



# NEWSLETTER



## HOWARD COUNTY FARM BUREAU

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### Message to Members

By: *Howie Feaga, President Howard County Farm Bureau*

Yes, it's only July, I know you usually don't get a newsletter in the middle of the summer, but your board decided we should keep the lines of communication open all year, even in the middle of the summer. There are a lot of things going on and we don't want you to miss anything.

One of the things that is happening is that your editor, Amanda Ackman, better known as Mandy, is getting married on the 1<sup>st</sup> of July. On behalf of all the board and members I want to wish her all the best and hope she has a great time off for her honeymoon.

We got the Mulch and Compost bill part of the way along by having the Planning Board recommend that the DPZ version of the ZRA go forward. I want to thank the planning board for that. It's a great start but we have a lot more work ahead to get it to pass the County Council. We will try and keep you up to date, so you all can be at the public hearing to show your support.

The Maryland Farm Bureau made some personnel changes so that the field representatives would have less of a commute to work, so we lost Trish Hildebrand and gained Parker Welch. The transition should be smooth since both have worked the job

for a while now, it is just their areas that has changed. So, welcome Parker and Good Luck Trish!!!

I hope everyone is enjoying the summer so far. The rain stopped and the weather warmed up and now it is dry and hot; I guess we just can't have everything the way we want it. So, the rush is on to get the hay all made and then get to harvesting the barley and wheat done, so we can get the last of the soybeans in the ground. Be careful not to rush and take your time so that you don't have an accident or make a costly mistake.

The Junior showmanship practices are getting started and I know Rhonda is working hard to have the kids get every opportunity to make a good showing at the fair. Please come out to the fair and watch the show on Saturday at 12 pm and witness for yourselves the great work that Rhonda and her volunteers do to help the next generation of kids succeed in life. The Miss Farm Bureau and the Little

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Miss and the Little Future Farmer contests are scheduled for the first Sunday at noon.

So like I always say, "Keep your plow in the ground, we're all pulling for you"

Your President, Howie Feaga

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## 72<sup>nd</sup> Howard County Fair



The 72<sup>nd</sup> Annual Howard County Fair will be  
**August 5<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup>, 2017.**

The Fair will be open from 8:00 am – 11 pm

Admission: \$5 (10 years old & up)  
\$2 (Seniors, 62 & up)  
Children under 10 FREE

For attractions and more details visit:

<http://howardcountyfair.org/>

Be sure to come out for the Howard County Farm Bureau Contests:

**Miss Howard County Farm Bureau  
Little Miss Howard County Farm Bureau  
Howard County Future Farmer**

Contests are sponsored by the Howard County Farm Bureau Women and will be held on Sunday, August 6<sup>th</sup>, 2017

### **Other "Must See" Attractions!**

#### ***PRCA All American Pro Rodeo***



August 8th & 9th,  
7:00 pm  
Gates open at  
5:00 pm.

### ***Demolition Derby***



August 9th & 12th

7:00 pm

\$15 adult & \$10 child (9 & under). Includes admission to the Fair. Tickets only sold on the day of the event; once they're gone, they're gone! Gates open at 5:00 pm.

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### **Junior Showmanship:**

The date of the Junior Showmanship Show is  
**Saturday, August 5, 2017.**

The first day of the great Howard County Fair!

More information will be shared at the 1st workshop on July 3rd at the Winkler's

*\*SEE the attached Registration Form!*

**Rhonda P Winkler**

Howard County Farm Bureau

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### **WORKSHOP - DATE, LOCATION & TIME**

#### **Dairy & Goat Workshops**

Location: Steel Fire Farm, The Winkler's  
2980 Woodbine Road  
Woodbine, MD 21797

Monday, July 3, 2017 at 6:30pm

Monday, July 10, 2017 at 6:30pm

Monday, July 17, 2017 at 6:30pm

#### **Market Swine Workshops**

Location: The Hereth/Miller Farm  
2550 Florence Road  
Woodbine, MD 21797

Thursday, July 6, 2017 at 6:30pm  
Wednesday, July 12, 2017 at 6:30pm  
Tuesday, July 25, 2017 at 6:30pm

### **Market Lamb Workshops**

Location: The Spicer Farm  
3750 Jennings Chapel Road  
Woodbine, MD 21797

Thursday, July 20, 2017 at 6:30pm  
Thursday, July 27, 2017 at 6:30pm  
Tuesday, August 1, 2017 at 6:30 pm

**PLEASE MAKE SURE THAT YOUR  
JUNIOR SHOWMAN WEAR BOOTS TO  
ALL OF THE WORKSHOPS!**

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## **Featured Farmer: The Clark Family of Howard County**

By: *Mandy Ackman*



This issue's "Featured Farmer" is Martha Anne Clark and the Clark Family!

Clark's Farm is a small seventh generation family farm in the heart of Howard County. It is part of the farming operation of the Clark family, which is proud to be entering it's 219th year of farming in Howard County (Howard County in only 165 years old, so prior to that they were part of Anne Arundel County). Over those years they have raised crops and a variety of animals and run a dairy operation, but the main link between the seven generations of farmers in their branch of the Clark family has been raising beef cattle.

The sixth and seventh generation, Martha Clark and Nora Crist, are pleased to be providing for the first time to the retail market, their 100% grassfed beef.

*"Our goal is to provide our neighbors with a local source of pasture-raised, grass-finished beef, an alternative to the feedlot-raised, corn-fed beef that is prevalent in local stores."*

In recent years, they have also begun offering pasture raised pork and free range chicken eggs for sale.

*"Just like our beef, our pigs and chickens are raised without the use of synthetic hormones, routine antibiotics, or steroids. In addition to what our pigs and chickens forage in their pastures, they are supplemented with a blend of non-GMO grains (not from genetically modified organisms) and extra produce from our chemical free farm garden."*

~The family history below is shared from their website: <http://clarklandfarm.com> ~

*The Clark family has been farming in Howard County since 1797. The first record we have of the three Clark brothers---James, John and David---is a contract with Charles Carroll of Carrollton for a term of thirty years starting on November 1, 1797 for the lease of two lots of land being a part of Doughoregan Manor. They leased 148.50 acres on which they raised wheat. They also ran a fulling mill on the property and provided cloth for Charles Carroll of Carrollton. It must have been a mutually agreeable arrangement, since the agreement was extended for an additional twenty years that took it to 1847.*

*The Clarks were then ready and able to become land owners themselves, their part of the American dream. Howard County was formed from upper Anne Arundel County in 1851. Thus the Clarks were in on the ground floor. James Clark, son of the settler John Clark, bought Wheatfield Farm in 1850. Descendants of John's brother, David, soon held large acreages around*

*Clarksville and their descendants continue to farm in western Howard County today.*

*James Clark (Martha Clark's great-great grandfather) lived at Wheatfield Farm (which is now the Wheatfield housing development on Montgomery Road) until his death in 1890. One of the reasons he purchased the farm at that location was that it was close enough to the railroad in Ellicott City to ship milk to Baltimore every morning. John Lawrence Clark (Martha Clark's great grandfather) was the youngest son of James Clark of Wheatfield. He married Mary Corinne Talbott (daughter of the owner of Talbott's Lumber Company in Ellicott City). They lived at Fairfield Farm (which is now the Running Brook neighborhood on State Route 108). They had eight children between 1877 and 1896. John Lawrence Clark was a expert cattleman and was called on for advice before buying and selling cattle by all his neighbors. He raised Angus cattle on the 202-acre Fairfield Farm.*

*James Clark (Martha's grandfather) was the son of John Lawrence Clark of Fairfield. He was a lawyer and circuit court judge, but had a life-long appreciation and respect for farm life. James Clark married Alda Tyson Hopkins, the daughter of Johns Hopkins' nephew, Samuel Hopkins, a Howard County farmer from Highland. James and Alda and their three sons lived at Keewaydin Farm on Columbia Road near Ellicott City. He also purchased Elioak Farm, a 312-acre farm one mile west of Fairfield Farm on Clarksville Pike (Route 108) in 1927, where he raised Angus cattle. Elioak Farm is the property we continue to farm to this day.*

*James Clark Jr. (Martha's father) recounted his life and passion for farming in his memoir, Jim Clark: Soldier, Farmer, Legislator. "Father bought this farm because he had become interested in Angus cattle and, also, I think, with the thought in mind that it would keep his three sons busy with a purpose. . . . All during my high school years, I spent a great deal of time with Father walking around the Elioak Farm, and working there in the summer. . . . As the number of Angus cattle increased, Father wanted to bring*

*the yearling heifers down to Keewaydin from Elioak each spring to spend the summer on pasture. This may be hard to believe but we used to drive them right down Route 29 which was a small country road at that time. Unfortunately for us, almost every year, just before we got them to Keewaydin, right at the point where we passed Mr. Fleming's house, they would bolt onto his beautifully-kept lawn. Needless to say he got upset. Usually this was very early in the morning and Mr. Fleming would raise his upstairs window and shout at us. The heifers would often go around the house several times before we could get them back on the road. These yearly cattle drives went on for a number of years, both spring and fall. Finally we had to give up and haul them by truck."*

*James Clark Jr, began farming in earnest when he returned from serving in the Army Air Corp in World War II. He married Lillian Hawkins, whose father, Egbert Holmes Hawkins, farmed the land in the area of BWI Thurgood Marshall Airport. E. H. Hawkins raised vegetables for the markets in Baltimore until he moved to a farm in Howard County when he had to sell his land for the development of the airport. James Clark Jr. began farming in 1946 and continued until his death in 2006. He had a dairy herd and shipped milk for decades. He raised Angus cattle, sheep, hay and grain crops and started the roadside vegetable stand that still operates today.*

*In 1972 Mark Clark (James Clark Jr.'s son and Martha's brother) took over the farming operation and increased the size of the dairy herd. By 1990 the dairy herd had grown to such an extent that Mark needed a larger farm, so he moved the entire dairy operation to Georgia. As a result, Jim Clark was back in the farming business again. With the sweet corn and vegetable stand, beef, sheep, hay and grain crops, he was once again fully engaged in his passion. As he relates in his memoir, "I still get a thrill out of getting up at daylight and looking after the livestock and crops. Each day offers different things to do, whether its building fence, working at my saw mill, nursing a sick animal, repairing machinery, or picking corn*

*or other vegetables. Farming offers great challenges and great rewards."*

*Martha Clark and her daughter, Nora Crist, are now enjoying those challenges and rewards. Martha married Douglas Crist, who just happened to be our wonderful local Southern States dealer, and they started farming their small farm on Centennial Lane, Summer Solstice Farm. Their two children, Nora and Nate, rode horses and raised vegetables as they were growing up. After Doug's passing in 2000, Martha made plans to join her father in running the entire farm. She opened Clark's Elioak Farm in September 2002 as a petting farm and educational venue to share her love of farming and the family farm on Route 108. Nora and Nate helped with all the jobs at the petting farm as well as at the roadside vegetable stand throughout their teens. They have managed the Clark's Produce Stand on their own since 2006. In addition, Nora, a University of Delaware Agriculture and Natural Resources graduate, began managing the petting farm full-time in June 2009.*

*Having inherited the core of Jim Clark's beef cattle herd, Martha and Nora have been developing the cattle as a 100% grassfed and finished herd since 2006. The first beef was available at our market during the spring of 2010. Our farm manager, George Klopff, brings years of experience raising cattle using organic farming methods to our farming operation.*

*Our family has had the opportunity and privilege to farm in Howard County for over two hundred years. And in light of the fact that the memorial stone in our front yard gives us the "etched in stone" instruction---Never Sell The Land---we hope to continue to farm here for years to come.*

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## **MFB Press Release:**

### **Agriculture Wins Big in Maryland**

**By: Colby Ferguson, Government Relations Director, Maryland Farm Bureau**

*Source: Maryland Farm Bureau*

Maryland Farm Bureau's Government Relations team worked hard this session to make sure Maryland's agricultural voice was heard. We closely watched 195 bills and submitted testimony on 70 of them; 52 in support of and 18 in opposition. Of the 52 bills we supported, 29 passed out of both chambers and await the Governor's signature in the next few weeks. Some of our priority bills that passed were:

- The creation of a 6-month 88,000-pound live poultry hauling permit to help chicken growers on the Eastern Shore move poultry more efficiently and less costly during the winter months throughout Delmarva.
- The reauthorization of the 88,000-pound milk hauling permit during the spring flush.
- A Deer Crop Damage Permit corrective bill to insure Maryland farmers can continue to address problem deer year-round (including Sundays).
- A Landowner Liability Exemption when leasing ground to hunters.
- A Beehive protection bill to allow a registered bee owner to remove problem bear when they damage beehives.
- Movement of the Seafood and Aquaculture Marketing from DNR to MDA.

In addition to bills we supported, there were 18 bills we opposed that could have negatively affected Maryland agriculture. MFB staff and several county Farm Bureau members worked hard to either kill or amend bills to remove the negative effect on farmers. Some of those priority bills were:

- The Livestock Antibiotics disease prevention ban. MFB, along with a coalition of livestock groups and supporters, amended this bill to conform the disease prevention language to the Federal law that went into effect on January 1, 2017 and also removed the language that would

have mandated livestock producers make their private livestock medical records available to the public.

- The Community Healthy Air Act that targeted the Eastern Shore poultry growers died in committee due to a solid showing by our poultry growers and making sure the committee received the correct information on how chickens are grown and air quality inside and out of their poultry houses.
- The Atrazine Study bill was killed in committee again due to a strong showing of our Farm Bureau members and a coalition between the Maryland Grain Producers and MFB to detail the thousands of studies that have already been done since it was first approved in 1959.
- The State-Owned Property Pollinator Habitat Plan ban on the use of Neonicotinoids bill. MFB worked with the bill sponsors and the committees to amend the bill to make sure farmers and their workers were exempt for the restrictions.

Governor Hogan was very fair to agriculture this year in the budget. He increased the funding for the Maryland Ag Cost Share Program (MACS) from \$6 million to \$8 million to help offset the lost funding from last year. This will help Maryland farmers continue to implement the Best Management Practices (BMP's) needed to achieve water quality goals. MALPF and the other land preservation programs received full funding this year along with \$2.5 million in funding for MARBIDCO's Next Generation Ag Land Preservation Program.

As you can see, Maryland agriculture had a great year. Maryland Farm Bureau thanks Governor Hogan and the Maryland General Assembly for making sure Maryland's largest industry was heard and protected.

Website: <http://mdfarmbureau.com/wp-content/uploads/2013/05/Agriculture-Wins-Big-in-Annapolis.pdf>

## **USDA Press Release:** **USDA Announces Farm to School Grant Awards; Projects Nationwide Chosen**

*Source: USDA, Press Release No. 0056.17*

WASHINGTON, June 12, 2017

The U.S. Department of Agriculture today announced the projects selected to receive the USDA's annual farm to school grants designed to increase the amount of local foods served in schools. Sixty-five projects were chosen nationwide.

"Increasing the amount of local foods in America's schools is a win-win for everyone," said Cindy Long, Deputy Administrator for Child Nutrition Programs at USDA's Food and Nutrition Service, which administers the Department's school meals programs. "Farm to school projects foster healthy eating habits among America's school-age children, and local economies are nourished, as well, when schools buy the food they provide from local producers."

According to the 2015 [USDA Farm to School Census](#), schools with strong farm to school programs report higher school meal participation, reduced food waste, and increased willingness of the students to try new foods, such as fruits and vegetables. In addition, in school year 2013-2014 alone, schools purchased more than \$789 million in local food from farmers, ranchers, fishermen, and food processors and manufacturers. Nearly half (47 percent) of these districts plan to purchase even more local foods in future school years.

Grants range from \$14,500 to \$100,000, awarding a total of \$5 million to schools, state agencies, tribal groups, and nonprofit organizations for farm to school planning, implementation, or training. Projects selected are located in urban, suburban and rural areas in 42 states and Puerto Rico, and they are estimated to serve more than 5,500 schools and 2 million students.

This money will support a wide range of activities from training, planning, and developing partnerships to creating new menu items,

establishing supply chains for local foods, offering taste tests to children, buying equipment, planting school gardens and organizing field trips to agricultural operations, Long said. State and local agency interest and engagement in community food systems is growing. Having received 44 applications from state or local agencies, 17 state agencies will receive funding.

Grantees include the Nebraska Department of Education, which will refine and expand the “Nebraska Thursdays” program, which will focus on increasing locally sourced meals throughout Nebraska schools, and the Virginia Department of Education, which will focus on network building to ensure stakeholders from all different sectors are leveraged. Both the South Dakota Department of Education and the Arkansas Agriculture Department will use training grants to build capacity and knowledge about the relationship between Community Food Systems and Child Nutrition Programs. More information on individual projects can be found on the USDA Office of Community Food Systems’ website at [www.fns.usda.gov/farmtoschool/grant-awards](http://www.fns.usda.gov/farmtoschool/grant-awards).

USDA's Food and Nutrition Service administers 15 nutrition assistance programs that include the National School Lunch Program, School Breakfast Program, Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children (WIC), and the Summer Food Service Program. Together, these programs comprise America's nutrition safety net. Farm to school is one of many ways USDA supports locally-produced food and the [Local Food Compass Map](#) showcases the federal investments in these efforts. For more information, visit [www.fns.usda.gov](http://www.fns.usda.gov).

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## **Keeping Our Military Pilots Safe from Wildlife Strikes**

*By: Gail Keirn, USDA APHIS Public Affairs Specialist in Animals*



Martin Mendoza & Wildlife Aviation Hazards Program Coordinator Michael Begier present Certificates to WS biologists.

June 1, 2017-

“Very hot, sandy and dry” is how APHIS Wildlife Services (WS) biologist Matt Miller describes the area around the 386th Air Expeditionary Wing in Southwest Asia. Matt is one of three wildlife biologists (see below) who returned home in early April after serving 4 months in the Middle East helping to keep our military pilots safe:

- Matt Miller, WS-Indiana; Stationed with the 386th Air Expeditionary Wing, Southwest Asia
- M. Lee Taylor, WS-Tennessee/Kentucky; Stationed with the 386th Air Expeditionary Wing, Southwest Asia
- Kory McLellan, WS-Florida; Stationed at Bagram Airbase and Kandahar, Afghanistan

While in Southwest Asia and Afghanistan, Miller, Taylor, and McLellan’s mission was simple, but not easy— to protect military pilots and their planes from wildlife hazards around U.S. Air Force bases. “Working under extreme conditions in the desert of Southwest Asia was difficult at times,” states Lee Taylor. “But we knew our efforts to keep animals away from the runways and flight paths was a big help to our military pilots.”

Wildlife strikes (or bird strikes as they are often called) are a problem at airports around the world. Estimates suggest that wildlife strikes cost the U.S. civil aviation industry about \$625 million annually, and have resulted in nearly 500 deaths worldwide. For U.S. military, wildlife strikes cost more than \$100 million in damages annually, and have resulted in at least 29 deaths and 30 lost aircraft between 1990 and 2009.

Since 1990, WS has partnered with the Department of Defense to provide wildlife hazard assistance at more than 80 domestic military air bases. Starting in 2009, that effort extended to several bases overseas. From 2009 to 2012, the rate of wildlife strikes at the overseas bases decreased by 65 percent, amounting to a \$2.6 million reduction in wildlife strike-related damage and repair costs.

Although approximately 97 percent of wildlife strikes are collisions with birds, aircraft strikes with mammals also occurs. In the Middle East, some of the interesting wildlife hazards at the bases included common mynas, black kites, Cape hares, and golden jackals.

“We spent a lot of time mending fences and removing attractants to keep wildlife off the runways,” notes Kory McLellan, the airport biologist assigned to Bagram Airbase in Afghanistan. “Golden jackals are similar to coyotes. They’d come onto the air base at night in search of food.”

While most efforts were focused on modifying the habitat or scaring animals away from the air bases, sometimes animals had to be lethally removed, especially if they posed an immediate hazard. In those cases, some of the animal carcasses were collected and sent to the Smithsonian Bird Lab and other facilities as wildlife specimens for research.

Each wildlife biologist found their accomplishments overseas very fulfilling and agreed the reward was helping safeguard our military, which recognizes and appreciates Wildlife Services work to ensure safe air flight.

On April 6, Miller, Taylor, and McLellan were congratulated and presented with certificates of appreciation by WS’ Associate Deputy

Administrator Martin Mendoza and the National Coordinator for the WS National Airport Wildlife Hazards Program Michael Begier.

To learn more, please visit the following:

- [USDA Helps Control Birds and Wildlife at US Military Bases Overseas](#) (USDA Radio)
- [What’s It Like for a USDA Official to Work in Afghanistan?](#) (USDA Radio)
- FLICKR photo collection – [APHIS Biologists return from Southwest Asia](#)
- USDA-APHIS-WS [Airport Wildlife Hazards Program](#)

Source: <https://www.usda.gov/media/blog/2017/06/01/keeping-our-military-pilots-safe-wildlife-strikes>

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## **Local Harvest Beef Program**

*Source: Nelson Curry (Your Cattle Buyer)*



At Local Harvest, we believe whole-heartedly that local matters. We are proud of the impact our sustainably raised cattle practices have on health, food safety, farms and communities, animal health, the environment – not to mention they produce superior tasting fresh Angus beef.

Our strict standards ensure we only work with farmers that recognize the importance of natural standards, humane handling and contribution to the local economy. When you select Local Harvest® Natural Angus beef products, not only will you enjoy the superior quality and taste but you will also feel good knowing that you are supporting your local economy, promoting local farming and safeguarding the environment.



## Want to Join the Local Harvest® Family of Farms?



Farmers interested in becoming a producer for Local Harvest, please contact:

**Nelson Curry**  
(859)983-1772

[ncurry@meyerfoods.com](mailto:ncurry@meyerfoods.com)

**\*Please visit:**

<https://www.localharvestbeef.com/>

## Announcements

### ❖ HCFB Communications Committee

The board of directors for Howard County Farm Bureau decided to put together a committee to communicate with Howard Countians about the benefits of agriculture in their lives and of being a member of Howard County Farm Bureau, building on the communications programs of the Maryland Farm Bureau.

They will enhance the Howard County Farm Bureau Social media platform to share the latest news with media, Howard County Council, and the community.

Your new Howard County Farm Bureau Communications Committee is:

**Barbara Glenn**  
**Keith Ohlinger**  
**Kathy Hudson**  
**Mandy Ackman**

### ❖ Howard County Farm Bureau Farm to Table Dinner

Join us for an elegant four course dinner made from locally grown ingredients prepared by four local chefs. The meal will be accompanied by beer from Manor Hill Brewing and wine from Elk Run Winery.

**Tuesday October 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2017**

**6:00 PM**

**Circle D Farm**

**15535 Carrs Mill Road**

**Ticket sales will begin June 1<sup>st</sup>**

**Tickets: \$80**

[www.howardfarmbureau.org](http://www.howardfarmbureau.org)

## ❖ CompWALK.farm

Avoid agro-vation, simplify farm food safety with CompWALK.farm; a web and mobile platform being developed to better manage farm food safety regulations and save you time.



PROVIDES GUIDANCE FOR:

FSMA Produce Rule  
State GAP Programs  
Harmonized GAP  
Custom Farm Food Safety Plans

### *Features:*

- Conduct mock inspections
- Receive critical alerts and messages
- Store all food safety documents in one place
- Resources to create a custom farm food safety plan
- Schedule inspections in a custom calendar
- Easily search and organize your documentation
- iOS and Android mobile applications (coming soon)
- Receive upgrades & platform improvements automatically

CompWALK.farm is being developed with over 20 years of experience in healthcare compliance utilizing our proprietary CompWALK platform that assesses compliance in over 12,000 locations.

### Learn More:

Learn more about CompWALK.farm and request to participate in our pilot program.

Visit [www.compwalk.farm](http://www.compwalk.farm)

## ❖ TALMAR'S BREAKING NEW GROUND PROGRAM: A VETERANS-TO-FARMER'S TRAINING PAID APPRENTICESHIP AND FARM PARCELS FOR VETERANS

PARKVILLE, MD May 11, 2017:

The Baltimore Regional Office of Vocational Rehabilitation is now compensating disabled veterans while they train at our non-profit Therapeutic Alternatives of Maryland (TALMAR's) Breaking New Ground program. Veterans looking for a path to employment can contact their nearest vocational rehabilitation counselor to gain full admittance into our program, using Chapter 31 benefits. Veterans can take this training at no out-of-pocket costs and receive paid compensation throughout the program's duration. Those interested in the following should contact TALMAR as soon as possible:

- Start your own agri-business career and gain financial stability
- Completion of our training provides:
  - o Organic certification
  - o Up to 9,000 sq ft of your own farm parcel
  - o 1-year of follow-up/mentorship
- 10-month USDA-aligned curriculum teaches everything you need to know about organic farming:
  - o Vegetables, crops and plants
  - o Livestock and plants
  - o Organic certification, laws, and rules
  - o Alternatives to pesticides
  - o Marketing strategies for selling your produce

CALL 410-825-2020 or Email [talmar@talmar.org](mailto:talmar@talmar.org)  
[www.talmar.org](http://www.talmar.org)

Contact: Cate Murphy

# Calendar of Events

\*\*\*2017\*\*\*

**JUL 31 MARYLAND STATE FAIR – ENTRY  
DEADLINE**

Place Online portal

**AUG 4 NUTRIENT MANAGEMENT  
CERTIFICATION EXAM**

Place Maryland Department of Ag  
TIME 9:00 A.M. – 11:00 A.M.

**AUG 5-12 72<sup>ND</sup> HOWARD COUNTY FAIR**

Place Howard County Fairgrounds  
Fairground Road, West Friendship, MD  
<http://howardcountyfair.org/>

**AUG 6 HOWARD COUNTY FARM BUREAU  
CONTESTS**

Place Howard County Fairgrounds  
Fairground Road, West Friendship, MD  
Time 3 p.m.

**AUG 24 MARYLAND STATE FAIR**

Place Maryland State Fairgrounds, Timonium, MD  
Dates Thursday Aug 24<sup>th</sup> – Monday Sep 4th

**SEP 7 CROP INSURANCE WORKSHOP**

Place TBD  
Time All Day  
\*Details to come on UME website

**SEP 14 HOWARD SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICT  
ANNUAL COOPERATOR DINNER**

Place Air View Farm  
Woodbine, MD  
Contact: HSC District (410) 313-0680 or check out  
their website, [www.howardscd.org](http://www.howardscd.org)

**OCT 3 FARM TO TABLE DINNER**

Place Circle D Farm  
15535 Carrs Mill Road  
Woodbine, MD 21797  
Time 6:00 p.m.  
Cost: \$80 - Tickets on sale June 1<sup>st</sup>

[NOTE]: Some programs require pre-registration and/or a fee. For programs sponsored by University of Maryland Extension, if you need special assistance to participate, please contact the

**JUNIOR SHOWMANSHIP REGISTRATION  
HOWARD COUNTY FARM BUREAU  
2017**

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**JUNIOR SHOWMAN NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_

**ADDRESS:** \_\_\_\_\_

**AGE:** 6    7    8    9

**PARENT/GUARDIAN NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_

**ADDRESS:** \_\_\_\_\_

**HOME #:** \_\_\_\_\_

**CELL #:** \_\_\_\_\_

**EMAIL:** \_\_\_\_\_

The parent and/or guardian must be a member of Howard County Farm Bureau

Are you a member of Howard County Farm Bureau: YES OR NO

**STAFF USE: MEMBER ID #** \_\_\_\_\_

PLEASE EMAIL THE REGISTRATION FORM TO RHONDA WINKLER AT

[steelfirefarm@yahoo.com](mailto:steelfirefarm@yahoo.com) or bring it with you to the 1<sup>st</sup> workshop.

If you have any questions, please call Rhonda at 443-277-0349

HOWARD COUNTY FARM BUREAU

# FARM TO TABLE



## DINNER

JOIN US FOR AN ELEGANT FOUR COURSE  
DINNER MADE FROM LOCALLY GROWN  
INGREDIENTS PREPARED BY FOUR LOCAL  
CHEFS. THE MEAL WILL BE  
ACCOMPANIED BY BEER FROM MANOR HILL  
BREWING AND WINE FROM ELK RUN WINERY.

*Tuesday*

*October 3, 2017*

*6 P.M.*

*Circle D Farm*

*15535 Carrs Mill Road*



**TICKETS \$80**

**TICKET SALES WILL BEGIN JUNE 1ST.**

**[WWW.HOWARDFARMBUREAU.ORG](http://WWW.HOWARDFARMBUREAU.ORG)**