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Garrett County Ag Newsletter

**AgFS**

Agriculture & Food Systems

February 2025

Maryland Beginning Farmer Success Course



This course is designed for people in Maryland who are considering or in the beginning stages of starting a farm as a business. The online class will meet on Thursday evenings, from 7 to 8:30 pm, from February 13 through April 17, 2025. Students will complete at-your-own pace homework on the course website on campus.extension.org and will meet online each week via Zoom. Course registration is \$60 plus eventbrite fees of \$5.87. Two

people from the same family/couple may attend the course under one registration. For more information or to register go to <https://go.umd.edu/BFScourse25>

Required Produce Safety Training



With the passage of the Food Safety and Modernization Act in 2011, at least one supervisor or responsible party for your farm must have successfully completed food safety training at least equivalent to that received under standardized curriculum

recognized as adequate by the Food and Drug Administration. On February 27th the University of Maryland and Maryland Department of Agriculture will offer a Produce Safety Grower Training Course which will satisfy the FSMA Produce Safety Rule requirement. The course will be held from 8m to 5pm at Garrett Colleges CTTC in Accident in room 104. The fee for the training is \$45 and will include lunch and materials. To register for the meeting go to <http://bit.ly/49Bw71D> or call

Margaret Todd at 316-993.5293. For questions contact Willie Lantz at the extension office at 301-334-6960.

Mt. Top Vegetable Meeting



University of Maryland Extension will be holding the Mountain Top Vegetable Meeting on Tuesday March 11th at Garrett College. The meeting will include presentation by the new University of Maryland Extension Specialist, Veronica Yurchak. Veronica will do a presentation on bio-controls in high tunnels. Carol Allen, UME will present on the new water quality regulations. Allison Luettel with MDA will cover producer requirements for the Food Safety and Modernization Act. We will also be taking time to discuss the future of vegetable production in Garrett County. Contact the extension office for registration details at 301-334-6960.

Western Maryland Agronomy Meeting



University of Maryland will be partnering with Freedom Ag and Energy in Oakland to hold the Western Maryland Agronomy Meeting March 12th at the Pleasant Valley Community Building starting at 9 am. Dr. Gurpal Toor, Extension Specialist, Nutrient Management, and Water Quality, and Emileigh Lucas, PhD student will cover Soil Carbon in Maryland Soils and Nitrogen Management in Cropping Systems. A full agenda can be found [HERE](#). If you have questions or want to register, contact Freedom Ag and Energy at 301-334-3121 or the Extension Office at 301-334-6960. Pesticide Recertification and Nutrient Management Credits will be offered for WV and MD.

Backyard Farming Webinars Offered

Worcester County is offering a small ruminant and backyard flock series in February. Some guest speakers will join the series. These are webinars, and you may attend as many as you like. There is a separate registration for each series.

The small ruminant schedule is as follows:

What to Expect When They're Expecting: Parturition Through the First Weeks on February 6, 2025
Bottle Feeding Lambs and Kids on February 13, 2025

Lamb and Kid 911 on February 20, 2025

Lamb and Kid Nutrition on February 27, 2025

You may register for any of the above sessions at <https://go.umd.edu/lambandkid>

The backyard flock schedule is as follows:

Poultry 911: Health problems you should watch out for and what to do in a poultry emergency on February 7, 2025

Common Poultry Diseases and How to Prevent Them with Dr. Bautista on February 14, 2025

Coccidia and Other Internal Parasites with Dr. Tatijana Fisher on February 21, 2025

Maximizing Health Through Bird Welfare on February 28, 2025

You may register for any of the above sessions at <https://go.umd.edu/poultry911> .



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Backyard Farming Zoom Sessions Lamb and Kid Series

- **What to Expect When They're Expecting:
Parturition Through the First Weeks**
February 6, 2025
- **Bottle Feeding Lambs and Kids**
February 13, 2025
- **Lamb and Kid 911**
February 20, 2025
- **Lamb and Kid Nutrition**
February 27, 2025

***You may register for any of the above sessions
at <https://go.umd.edu/lambandkid> .***

**The Small Ruminant
sessions will be held
on Thursdays at 7 pm
EST.**

Registration is required.
If you do not have
adequate internet
access, contact Maegan
at 301-226-7543 or
mperdue@umd.edu for
call in options. Sessions
will be approximately
one hour.

If you need reasonable
accommodations, please email
Maegan Perdue 2 weeks prior to
the session.

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February 28, 2025

You may register for any of the above sessions at <https://go.umd.edu/poultry911>.

Backyard Flock sessions will be held on Fridays at noon EST.

Registration is required. If you do not have internet access, contact Maegan at 443-523-4389 or mperdue@umd.edu for call in options. Sessions will be approximately one hour.

If you need reasonable accommodations, please email Maegan Perdue 2 weeks prior to the session.

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Fundamentals of Sheep Production Workshop

A Fundamentals of Sheep Production Workshop will be held on March 29th at the Frederick County Fairgrounds. This free event is for all ages of sheep producers and has specific programming at the end of the day to target adult producers and 4-H exhibitors.

The workshop is sponsored by the Frederick County and Maryland Sheep Breeders Associations in partnership with the University of Maryland Extension. Attendees will spend the day learning the basics of raising sheep and networking with other producers. Lunch will be provided.

Registration for the event can be found at: <https://go.umd.edu/sheepbasics>.



Fundamentals of Sheep Production






A free event for sheep producers of all ages and experience levels. Learn the basics of raising sheep, including health, nutrition, facilities, and fencing. Network with fellow producers and join breakout sessions for 4-Hers and adults after lunch.



Frederick County Sheep Breeders Association

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Event Details:

-  March 29, 2025
10:00 am - 3:15 pm
-  Check in : 9:45 am
-  Free to attend
Lunch provided
-  Frederick Co. Fairgrounds
797 E Patrick Street
Building 7
Frederick, MD 21701
-  Registration information:
go.umd.edu/sheepbasics

If you need a reasonable accommodation to participate in any event or activity or have food allergies , please contact Dr. Brittany Fletcher, 2 weeks prior to event at (301) 226-7576.

Mid-Atlantic Spring Dairy Workshops

University of Maryland Extension, WVU Davis College, and WVU Extension will be presenting Spring Dairy Workshops being held across West Virginia on March 4th, 5th and 6th. Class details and registration link can be found [HERE](#). Registration is free but you must register to attend. Registration closes February 28, 2025.

2025 MID-ATLANTIC SPRING DAIRY WORKSHOPS
 Presented by: WVU Davis College, WVU Extension, & University of Maryland Extension

March 4, 2025 Reedsville, WV
 10:00 AM: Dr. Larry Tranel - Mid-Atlantic Millionaire Model Farms
 11:00 AM: Jeff Semlar - Regional Economics of Dairy's in Western MD: What Works
 12:00 PM: Lunch and Producer Panel Discussions
 1:00 PM: Dr. Larry Tranel (Iowa State) - Cost-Effective Milking Systems
 2:00 PM: Questions and Comments

March 4, 2025 Jane Lew, WV
 6:00 PM: Dr. Larry Tranel - Farm Personalities when Married to the Farm
-balancing Life & Farm Experiences
 Bruce Loyd, WVU Extension **DROUGHT: What We Learned in 2024**

March 5, 2025 Parkersburg, WV
 10:00 AM: Dr. Larry Tranel - Mid-Atlantic Millionaire Model Farms
 11:00 AM: Jason Hartschuh & Kirby Krogstad - The Old School and New School of Nutrition
 12:00 PM: Lunch - Producer Panel Discussions
 1:00 PM: Dr. Larry Tranel - Cost-Effective Milking Systems
 2:00 PM: Questions and Comments

March 5, 2025 Lewisburg, WV
 6:00 PM: Dr. Larry Tranel - Farm Personalities when Married to the Farm
-balancing Life & Farm Experiences
 Brian Wickline, WVU Extension **DROUGHT: What We Learned in 2024**

March 6, 2025 Union, WV
 10:00 AM: Dr. Larry Tranel - Mid-Atlantic Millionaire Model Farms
 11:00 AM: Jeremy Daubert - Regional Economics of Dairy's in the Virginia's: What Works
 12:00 PM: Lunch - Producer Panel Discussions
 1:00 PM: Dr. Larry Tranel - Cost-Effective Milking Systems
 2:00 PM: Questions and Comments

Larry Tranel
 Extension Specialist with Iowa State University

CLASS DETAILS ON REGISTRATION LINK & Supplemental Sheet

REGISTRATION CLOSES FEBRUARY 28th

FREE ADMISSION SIGN-UP NOW

<https://bit.ly/3EtkvSt>

FEATURED SPEAKERS

Jeff Semlar
 University of Maryland Extension

Jason Hartschuh
 Ohio State Extension

Kirby Krogstad
 Ohio State Extension

Jeremy Daubert
 Virginia Cooperative Extension

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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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Roberta Cvetnick

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