



# NEWSLETTER



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### My Final Message to the Members

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

I hope that by the time you all read this, we will have received some measurable rain. With very little growing season left, it is going to be hard to get any growth back before the cold weather gets here. So, keep praying and never lose hope, and things will be growing again before you know it.

The fall harvest is in full go and you all need to be careful. It only takes a moment to have an accident and we all don't need a life changing moment that way. So, slow down and do the little things that will make the end result better. Be careful on the roads, watch for kids getting on and off the bus, as well as the joggers and bicyclist. You and I are not going to get there faster because we are in a hurry, we just need to get there. None of us want or need that life changing moment, do we?

Watch for things to start heating up in the legislative world. The sessions in Annapolis will be starting up the first week in January and MD Farm Bureau is getting ready as well. They will keep you posted with regular updates and let you know where Farm Bureau stands as a group. At the county level, there

have been several bills introduced, some on solar and forestation and banning of chemicals. We are trying hard to keep up and work with the council members to come to agreements that we all can live with; believe me it is not an easy task. Several of us will be heading down to the "104<sup>th</sup> MD Farm Bureau Convention", to be held in Ocean City again this year. We will be electing a new President and new policy and hope to lay out a plan for the coming years in agriculture. AFBF President Zippy Duvall is scheduled to speak and I look forward to hearing what he has to say.

I hope to see everyone on the 21<sup>st</sup> of November for our Annual Dinner. I believe it is our 95<sup>th</sup> year of the Howard County Farm Bureau. We will be electing new board members and you will be electing your Vice President and President as well. Yes, as you saw in the title this is my final "Message to the Members". It has been 12 years for me as your President, and I feel it is time for me to step

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down. It has been a real privilege to serve as your president. The farm bureau board members that I have had the privilege to serve with throughout the years have been very hard working and have always been willing to share the load. I am confident that Ho. Co. Farm Bureau will continue to be successful in the coming challenges that they will face, and you all as members will do your best to help just like you always have. I will be here to help transition whomever you all elect, and I will still be here to help the county's agricultural community with anything I can. So, like I always say and sadly for the last time.

**“Keep your plow in the ground, we’re all pulling for you”**

Your President, Howie Feaga

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## **Howard County Farm Bureau** **Annual Dinner**

The Howard County Farm Bureau Annual Banquet will be held:

**Thursday, November 21, 2019**

**7:00 p.m.**  
at the

**Lisbon Volunteer Fire Department  
Social Hall, Lisbon, MD.**

A fried chicken and ham dinner will be served by the Ladies Auxiliary and will cost \$20.00 per person (\$25/person after November 11<sup>th</sup>).

There will be a brief meeting following dinner, at which time we will elect the officers and directors for 2020. Please send your reservations and money for the dinner to the attention of Leslie Bauer no later than November 11<sup>th</sup>.

**\*Please complete the attached Reservation Form and mail in BEFORE November 11<sup>th</sup>, Found on Page #11 of this Newsletter\***

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## **The Great Lisbon FARMERS** **FEED THE HUNGRY** **Christmas Parade**



**Saturday, December 14, 2019**  
**12 noon**

## **The Great Lisbon FARMERS FEED** **THE HUNGRY** **Christmas Parade**

*presented by*

The Howard County Farm Bureau

*to benefit*

The Howard County Food Bank  
Carroll County Food Sunday  
Farmers & Hunters Feeding the Hungry  
Lisbon Volunteer Fire Company

Please come out and enjoy this year's Christmas Parade, featuring tractors, followed by saddle horses and carriage horses. You can participate in the parade, become a sponsor or simply come and bring the family and enjoy in the fun!

Thank you to the Greater Community for your generous support. Because of you the 2018 Lisbon Christmas Parade was able to obtain . . .

- A little over \$17,000 in donations raised on behalf of the beneficiaries.
- Over 3,400 Pounds of Nonperishable Food collected and donated to local food banks!

## Tractors & Farm Equipment



**Farmers!**  
Show off your Yuletide Spirit  
&  
Enter your festively decorated

### TRACTORS & FARM EQUIPMENT

in  
*The Great Lisbon  
FARMERS FEED THE  
HUNGRY  
Christmas Parade!*

*All participants will be required to submit the signed entry form with the signed release at the intersection of Route 144 and Daisy Road; the information on the form will be used to announce your entry at the viewing stand in the middle of town.*

**AT DAISY ROAD:** Remember to stop at Daisy Road to make your generous contribution and drop off your entry form!

Please go to:

<http://www.lisbonchristmasparade.com/>

to find the Tractor entry & release form.

## Equine



**WANTED!**

*250 Horses, Mules,  
Donkeys & Minis  
for the  
Lisbon Christmas Parade!*

Horses must register for the Parade in advance  
– and space is limited!

~ Entries OPEN September 30

~ Entries CLOSE November 30

- *or when 250 have entered,  
whichever comes first.*

Please go to:

<http://www.lisbonchristmasparade.com/>

to find the Equine entry & Liability release form.



## HCPSS Ag Advisory Committee Meetings Scheduled for the School Year

By: *Barb Glenn*

The Howard County Public School System Ag Advisory Committee will meet twice in the coming months, November 12 and March 10, 2020. The committee will hear updates and review curriculum and projects for the new ag sciences program for high school students. The Farm Bureau seeks to be an active partner by providing guidance and internships, tours, industry trends, and other opportunities for students. We are thrilled with the progress of the program and for the students involved! If you know of interested students, and for more information, contact: Howie Feaga, [howie@merryacresfarm.com](mailto:howie@merryacresfarm.com)

Please mark your calendars for this year's Advisory meetings on Tuesday November 12, 2019 and Tuesday, March 10, 2020 at 9am in the Media Center/Library at the Applications and Research Laboratory, 10920 Clarksville Pike, Ellicott City, MD, 21042.

Feel free to come by at 8:30 am to observe students in action in the lab Room B 60. We are looking forward to seeing you.

If you are unavailable, please invite a colleague to attend in your stead.

We will be giving you updates and reviewing the curriculum and projects and looking for input on technical and professional skills and training, competitions, internships, industry trends, opportunities and projects that would benefit students in preparing for this career area.

Thanks and take care.

*Natalie Belcher*  
Instructional Facilitator  
Office of Career and Technical Education  
Howard County Public School System  
410-313-6636  
410-313-7000 (fax)

## Maryland Agricultural Highlights – October 2019

Source: *Maryland Department of Agriculture*



October 11, 2019

### **Cover Crop Planting Deadline is November 5**

Farmers who signed up for grants to plant cover crops this fall with the Maryland Department of Agriculture have until November 5, 2019, to get their fields planted. Farmers who plant their cover crops by October 15 can receive an additional \$5-\$10 per acre bonus payment. Actual amount depends on the planting method used. For more information, farmers should visit the department's Cover Crop Program website, contact their local soil conservation district, or call the Maryland Agricultural Water Quality Cost-Share (MACS) Program at 410-841-5864.

### **Homeowners Should Hire Only Licensed and Certified Lawn Care Professionals**

The Maryland Department of Agriculture reminds homeowners that lawn care professionals hired to fertilize lawns must be certified and licensed by the Turfgrass Nutrient Management Program. Fertilizer containing nitrogen or phosphorus may not be applied near streams or if heavy rain is predicted. To further protect the Chesapeake Bay, fertilizer that lands on sidewalks or driveways must be cleaned up or swept back on the grass. For more information on Maryland's Lawn Fertilizer Law and a list of licensed and certified lawn care professionals, visit the department's website.

## **Nutrient Management Training Set for December 17**

The Maryland Department of Agriculture and the University of Maryland Extension will provide an update on Maryland's nutrient management regulations with a focus on current topics affecting the agricultural community. The training will take place Tuesday, December 17 at the National Wildlife Visitor Center in Laurel. Participants will receive six continuing education units in all agricultural nutrient management categories. The \$30 fee covers learning materials and lunch. Seating is limited and admission is by prepaid registration only. For a registration form, visit the department's website or call 410-841-5959.

## **31<sup>st</sup> Annual MAEF Banquet and Auction Set for November 7**

The Maryland Agricultural Education Foundation, Inc. (MAEF) will host its 31<sup>st</sup> annual banquet and auction Thursday, November 7 at Michael's 8th Avenue, 7220 Grayburn Drive, Glen Burnie. Tickets are \$70 per person and may be purchased by contacting Amie McDaniels at [amcdaniels@maefonline.com](mailto:amcdaniels@maefonline.com) or 410-939-9030. RSVP by October 15. The reception begins at 5:30 p.m. with dinner at 6:30 p.m. Proceeds benefit MAEF's agricultural educational outreach programs.

## **October Newsletter Available**

Read the latest edition of [\*The Harford Resource\*](#), the quarterly newsletter of the Harford Soil Conservation District. The newsletter takes a nostalgic look back at the district's 75-year history of helping landowners protect natural resources on their land, along with new faces, upcoming events, and other conservation news. The newsletter is also available on the Harford Soil Conservation District's Facebook.

## **St. Mary's Soil Conservation District Now on Facebook**

The St. Mary's Soil Conservation District has launched a Facebook page to keep farmers, developers, and other key audiences updated on its soil and water conservation programs, events, training opportunities, and other natural resources news.

## **Garrett Soil Conservation District Honors Green Family as Cooperator of the Year**

The Garrett Soil Conservation District presented its 2019 Cooperator of the Year award to the Green family at its annual Cooperators Dinner on September 19. Over the years, Kenny and Deborah Green have installed a variety of best management practices on their farm to manage manure and protect water quality. Best management practices installed at their brood cow herd operation and commercial hay business include a manure storage structure and heavy use area, stream buffer, livestock exclusion fencing, watering facility, and contour strips. Visit the Garrett Soil Conservation District's website to learn more.

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*Maryland's Conservation Partnership is a coalition of federal, state, and local agriculture agencies dedicated to protecting and conserving natural resources and promoting Maryland agriculture. Members include the Maryland Department of Agriculture, Maryland Association of Soil Conservation Districts, the State Soil Conservation Committee, USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service, USDA Farm Service Agency and University of Maryland Extension.*

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## **2020 Maryland Crop Production Meetings Announced**

*Source: UMD Extension*



Published On: October 25, 2019

University of Maryland Extension has announced dates for this year's crop production meetings that will be conducted around the state between December and March. The most recent research, information and data will be shared at these

meetings and will help make 2020 growing decisions for agricultural crops. The meetings are open to all interested in agronomy, forage, vegetables and fruit. Private pesticide applicator and nutrient management credits will be offered. Be sure to call your local Extension office for further details and to get registered. If you need special accommodations please call one week prior to the event.

### **Agronomy Meetings:**

#### **Southern Maryland Crops Conference**

December 3, 2019. 4:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.  
Baden Fire Hall, Baden, Maryland.  
Register by calling the Charles County UME Office at 301-934-5403.

#### **Kent County Agronomy Meeting**

December 4, 2019. 8 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.  
211 Maple Ave, Chestertown, Maryland.  
Register by calling the Kent County UME Office at 410-778-1661.

#### **Washington County Crops Conference**

December 5, 2019. 9:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.  
Fairplay Firehall, 18002 Tilghmanton Rd, 21733 Fairplay, MD  
Register by calling the Washington County UME Office at 301-791-1304 or [jsemmler@umd.edu](mailto:jsemmler@umd.edu).

#### **Northern Maryland Field Crops Day**

December 5, 2019. 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.  
Friendly Farms, Foreston Road in Upperco, Maryland.  
Register by calling Baltimore County UME Office at 410-887-8090.

#### **Carroll County Mid-Winter Farm Meeting**

January 16, 2020. 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.  
Burns Hall, Carroll County Ag Center, Westminster, Md.  
Register by calling the Carroll County UME Office at 410-386-2760.

#### **Cecil County Winter Agronomy Meeting**

January 29, 2020. 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.  
Calvert Grange, Rising Sun, Maryland.  
Register by calling the Cecil County UME Office at 410-996-5280 or [dbehnke@umd.edu](mailto:dbehnke@umd.edu).

#### **Lower Shore Agronomy Day**

January 22, 2020. 8:00 a.m. – 3:40 p.m.  
Somerset Civic Center, Princess Anne, MD

Register at the Somerset County UME Office at 410-651-1350.

#### **Harford County Mid-Winter Agronomy Meeting**

February 11, 2020. 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.  
Deer Creek Overlook at Harford 4-H Camp  
6 Cherry Hill Road, Street MD 21154  
Register by calling the Harford County UME Office at 410-638-3255 or [akness@umd.edu](mailto:akness@umd.edu)

#### **Caroline County Agronomy Day**

February 19, 2020. 4:30 p.m.  
Caroline County 4-H Park  
8230 Detour Rd, Denton, MD 21629  
Register by calling the Caroline County UME Office at 410-479-4030.

#### **Montgomery-Howard-Frederick Agronomy Day**

February 20, 2020. 8:30 a.m. – 3:00p.m.  
Urbana Fire Hall  
3602 Urbana Pike, Frederick, MD 21704  
Register by calling the Frederick County UME Office at 301-600-3576.

#### **Queen Anne's Agronomy Day**

February 28, 2020. 8:00 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.  
Queen Anne's County 4-H Park  
101 Dulin Clark Road, Centreville, MD 21617  
Register by calling the Queen Anne's County UME Office at 410-758-0166 or [jrhodes@umd.edu](mailto:jrhodes@umd.edu).

### **Forage Meetings:**

#### **Delmarva Hay and Pasture Conference**

January 14, 2020. 9:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.  
Delaware Ag Week. Harrington Delaware

#### **Southern Maryland Forage Conference**

January 15, 2020. 8:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.  
Baden Fire Hall, Baden, Maryland.  
Register by calling the St Mary's UME Office at 301 475-4484.

#### **Tri-State Hay and Pasture Conference**

January 16, 2020. 9:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.  
Location TBA  
Register by calling the Garrett County UME office at 301-334-6960.

#### **Central Maryland Forage and Livestock Conference**

January 17, 2020. 9:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.  
Jefferson Ruritan Center, Jefferson, MD

Registration information will be forthcoming

### **Vegetable Meetings:**

#### **Central Maryland Vegetable Growers Meeting**

January 23, 2020. 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Friendly Farms, Foreston Road in Upperco, Maryland

Register by calling UM Extension Baltimore County Office at 410-887-8090

#### **Eastern Shore Vegetable and Fruit Meeting**

February 11, 2020

Eastern Shore Hospital Center, Cambridge MD

Register at

<https://2020esvegmeeting.eventbrite.com> or by calling the Dorchester County UME office at 410-228-8800.

#### **Southern Maryland Vegetable and Fruit Meeting**

February 6, 2020

Bowie Elks Lodge #2309 in Gambrills, MD

Register on-line for this event at:

<http://extension.umd.edu/annearundel-county> or contact the Anne Arundel County Extension Office at 410-222-3906

#### **Urban Farmer Winter Meeting**

January 26, 2020.

Baltimore, MD

Register for this event by contacting Neith Little: [nlittle@umd.edu](mailto:nlittle@umd.edu) 410-856-1850x123

### **Fruit Meetings:**

#### **Bay Area Fruit Meeting**

February 12, 2020. 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Wye Research and Education Center, Queenstown MD

Register call phone: 410-827-8056

#### **Western Maryland Fruit Meeting**

February 13, 2020. 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Western Maryland Research and Education Center, Keedysville MD

Register email [sbarnes6@umd.edu](mailto:sbarnes6@umd.edu) or call 301 432-2767 ext.301.

Source: <https://extension.umd.edu/news/2020-maryland-crop-production-meetings-announced>

## **Farm Bureau: Seeding Rural Resilience Act Will Help Farmers and Ranchers**

*Source: American Farm Bureau Federation*

October 16, 2019

The American Farm Bureau Federation supports the Seeding Rural Resilience Act sponsored by Sens. Jon Tester (D-Mont.) and Chuck Grassley (R-Iowa), which is designed to help farmers respond to stress and decrease the stigma associated with mental health care in rural communities.

“Farmers and ranchers are some of the most resilient people you will ever meet,” said AFBF President Zippy Duvall. “But times are tough on the farm, and with challenges from weather, trade and low commodity prices, it can definitely wear down the resiliency of farmers. AFBF commends Senators Tester and Grassley for introducing the Seeding Rural Resilience Act, which will be instrumental in bringing mental health resources and awareness to rural communities.”

AFBF is committed to raising awareness about the benefits of seeking support and how to recognize the signs that someone needs help.

According to a Morning Consult research poll commissioned by AFBF in April 2019, a strong majority of farmers and farmworkers say financial issues (91%), farm or business problems (88%) and fear of losing the farm (87%) impact the mental health of farmers and ranchers, and nearly half of rural adults (48%) say they are personally experiencing more mental health challenges than they were a year ago.

#### **Background on the bill:**

The Seeding Rural Resilience Act creates three initiatives aimed at promoting mental health awareness in rural America:

- Implementing a farmer-facing employee training program that requires the Agriculture Department to provide voluntary stress management training to Farm Service Agency, Risk Management

Agency and Natural Resources  
Conservation Service employees;

- Forming a partnership between the Department of Health and Human Services and USDA to create a \$3 million PSA to increase public awareness of farm and ranch stress and destigmatize mental health care in rural communities; and
- Directing the Secretary of Agriculture to work with state, local and nongovernmental stakeholders to collaborate and determine best practices for responding to farm and ranch mental stress.

Anyone who is experiencing a mental health crisis can call the [National Suicide Prevention Lifeline](https://www.nimh.nih.gov/health/topics/suicidal-thoughts-and-actions/index.shtml) 24/7 at 1-800-273-TALK, or 1-800-273-8255.

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The full text of the Seeding Rural Resilience Act is available on the original article website:

<https://www.fb.org/newsroom/farm-bureau-seeding-rural-resilience-act-will-help-farmers-and-ranchers> .

## Announcements

### ❖ The Correct/Current Howard County Farm Bureau Website

Please note that the correct and current website for the HCFB is:

<https://www.mdfarmbureau.com/howard/>

### ❖ Annual Citrus Sale

Don't Forget to order your fruit! The Citrus Sale Flyer is attached at the end of this Newsletter on Page #13.

Please submit your order by  
November 18<sup>th</sup>!

If you have any questions, please contact:

Leslie Bauer  
(443) 812-1662  
[Labauer5@verizon.net](mailto:Labauer5@verizon.net)



### ❖ The Great Lisbon FARMERS FEED THE HUNGRY Christmas Parade

Hosted By:



*Saturday, December 14<sup>th</sup>, 2019*  
*~ 12:00 PM~*





*Wishing Everyone a*

*Happy*

*Thanksgiving*



*Merry Christmas*

*From your Board of  
Directors and the  
Officers and Staff  
at Howard County  
Farm Bureau!*



## **Calendar of Events**

**\*\*\*2019-2020\*\*\***

**NOV 12 HCPSS AG ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING**

Place Applications & Research Laboratory Media Center/Library  
10920 Clarkesville Pike  
Ellicott City, MD 21042  
TIME 9:00 A.M.

**NOV 21 HCFB ANNUAL BANQUET DINNER**

Place Lisbon Fire Hall  
1330 Woodbine Road Woodbine, MD 21797  
Time 7:00 P.M.

**DEC 8-10 104<sup>TH</sup> MARYLAND FARM BUREAU ANNUAL CONVENTION**

Place Ocean City, MD  
The Clarion Resort Hotel

**DEC 14 THE GREAT LISBON FARMERS FEED THE HUNGRY CHRISTMAS PARADE**

Place Lisbon, MD  
TIME 12:00 P.M.

**DEC 17 MARYLAND AGRICULTURAL NUTRIENT MANAGEMENT UPDATE**

Place National Wildlife Visitors Center  
10901 Scarlet Tanager Loop  
Laurel, MD 20708  
Time 9:00 P.M. – 3:30 P.M.  
Contact: MDA, [nminfo.mda@maryland.gov](mailto:nminfo.mda@maryland.gov)  
410-841-5959

**JAN 17-22 101<sup>ST</sup> AFBF ANNUAL CONVENTION & TRADE SHOW**

Place Austin, TX

**MAR 10 HCPSS AG ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING**

Place Applications & Research Laboratory Media Center/Library  
10920 Clarkesville Pike  
Ellicott City, MD 21042  
TIME 9:00 A.M.

[NOTE]: Some programs require pre-registration and/or a fee. For programs sponsored by University of Maryland Extension, please contact the person indicated at least two weeks in advance of the event.







# Howard County Farm Bureau

A Farmer - to Farmer Agricultural Commodity Marketing Service through Maryland Farm Bureau Service Company and Florida Farm Bureau.



\*Florida Citrus is thinner skinned than others,  
giving a more edible product.  
\*Fruit must be kept cool.

**Citrus Order Deadline: November 18 2019**

Citrus Delivery will be in mid-December – (12/16 – 12/19) exact date TBD;  
We will contact you to confirm pick-up date at the Howard County Fairgrounds

**Please Make Check Payable To:  
Howard County Farm Bureau  
PO BOX 282  
Glenelg, MD 21737**

**Questions? Leslie Bauer  
443-812-1662  
Labauer5@verizon.net**

"FLORIDA'S BEST"	Price	Quantity	Amount
Navel Oranges (4/5 Bushel)	\$34.50		
Clementines (1/2 Bushel)	\$36.50		
Red Grapefruit (4/5 Bushel)	\$31.50		
Hamlin Juice Oranges (4/5 Bushel)	\$29.50		
Gold Pineapples (1 tray of 8)	\$27.00		
Pear Box (2/5 Bushel)	\$32.00		
Grand Slam Gift Box - 2/5 Bushel (6 Red Apples, 6 Di Anjou Pears, 3 Golden Apples, and 18-20 Navel Oranges)	\$29.50		
Citrus Trio (6 Red Grapefruit, 18-20 Oranges, 16-20 Mandarins)	\$29.50		
Peanut Gift Pack (3 can pack)	\$11.00		
Chocolate Nut Gift Pack (2 can pack)	\$12.00		
Whole Cashews (16 oz can)	\$9.50		
Mixed Nuts (16 oz can)	\$7.00		
Pecan Halves, Fresh Shelled (16 oz bag)	\$10.00		
Roasted Almonds (9 oz can)	\$5.00		
Skinless "Southern Fried" Peanuts (16 oz can)	\$4.00		
Hone Krunch Peanuts (12 oz can)	\$4.00		

**TOTALS:**

**NAME:**

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**PHONE:**

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