an updated online course for rural landowners in Maryland. The *So You Want to Own Farmland in Maryland* course is available through the University of Maryland's Enterprise Learning Management System – Canvas.

The free program will cover those legal issues that Maryland landowners may face. A grant funds the program through the Northeast Risk Management Education Center.

The online course features Paul Goeringer, a Principal Faculty Specialist and Extension Specialist in agricultural law. The updated course will include him discussing legal risk management strategies and how to find an attorney to handle ag law issues. He will also address leasing, landowner liability issues, property rights, right-to-farm law, fencing laws, livestock liability, and estate planning.

"We listened to the feedback in the first round of workshops and the online course. Participants wanted more information on how to manage legal risk with insurance and other tools but, at the same time, did not know how to find or select an attorney. The updated modules will include sessions on these as well as other topics. We will announce later this fall workshops that will cover portions of the same material," said Goeringer.

The online course is free to attend and at a participant's pace.

Participants will receive copies of Extension fact sheets and other valuable documents as a part of the online course.

For more information or to register, go to <https://go.umd.edu/3ZSkv4r>. For more information, please contact Paul Goeringer at [lgoering@umd.edu](mailto:lgoering@umd.edu).

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### [Paul Goeringer Receives Provost's Excellence Award](#)

We want to congratulate **Paul Goeringer**, a part of our Maryland Poultry Team and Principal Faculty Specialist with the Dept. of Ag. & Resource Economics and Extension Legal Specialist, as he received the **Provost's Excellence Award for Professional Track Faculty** on Sept. 18, 2024. This award honors "consistently excellent contributions from full-time faculty who have served for at least five years and do not have nor are eligible for tenure." Goeringer was recognized for his comprehensive service to the state of Maryland through his legal expertise, programming innovation, and government agency guidance. Congratulations Paul! Well deserved!



Paul Goeringer with Provost Rice and President Pines

Image Credit: Graham Binder

# Listening Sessions Scheduled to Seek Public Input on Next Statewide Animal Feeding Operations Permit

*Maryland Department of the Environment*

*Sessions set for Eastern Shore, Western Maryland to hear ideas from the community on permit renewal to be issued next year*

BALTIMORE (Sept. 12, 2024) – The Maryland Department of the Environment today announced a series of four listening sessions will be held in Princess Anne, Easton, Frederick and virtually to receive public input on the next version of a statewide general permit that regulates animal feeding operations.

“We have added an opportunity for public comment before a draft permit is written to maximize transparency for all stakeholders, including farmers and nearby communities,” said Secretary of the Environment Serena McIlwain. “The goal is to develop a permit regulating animal feeding operations that is fair for everyone and ensures healthy products as well as healthy communities.”

Pursuant to the federal Clean Water Act, regulated operations include large poultry houses, dairy farms, cattle operations and other agricultural operations that confine animals. The [current general permit](#) was issued in 2020 with an expiration date of July 7, 2025. Stakeholders will have additional opportunities to comment on actual permit provisions when the draft permit is expected to go to public comment early next calendar year.

This type of permit requires the submission of comprehensive nutrient management plans and steps to be taken to prevent a discharge to waterways. The regulations and general discharge permit for these facilities are part of a comprehensive statewide effort to address all sources of pollution that can impair Maryland waterways and the Chesapeake Bay. A virtual listening session will be held on Oct. 24. All of the sessions will be held from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m., including:

**Sept. 23 – Princess Anne**

University of Maryland Eastern Shore  
Henson Center Ballroom  
30690 University Blvd S  
Princess Anne, MD 21853

**Oct. 9 – Easton**

Talbot Community Center  
Wye Oak Room  
10028 Ocean Gateway  
Easton, MD 21601

**Oct. 21 - Frederick**

Frederick County Government, Winchester Hall  
12 E. Church St.  
Frederick, MD 21701

Additional information is available on [our website](#).

Here is the link to the website: <https://news.maryland.gov/mde/2024/09/12/listening-sessions-scheduled-to-seek-public-input-on-next-statewide-animal-feeding-operations-permit/>

## UMES 4-H STEM

### Hosts Youth Broiler Chicken Summer Project

*Dr. Jennifer Timmons, Ariel Clay, and Gail Stephens, UMES, School of AGNR, Extension*

A UMES Extension 4-H STEM summer project helped a group of youth experience what raising chickens, a major economic driver on the Eastern Shore of Maryland and the Delmarva Peninsula, is all about.

It was an early and odd sort of trunk-or-treat, as Dr. Jennifer Timmons, sat on the back of her car's hatchback on a sunny afternoon June 4 awaiting youth and their parents to pick up chicks and feed sacks.

It was the first reward for having committed to participating in the inaugural event and attending two meetings providing "expectations of the project, instructions on broiler care and management, and information on biosecurity and animal welfare," the associate professor of poultry science said.

With chicks in hand, more accurately boxes, the youth went home to raise eight broiler chicks hatched that day and donated by Perdue Farms. The quest was to care for the birds for eight weeks, keeping records of "feed consumption, mortality and bird weights," Timmons said.

At the end of the grow-out period, the youth selected two of their chickens to show at the Somerset County Fair in Princess Anne, Maryland, on July 28.

Judges for the project, Matt Stevenson and Jessica Crabtree of Clearview Enterprises, and Christen Boyer of Amick Farms, after careful consideration, chose Presley Cooley, 9, of Wicomico County, as the champion poultry grower for birds averaging 9 pounds. First runner-up was awarded to Gabby Wainwright.

Following judging, the chickens were sold at an auction with participants earning \$3.50-\$4.25 per pound for their birds. The birds were then processed at Ihsan Farms in Princess Anne, Maryland, Timmons said.

"All of the participants seemed to have enjoyed the experience of raising and handling broilers and learning about the poultry industry in the process," said Ariel Clay, UMES Extension's 4-H youth development STEM specialist and co-lead on the project.

Gail Stephens, Agricultural Communications, University of Maryland Eastern Shore, School of Agricultural and Natural Sciences, UMES Extension, [gcstephens@umes.edu](mailto:gcstephens@umes.edu), 410-621-3850.

Photos by Ariel Clay, UMES Extension 4-H STEM and Todd Dudek, UMES Agricultural Communications.

**Photo caption:** Participants in UMES' youth broiler chicken project, from left, are: Alivia Harmon (3rd runner-up), Wyatt Harmon (4th runner-up), Anna Wainwright (2nd runner-up), Presley Cooley (champion) and Gabby Wainwright (1st runner-up).









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## Coming EVENTS

- *November 6 - Grower Lunch Break on **Composting**  
Georgetown, Delaware - UDEL Carvel Center*

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**EVENT DETAILS**

- Location: Crowne Plaza, Annapolis  
173 Jennifer Rd, Annapolis, MD 21401
- Date: December 12th, 2024
- Time: 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM
- Cost: \$85 until November 27th | \$120 after
- Includes Breakfast & Lunch

**ABOUT THE CONFERENCE**

Topics Include:

- The Future of Tech in the Ag Industry
- Data Management & Analytics
- Geographical Information Systems (GIS)
- Water Management
- Precision Farming
- Yield Monitors
- Drones

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See more at: [extension.umd.edu/poultry](https://extension.umd.edu/poultry)

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