



# NEWSLETTER



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### Message to Members

By: *Leslie Bauer, President Howard County Farm Bureau*

As I sit down to write this message to members, it amazes me to think just how quickly this year has gone by. It seems like just yesterday I was writing my January 2021 message, wishing each of our members a Happy New Year – and now here I am preparing to do the same thing once again.

While 2021 continued to present its share of challenges, it was a good year overall, and farm bureau has continued to stay busy. We slowly made our way back to in-person events and it has been wonderful to get back to interacting with people face to face once again, instead of behind a computer screen.

December marked two big events for our county farm bureau – the MD State Farm Bureau Convention, followed by the annual Great Lisbon Farmers Feed the Hungry Christmas Parade.

The MD State Farm Bureau Convention had a new venue this year at the Hyatt Regency in Cambridge. It was a change for many, but I think it was well received and a good time was certainly enjoyed by all who attended. Howard County was well represented at the convention. Zack Brendel,

Howie Feaga, Barbara Glenn, and Kenny Warfield, along with myself, served as delegates.



We spent two days reviewing the Farm Bureau’s policy manual. I would like to thank our delegates for taking time out of their busy schedules and spending a few days to help adopt and update policy, as well as review issues of concern for the

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upcoming year. It is always refreshing to spend time with like-minded people who have the same goals and understand the challenges we as farmers face along the way. I also appreciate that while we may still all have the same goals, that doesn't mean we are all going to take the same way to get there. I enjoy the opportunity to visit with others and hear their perspective on the industry.



While at the convention, Howard County was also one of two counties to receive a Silver Bowl as part of the Awards of Excellence Program, recognizing achievement of top scores in all program areas. This program evaluates and recognizes each county farm bureau's activities in the areas of membership, leadership, government relations, fiduciary responsibility, outreach and outstanding county program. The success of our county farm bureau, and the award of this bowl, is a direct result of our board members and our membership. I would like to thank our board, as well as our secretary, Katie Hereth, for all the work they do to support agriculture in Howard County throughout the year. Great programs like Junior Showmanship (thanks Rhonda Winkler!), and the Farmers Feed the Hungry Christmas Parade, help to make our county stand out.

Speaking of the parade, a few short days after returning from convention, it was time to head over to Lisbon to enjoy the annual holiday parade! Mother Nature worked in our favor this year, and after a virtual parade last year, I think many were happy to be back in downtown Lisbon once again. Quite the crowd gathered, and while the final tally is not yet in, it looks like our local food banks – Howard County Food Bank, Carroll County Food

Sunday, Farmers & Hunters Feeding the Hungry, and Lisbon Volunteer Fire Company - will all reap the benefits of another successful parade. Thank you to the many hands that make this parade work, as well as to all those who attended and showed support for a fun and festive annual event.

In closing, as we look ahead to the new year – a new page and a fresh start - I am looking forward to opportunities to gather more with farm bureau members while working to promote and educate others about the importance of agriculture, both in our county as well as across the state. Wishing everyone all the best for this New Year!

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## **Maryland Farm Bureau's Agricultural Ambassador Contest**

*By: Danielle Farace, Farm Bureau Women*



The Howard County Farm Bureau congratulates Howard County Agricultural Ambassador Raven Herron, on her outstanding job representing the County during the Maryland Farm Bureau Ag Ambassador contest. The contest, held on December 4, 2021 at the Maryland Farm Bureau Annual Convention in Cambridge, is a new scholarship and development program for Maryland's Farm Bureau member-families, replacing the previous Miss Maryland Agriculture program.

A total of sixteen contestants, both male and female, were evaluated from their applications and virtual interviews. From there, eight were selected, including Howard County's Raven Herron, to

compete in-person where they gave a speech on an assigned topic and participated in a "Discussion Meet." Raven excelled in both areas of final selection, facing tough competition. Jaelyn Bryant of Frederick County and Xavier Cox of Prince George's County ultimately took home top honors of the contest.



## **EVERYONE LOVES A PARADE – THE GREAT LISBON FARMERS FEED THE HUNGRY CHRISTMAS PARADE!**

*By: Alice Settle-Raskin*



Howard County Farm Bureau carries the banner leading The 2021 Great Lisbon FARMERS FEED THE HUNGRY Christmas Parade, Howard County Farm Bureau royalty - Ava Brendel, 2021 Little Miss Howard County Farm Bureau and Raven Herron, Howard County Farm Bureau Ag Ambassador came along for the ride! Photo Credit: Rebecca Jane Mason

The 2021 Great Lisbon FARMERS FEED THE HUNGRY Christmas Parade was a tremendous success. Our local parade has definitely put the Historic Town of Lisbon on the map!

On Saturday, December 11<sup>th</sup>, an estimated 3,000 patrons lined half-mile the official parade route that led down the old national road, Frederick Road (Route 144) from Daisy Road to the Lisbon Circle in anticipation for the parade to kick off at noon!

The parade, presented by the Howard County Farm Bureau brought farmers and equestrians from all over the region to participate in one of Maryland's biggest fundraisers to feed the hungry! It couldn't happen without the support from the community! We're shouting out with pride to those who formed unique partnerships which brought even more excitement than before, making The Lisbon Christmas Parade the best yet!



Photo Credit: Howard County Public Information Office courtesy of County Executive Calvin Ball



Where's the mistletoe? The Grinch tried to steal Christmas, but instead this local equestrian stole a kiss! Photo Credit: James Toler Photos

## The Tractor Challenge!



Fully Lined Parade Route – Photo Credit: Senator Katie Fry Hester, District 9

In keeping with the spirit of the season, the Howard County Farm Bureau challenged the Carroll County Farm Bureau to “BRING IT ON” – whichever farm bureau had more tractors in the parade in 2021 gets to lead the parade with their banner in 2022! Both Howard County and Carroll County farm bureaus were well represented!

Our farming communities met the challenge head-on and came out in force; including men, women & local farm kids of all ages representing our rural region! *Some 36 farmers with tractors led the parade,* followed by several antique vehicles and around 150 horses under saddle and pulling carriages and wagons! They drove all makes and sizes, from the standard John Deeres and International Harvesters, to New Hollands, Kubotas, Massey Fergusons, Oliver's and more!



Emcee, Mike Calkins, from the 2021 Lisbon Christmas Parade viewing stand in front of the Maryland Horse Council Headquarters, publisher of *The Equiry*. Photo Credit: Howard County Public Information Office courtesy of County Executive Calvin Ball.

## Local Girl Scouts

Local Girl Scout troops out of Bushy Park Elementary School area worked together with the Carroll County Western Circuit and Larriland Farms to support the parade! When leaders from the Girl Scouts and CCWC approached the Parade committee, we were elated!



Photo Credit: Claire Lacey

The Girl Scouts' partnership brought together groups from both Howard and Carroll counties and included both farmers and equestrians! Local farmers, including Larriland Farms, drove their tractors and wagons filled with nearly 70 girl scouts and leaders. The troops alone raised \$800 and collected about 200 pounds of food at their canned food drive at Bushy Park Elementary! Hats off to these groups for creatively thinking “outside the box” to support the parade!

## Thankful for community support!

In addition to these partnerships, we are proud of our local Lisbon community and the local businesses who supported the parade by staging open house receptions, to The Grill; and others such as Days End Farm Horse Rescue hosting Santa's Village with “reindeer rides,” plus Tony Locos Restaurant and Grill and The Morgan Inn who hosted fundraisers and food drives.

While it's too soon to know how much the parade raised in funds through sponsorships, entries and cash donations from the community, the goal this year has been \$25,000! Cross your fingers! The funds will go to support our four local beneficiaries - Howard County Food Bank, Carroll County Food

Sunday; Farmers and Hunters Feeding the Hungry and the Lisbon Volunteer Fire Company!



Festive Antique Fire Truck from Circle D Farm.  
Photo Credit, Sam Kaiulani

Our food drive netted just over 3,100 pounds of non-perishable canned food and was divided equally between Howard County Food Bank and Carroll County Food Sunday.

### What's to come!

Who will lead the 2022 parade to kick off on Saturday, December 10 at 12 noon in our historic Town of Lisbon, Maryland? Stay tuned! We'll announce that in early 2022!



The Goshen Hounds once again steal the show at The 2021 Great Lisbon FARMERS FEED THE HUNGRY Christmas Parade! Photo Credit: Rebecca Jane Mason.

Learn more about The Great Lisbon FARMERS FEED THE HUNGRY Christmas Parade, view photos and videos, and find out what's to come by visiting [LisbonChristmasParade.com](http://LisbonChristmasParade.com) or follow us on Facebook at [@TheLisbonChristmasParade](https://www.facebook.com/TheLisbonChristmasParade).

## Managing Your Agriculture Business After COVID-19

Source: *Maryland Farm Bureau*



Maryland Farm Bureau and Howard County Economic Development Authority are proud to announce our new Agribusiness Forum: "Managing your Ag Business After Covid-19" featuring our main speaker Dr. Alex White- Ag Economics Professor at Virginia Tech. We are excited to open this program to all farmers, agriculture enthusiasts, beginning young farmers, or anyone interested in learning how to better manage their profits. This event will be held in person at the **Howard County Fairgrounds in the Dining Hall** on **Thursday, January 13th, 2022** beginning @ **9:00AM**.

**Registration link:** [REGISTER HERE!](https://www.cognitofrms.com/MarylandFarmBureau/MANAGINGYOURAGBUSINESSAFTERCVID19)  
<https://www.cognitofrms.com/MarylandFarmBureau/MANAGINGYOURAGBUSINESSAFTERCVID19>

The cost for this event is \$30/ticket which includes breakfast and a catered lunch menu.

Feel free to contact:

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Or

**Kathy Johnson**- Howard County Agriculture  
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Specialist at [kljohnson@hceda.org](mailto:kljohnson@hceda.org).

You can also contact our state office for assistance at [410-922-3426](tel:410-922-3426).

Below you will find our schedule for events.

**Agenda:**

- 8:30 AM - Registration & Check-In
- 9:00 AM - Welcome & Introductions
- 9:10 AM - Ag Enterprise Management 101  
Dr. Alex White, *Virginia Tech*
- 11:00 AM - Understanding Carbon Credit Marketing  
Shelby Meyers, *American Farm Bureau Federation*
- 11:45 AM - Value Added Agriculture: “Marketing your Ag Products with Passion”  
Kate & Emmy Dallam, *Broom’s Bloom Dairy*
- 12:30 PM - Lunch & Special thanks to event Sponsors
- 1:30 PM - Labor Management/Harvesting Produce during COVID-19 and for the future  
Butler, *Butler’s Orchard*
- 2:15 PM - Panel Discussion: Ask your Questions for the Experts!  
*Moderated by Dr. Alex White featuring program*

\*See attached Flyer Below on Page 11\*

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**USDA Launches Loan Guarantee Program to Create More Market Opportunities, Promote Competition and Strengthen America’s Food Supply Chain**

*Source: USDA*



*Program Will Unlock Approximately \$1 Billion for Meat and Poultry Processors and Food Supply Chain Infrastructure*

**WASHINGTON, Dec. 9, 2021** – U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Secretary Tom Vilsack today announced USDA is deploying \$100 million under the new Food Supply Chain Guaranteed Loan

Program to make available nearly \$1 billion in loan guarantees; these loan guarantees will back private investment in processing and food supply infrastructure that will strengthen the food supply chain for the American people.

USDA is making the funding available through the American Rescue Plan Act. The program is part of the Biden-Harris Administration’s efforts to address food system challenges dating back decades and further exacerbated by the COVID-19 pandemic. These investments will help essential processing and supply chain infrastructure that will ultimately deliver more opportunities and fairer prices for farmers, they will give people greater access to healthier foods, and they will help eliminate bottlenecks in the food supply chain.

“The pandemic exposed vulnerabilities and created extreme disruptions in America’s food supply chain. The reduction in meat processing capacity is just one example of the supply chain bottlenecks that affect small and midsize farmers,” Vilsack said. “Under the leadership of President Biden and Vice President Harris, USDA is investing in ways to improve America’s food supply chain. The funding we’re announcing today will leverage approximately a billion dollars in public and private-sector investments that will significantly expand meat and poultry processing capacity and finance critical food supply chain infrastructure.”

**Food Supply Chain Guaranteed Loan Program**

Through the Food Supply Chain Guaranteed Loan Program, USDA will partner with lenders to guarantee loans of up to \$40 million to help eligible entities expand meat and poultry processing capacity and finance other food supply chain infrastructure. Lenders may provide the loans to eligible cooperatives, corporations, for profits, nonprofits, Tribal communities, public bodies and people in rural and urban areas.

USDA Rural Development (RD) will administer the loans. Funding may be used to:

- Start-up or expand food supply chain activities such as aggregating, processing, manufacturing, storing, transporting, wholesaling or distributing food.
- Address supply chain bottlenecks.
- Increase capacity and help create a more resilient, diverse and secure U.S. food supply chain.

USDA is accepting electronic applications from lenders through the Food Supply Chain Online Application System until funds are expended. Paper applications will not be accepted. To access the online application system, lenders must submit a request to [rdfoodsupplychainloans@usda.gov](mailto:rdfoodsupplychainloans@usda.gov). For more information, visit [www.rd.usda.gov/foodsupplychainloans](http://www.rd.usda.gov/foodsupplychainloans) or see the notice published in the Dec. 9 Federal Register.

USDA Rural Development encourages applications for projects that advance the recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic, promote equitable access to USDA programs and services, and reduce the impacts of climate change on rural communities. For more information, visit [www.rd.usda.gov/priority-points](http://www.rd.usda.gov/priority-points).

## Background

This funding announcement follows the Biden-Harris Administration’s September announcement about the steps it is taking to address concentration in the meat-processing industry. It adds a new commitment of \$100 million for guaranteed loans on top of the previously announced \$500 million investment to expand meat and poultry processing capacity.

These efforts are part of USDA’s Build Back Better Initiative, a comprehensive plan to invest \$4 billion to strengthen the resiliency of America’s food supply chain while promoting competition.

As co-Chair of the Biden-Harris Administration’s Supply Chain Disruptions Task Force, Secretary Vilsack and USDA have brought together industry, labor, and federal partners to address the short-term supply chain disruptions arising from the

Administration’s strong economic recovery. This is one of several key steps that USDA is taking to build a more resilient supply chain and better food system and to increase competition in agricultural markets. These steps are pursuant to President Biden’s Executive Order on Promoting Competition in the American Economy and his Executive Order on America’s Supply Chains. This initiative will support key supply chain infrastructure investments to expand and scale existing capacity, as well as support long-term investments in new operations.

Rural Development provides loans and grants to help expand economic opportunities, create jobs and improve the quality of life for millions of Americans in rural areas. This assistance supports infrastructure improvements; business development; housing; community facilities such as schools, public safety and health care; and high-speed internet access in rural, tribal and high-poverty areas. For more information, visit <https://www.rd.usda.gov/>. If you’d like to subscribe to USDA Rural Development updates, visit our GovDelivery subscriber page.

USDA touches the lives of all Americans each day in so many positive ways. Under the Biden-Harris Administration, USDA is transforming America’s food system with a greater focus on more resilient local and regional food production, promoting competition and fairer markets for all producers, ensuring access to safe, healthy and nutritious food in all communities, building new markets and streams of income for farmers and producers using climate-smart food and forestry practices, making historic investments in infrastructure and clean energy capabilities in rural America, and committing to equity across the Department by removing systemic barriers and building a workforce more representative of America.

To learn more, visit <https://www.usda.gov/>

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## Announcements

### ❖ 2022 Taste of Maryland Agriculture



Maryland Agriculture Council

The 52nd annual Taste of Maryland Agriculture Celebration is the state's premier event, bringing agricultural leaders together with state and national legislators. Please join us at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, February 3, 2022, at our **NEW location** – Live! Casino & Hotel Maryland at Arundel Mills in Hanover.

Please go to the website for more information and to register! <https://mdagcouncil.com/>

### ❖ Maryland Farm Bureau Day in Annapolis

Please join us for a very valuable day in our state capital. Our goal is to have representation from every county in the state. We look forward to seeing you in Annapolis on February 9, 2022. This day of briefings and grassroots advocacy will give you the opportunity to weigh-in on important issues that may impact your farm for years to come.



**February 9<sup>th</sup>, 2022**

**\$35 Per Person**

Register Online:

<https://www.mdfarmbureau.com/day-in-annapolis/>

\*See attached flyer on Page 9!\*

## Calendar of Events

\*\*\* 2022 \*\*\*

### JAN 7-12 103<sup>RD</sup> AMERICAN FARM BUREAU CONVENTION

Place Atlanta, GA  
<https://www.fb.org/events/afbf-convention>

### JAN 13 MANAGING YOUR AG BUSINESS AFTER COVID-19

Place Howard County Fairgrounds  
2210 Fairgrounds Road  
West Friendship, MD 21794  
Time 8:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.  
[HTTPS://WWW.COGNITOFORMS.COM/MARYLANDFARMBUREAU/MANAGINGYOURAGBUSINESSAFTERCOVID19](https://www.cognitoforms.com/MARYLANDFARMBUREAU/MANAGINGYOURAGBUSINESSAFTERCOVID19)

### FEB 3 52<sup>ND</sup> ANNUAL TASTE OF MARYLAND AGRICULTURE CELEBRATION

Place Live! Casino & Hotel Maryland  
Arundel Mills, Hanover, MD  
Contact: Gail Yeiser at 410-353-3069  
<http://www.mdagcouncil.com/>

### FEB 9 MD FARM BUREAU DAY IN ANNAPOLIS

Place Governor Calvert House,  
Annapolis, MD  
Time 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.  
\*See Attached Flyer



# SAVE THE DATE

MARYLAND FARM BUREAU'S

# DAY IN ANNAPOLIS



## WHEN:

Wednesday, February 9, 2022

## WHERE:

Governor Calvert House  
58 State Circle, Annapolis, MD

## REGISTER NOW:

<https://bit.ly/3n3tTRU>

**MORE DETAILS TO COME**

## JOIN US IN ANNAPOLIS

Make plans to join us at Maryland Farm Bureau's Day in Annapolis – jointly sponsored by The Young Farmers' and the Women's Committees. This important day of briefings and lobbying will give you the opportunity to talk to legislators to help them better understand your farming business and the many significant issues facing our industry. Don't miss the chance to weigh-in on important matters that may affect your farm for years to come.





# MANAGING YOUR AG BUSINESS AFTER COVID-19

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9:00 AM

Howard County Fairgrounds  
2210 Fairgrounds Road, West  
Friendship, MD 21794  
Tickets are \$30/Person

[Register Here!](#)



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Moderated by Dr. Alex White featuring program speakers



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Ag Economics Professor  
Virginia Tech