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Message to Members

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

It seems in the blink of an eye we are already halfway through 2022. I feel like I just finished writing my May Message to Members, and it is time once again for another newsletter. The past two months have been incredibly busy around the county. Spring planting is now under our belts, and many are looking forward to the summer harvest of small grain crops, along with plenty of fresh fruit and vegetables. Many more are busy preparing for the 76th Annual Howard County Fair. It seems hard to believe that the fair is just under 6 weeks away! And once the fair is over, kids will be getting ready for back to school and it will be time for yet another newsletter. I feel like I spend a lot of time saying, "Slow down, time," however I guess the busy and full days remind me that I need to slow down a bit myself, take a step back, and try to enjoy being in the moment. Please take this as a reminder for yourself as well.

As I mentioned, the Howard County Fair will soon be upon us, and Howard County Farm Bureau will once again be sponsoring the Junior Showmanship Program. Rhonda Winkler oversees this incredibly popular program, which gives youth ages 5-8, the opportunity to learn about working with livestock

and engaging/preparing them at an early age to want to continue in the future. It also helps to build future leaders, as older youth mentor and work with the younger participants. The show, which takes place Saturday, August 6th beginning at 12 noon, is always a crowd favorite. We are thankful and fortunate to have Rhonda who came up with this brainchild and continues to organize the event each year. Workshops have already begun for this year's event, and you can read more about later it in the newsletter.

Howard County Farm Bureau also continues to sponsor the Agricultural Ambassador contests, as well as the Little Miss and Future Farmer contests. Another crowd favorite, these events will take place Sunday, August 7th at 2:30 p.m. (immediately following the Grand Opening Parade).

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Following the lead of Maryland Farm Bureau, last year some changes were made to the Ag Ambassador program, which now provides scholarship and leadership opportunities for both males and females, ages 17-21. Howard County has also added a Junior Ag Ambassador program, for youth ages 14-16. Both of these programs, along with the Little Miss and Future Farmer programs, provide opportunities for our youth to learn about the importance of agriculture's role in both our county and state. Please look for specific program details later in the newsletter.

While not sponsored by Howard County Farm Bureau, there is a new event at this year's Howard County Fair that is sure to interest local farmers. Come out and watch – or maybe organize a team – for the 1st Annual “Farmer Wars”, a tractor driving and hay stacking contest planned for Sunday, August 7th beginning at 5:30 p.m. Teams of three members – a tractor driver and two hay stackers – will compete for bragging rights of best hay stacker in Howard County. The winning team will be selected based on a combination of both time and skill, and there is sure to be plenty of good, friendly competition with this event. Another fun event, the Lawn Mower Driving Contest, makes a return this year on Monday, August 8th at 6:30 p.m. You can learn more about these two events, and all the other fun fair activities by visiting howardcountyfairmd.com.

School may be out for summer, but that has not slowed down Dr. Barbara Glenn, head of our county's Education and Outreach Committee. Barb, along with fellow committee members Mandy Dalglish, John Dove, Joe Dymek, and Danielle Farace have been busy working on some great ideas and projects to help promote ag education throughout the county. Please look for an update from Barb in this newsletter, and future newsletters, on some of the ideas they have been working on. Input and participation from fellow farm bureau members is always welcome, and will help with the success for some of these programs.

In closing, as we head into the busy summer months, I ask once again for you to try to remember to slow down a little bit and enjoy being in the

moment. As Nanette Mathews, a psychologist says, “If you're always racing to the next moment, what happens to the one you're in?”

Howard County Farm Bureau Scholarship Contests - Are YOU Interested this Year in Participating?



The Howard County Farm Bureau Women's Leadership Committee and Young Farmers Committee are looking forward to the Howard County Fair this year where they will hold their scholarship contests for local youth. These leadership development programs for Howard County Farm Bureau member-families are open to both male and female applicants in three age groups. The contests will be held at the fair on **Sunday, August 7th!**

The three age divisions are:

- Little Miss/Future Farmer** (ages 8-11), winners receive \$100 scholarship
- Junior Ag Ambassador** (ages 14-16), winners receive \$500 scholarship
- Ag Ambassador** (ages 17-21), winners receive \$1,000 scholarship

One male and one female winner will be selected from each of the above contests. Scholarships and other awards will be given to winners of each contest. Prize money is available to all participants.

Winners of the Ag Ambassador contest will represent the Howard County Farm Bureau at the Maryland Farm Bureau Agricultural Ambassador Contest to be held at their annual convention in Cambridge, December 3-6, 2022.

Do you know someone who is interested in participating in any of these contests?

Contact: **Danielle Bauer Farace** at 443-812-4526
or danib3492@yahoo.com.

Applications are due **July 17th**!

JUNIOR SHOWMANSHIP WITH HOWARD COUNTY FARM BUREAU

By: Rhonda Patrick Winkler



HELLO JUNIOR SHOWMANSHIP FAMILY!

Junior Showmanship is a program that will work with youth between the ages of 5-8. Howard County Farm Bureau is working to promote, educate & support our future agriculture leaders. We are going to work with the youth to teach them how to show dairy calves, swine, goats & lambs. All youth are welcome to be a junior showman with Howard County Farm Bureau, but the family must be a member of Howard County Farm Bureau to participate!

It's almost that time of the year again to get started with our Junior Showmanship workshops!

Swine Workshop:

Place: H & M Swine
2550 Florence Road
Woodbine, MD 21797

Time: 7:00pm

Dates: July 14, 2022 (Please arrive before 7 to complete the reg. process)
July 20, 2022
July 28, 2022

Dairy, Goat & Sheep Workshop:

Yes, that's right! This year we will be having 3 species together. I think it will be great for the volunteers, parents, and youth.

Place: Steel Fire Farm
2980 Woodbine Road
Woodbine, MD 21797

Time: 7:00pm

Dates: July 18, 2022
July 21, 2022
July 26, 2022

Please make sure your membership with Howard County Farm Bureau is active and/or join Howard County Farm Bureau. You must be a member of Howard County Farm Bureau to participate. Please go to www.mdfarmbureau.com to sign up. Please make sure you pick Howard as your county.

Attached to this Newsletter (**Page 11**) you will find the registration form for 2022! Please fill it out and email to me at steelfirefarm@yahoo.com.

You can also find announcements and information on the "Junior Showmanship with Howard County Farm Bureau" Facebook page!

Can't wait to see all of you soon, WHOOP WHOOP!

Share Your Career Experience with Howard County Ag Science/FFA and Other Science Students

By: Barb Glenn, Chair, HCFB Outreach and Education Committee

Knowing the many opportunities for careers in agriculture, food, environment, and natural resources is important for students to open their eyes to the many possibilities to work in agriculture and agriculture science in the future. From farming, to AgTech, to science, to food safety & systems, to conservation and more, the careers are endless!

Two Opportunities!

First. The HCFB Outreach and Education Committee has proposed an Agricultural Seminar Series to support the Howard County FFA Chapter. Members of the agriculture community would discuss their career pathway, job responsibilities, and career opportunities in their field of work.

Second. In addition, the HoCo Public School System Science Coordinator asked us for speakers on careers. So, we are also working to have members of the ag community talk to the High School students enrolled in other science classes.

We need you!

If you are interested in participating to share your career pathway and current job responsibilities, please contact **Barb Glenn, Chair, HCFB Outreach and Education Committee, at: glennbarb6@gmail.com**

We want to start the series in the fall semester and are developing a list of speakers. We will be working with Kathy Wojcik, agriculture teacher/FFA advisor, to create a schedule for presentations. All input is welcome. Thanks for considering this opportunity to give back to our next generation!

Black Vulture Permits

Source: Ashlee Treece, UMD Extension

Maryland Farm Bureau Press Release

Maryland Farm Bureau (MDFB), in partnership with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS), announced that producer permits for the control of black vulture depredation are now available, and can be obtained through MDFB. Black vultures can kill young livestock and damage property. They can work together as a “wake” and attack an animal to the point of death or need of euthanasia.

As black vultures have been traced from migratory origin, they are protected under the federal

Migratory Bird Treaty Act of 1918, and can only be lethally controlled through USFWS permits. USFWS and MDFB suggest trying non-lethal means to manage black vultures first, but know that the loss of livestock young, among other damage, affects Maryland farmers’ bottom lines. The wakes of black vultures often target the soft tissue, like eyes, noses and tongues, of their prey.

“Unlike turkey vultures, black vultures will actually attack live, young or weak animals, such as lambs, calves and piglets, usually working as a group,” said Tyler Hough, Eastern Shore regional manager of MDFB. “This goes beyond an annoyance and is not only sad but damaging to profits. We have been given the authority by USFWS to help expedite the process for farmers to get the vulture control producer permits. This should help reduce costs to farmers, as well.”

Producer permits will be issued to livestock operations only. Applications will be scored based on past livestock losses, number of livestock on the applicant’s farming operation, number of black vulture roosts and birds in the immediate vicinity, and the county ranking of livestock. A maximum of three “takes” may be issued to an approved applicant and will be determined by the application score. Applicants must agree to follow all rules and regulations required by USFWS in the MDFB statewide permit.

You must be a livestock producer to qualify for the producer permits. Producers in need may request a producer permit application by emailing Tyler Hough at though@marylandfb.org or by calling (410) 922-3426, ext. 320.

“There are legal methods of removing black vultures, but they are limited,” said Hough. “Things like harassment, habitat clean-up and livestock management can serve as a first line of defense.”

These practices include:

- Harassment – horns, pyrotechnics, propane cannons, effigies.
- Habitat modification – removal of roost trees.
- Animal husbandry – moving livestock away from aggressive birds.

Producers experiencing extensive depredation issues or having large black vulture roosts on their property are encouraged to reach out to the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Wildlife Services to review the conflict and to develop a comprehensive management plan.

The permits will be valid through January 31, 2023 and must be renewed annually. It is against federal law to kill a black vulture without a federally issued permit.

Howard Community College **Food Pantry**

By: Anne Johnson, Director of Resource Development, HCC

Howard Community College strives to fulfill the educational dreams of approximately 14,000 credit students every year while providing affordable access to the first years of college. With nearly half of the students enrolled at HCC receiving financial aid during their time at the college, 52% of those students report a household adjusted gross income of \$30,000 or less. Many of our students struggle with food and housing insecurity or lack reliable transportation are less likely to complete their degrees and become economically self-sufficient. HCC has instituted several programs to address basic needs for our students, including Fueling Dragons Program to address food insecurity and the Student Helping Hands Fund to assist with emergency financial needs, such as utility bills, or car repairs, to help students stay enrolled.

The Fueling Dragons program at Howard Community College includes an on-campus food pantry, campus garden, health and nutrition educational programs, cooking and gardening workshops, educational videos, and other resources for students. The program is designed to meet the goals of fighting food insecurity and working to build sustainable nutrition, food sourcing, and preparation skills through instructional workshops. The program operates year-round and is

underwritten through private funds. It is HCC's goal that no student should go hungry or choose between education or eating their next meal. Organizations and individuals can help support this critical program by hosting a food drive, making a financial donation, or volunteering.

Any farmers interested in selling eggs, milk, or meat to the HCC Food Pantry at a wholesale price?

To host a food drive, contribute necessary pantry items, or volunteer, contact: pantry@howardcc.edu.

To make a financial donation:
www.howardcc.edu/donate, or
contact foundation@howardcc.edu.

Farm Service Agency Now **Accepting Nominations for** **Farmers and Ranchers to Serve** **on Local County Committees**

Source: USDA



Contact: FPAC.BC.Press@usda.gov

WASHINGTON, June 15, 2022 – The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Farm Service Agency (FSA) is now accepting nominations for county committee members. Elections will occur in certain Local Administrative Areas (LAA) for members. LAAs are elective areas for FSA committees in a single county or multi-county jurisdiction. This may include LAAs that are focused on an urban or suburban area.

County committee members make important decisions about how Federal farm programs are administered locally. All nomination forms for the 2022 election must be postmarked or received in the local FSA office by Aug. 1, 2022.

“It is a priority for USDA to integrate equity into its decision-making and policymaking, and that starts with our local FSA county committees,” said FSA Administrator Zach Ducheneaux. “We need enthusiastic, diverse leaders to serve other agricultural producers on these committees as we work to build equitable systems and programming inclusive of all employees and all of our customers. I ask that you consider making a difference in your community by nominating yourself, or another agricultural producer, to serve on your local FSA county committee.”

Agricultural producers who participate or cooperate in a USDA program and reside in the LAA that is up for election this year, may be nominated for candidacy for the county committee. A cooperating producer is someone who has provided information about their farming or ranching operation to FSA, even if they have not applied or received program benefits. Individuals may nominate themselves or others and qualifying organizations may also nominate candidates. USDA encourages minority producers, women, and beginning farmers or ranchers to nominate, vote and hold office.

Nationwide, more than 7,700 dedicated members of the agricultural community serve on FSA county committees. The committees are made up of three to 11 members who serve three-year terms. Producers serving on FSA county committees play a critical role in the day-to-day operations of the agency. Committee members are vital to how FSA carries out disaster programs, as well as conservation, commodity and price support programs, county office employment and other agricultural issues.

Urban and Suburban County Committees

The 2018 Farm Bill directed USDA to form urban county committees as well as make other advancements related to urban agriculture, including the establishment of

the Office of Urban Agriculture and Innovative Production. FSA established county committees specifically focused on urban agriculture. The urban county committees will work to encourage and promote urban, indoor and other emerging agricultural production practices. Additionally, the new county committees may address areas such as food access, community engagement, support of local activities to promote and encourage community compost and food waste reduction.

Urban committee members are nominated and elected to serve by local urban producers in the same jurisdiction. Urban county committee members will provide outreach to ensure urban producers understand USDA programs and serve as the voice of other urban producers and assist in program implementation that support the needs of the growing urban community.

The following urban and suburban county committees will hold elections this year: Phoenix, Atlanta, New Orleans, Minneapolis-St. Paul, St. Louis, Albuquerque, N.M., Cleveland, Portland, Ore., Philadelphia, Dallas and Richmond, Va.

USDA recently announced six new urban county committees in Chicago, Detroit, Grand Rapids, Los Angeles, Brooklyn, and Oakland. Elections will be held for these locations at a later date.

Learn more at farmers.gov/urban.

More Information

Producers should contact their local FSA office today to register and find out how to get involved in their county’s election, including if their LAA is up for election this year. To be considered, a producer must be registered and sign an [FSA-669A](#) nomination form. Urban farmers should use an [FSA-669-A-3](#) for urban county committees. The form

and other information about FSA county committee elections are available at fsa.usda.gov/elections.

Election ballots will be mailed to eligible voters beginning Nov. 7, 2022. Producers can find their local USDA Service Center at farmers.gov/service-locator.

USDA touches the lives of all Americans each day in so many positive ways. In the Biden-Harris administration, USDA is transforming America's food system with a greater focus on more resilient local and regional food production, 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 www.usda.gov.

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USDA Reminds Producers to File Crop Acreage Reports

Source: USDA



Contact: FPAC.BC.Press@usda.gov

WASHINGTON, June 16, 2022 – Agricultural producers who have not yet completed their crop acreage reports after planting should make an appointment with their local Farm Service Agency (FSA) service center before the applicable deadline.

July 15 is a major deadline for most crops, but acreage reporting deadlines vary by county and by crop. Producers should make an appointment as soon as possible to avoid missing earlier deadlines.

“To be eligible for many of our programs, including disaster assistance, you will need an acreage report on file,” said FSA Administrator Zach Ducheneaux. “To ensure you can benefit from our many programs, including disaster assistance, please be sure to call your local FSA office to make an appointment to report your acreage. As a reminder perennial forage is eligible for continuous acreage reporting, which allows producers to report their acreage once and keep their certification in place until they make a change.”

The Administrator added, “Continuous acreage reporting provides an opportunity to substantially streamline producers’ applications for assistance. With protracted drought conditions across the Great Plains and Western United States, producers who had previously filed a continuous acreage report benefitted from a streamlined application process for disaster programs like the Livestock Forage Disaster Program. I encourage producers to continue taking advantage of this tool and simplify their ability to apply for assistance.”

An acreage report documents a crop grown on a farm or ranch and its intended uses. Filing an accurate and timely acreage report for all crops and land uses, including failed acreage and prevented planted acreage, can prevent the loss of program benefits.

How to File a Report

Producers can contact their FSA at their local USDA Service Center for acreage reporting deadlines that are specific to their county.

To file a crop acreage report, producers need to provide:

- Crop and crop type or variety.
- Intended use of the crop.
- Number of acres of the crop.
- Map with approximate boundaries for the crop.
- Planting date(s).
- Planting pattern, when applicable.
- Producer shares.
- Irrigation practice(s).
- Acreage prevented from planting, when applicable.
- Other information as required.

Acreage Reporting Details

The following exceptions apply to acreage reporting dates:

- If the crop has not been planted by the acreage reporting date, then the acreage must be reported no later than 15 calendar days after planting is completed.
- If a producer acquires additional acreage after the acreage reporting date, then the acreage must be reported no later than 30 calendar days after purchase or acquiring the lease. Appropriate documentation must be provided to the county office.
- If crops are covered by the Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program, acreage reports should be submitted by the applicable state, county, or crop-specific reporting deadline or 15 calendar days before grazing or harvesting of the crop begins.

Producers should also report crop acreage they intended to plant but were unable to because of a natural disaster. Prevented planting acreage must be reported on form CCC-576, Notice of Loss, no later than 15 calendar days after the final planting date as established by FSA and USDA's Risk Management Agency (RMA).

FSA offers continuous certification for perennial forage. This means after perennial forage is reported once and the producer elects continuous certification, the certification remains in effect until a change is made. Check with FSA at the local USDA Service Center for more information on continuous certification.

New Option to View, Print and Label Maps on Farmers.gov

Producers with an eAuth account linked to their USDA customer record can now access their FSA farm records, maps and common land units by logging into farmers.gov. A new feature will allow producers to export field boundaries as shapefiles and import and view other shapefiles, such as precision agriculture boundaries. This will allow producers to view, print and label their own maps for acreage reporting purposes.

Producers who have authority to act on behalf of another customer as a grantee via form FSA-211 Power of Attorney, Business Partner Signature Authority, along with other signature types, or as a member of a business can now access information in the farmers.gov portal.

Producers can learn how to use the farmers.gov Farm Records Mapping functionality with this [fact sheet](#) and these [video tutorials](#).

More Information

Producers can make an appointment to report acres by contacting their local [USDA Service Center](#).

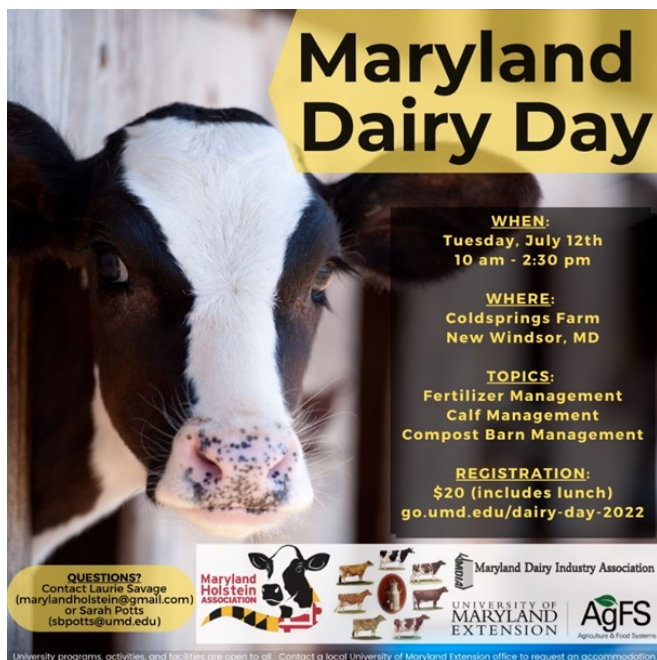
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communities, building new markets and streams of income for farmers and producers using climate smart food and forestry practices, making historic investments in infrastructure and clean energy capabilities in rural America, and committing to equity across the Department by removing systemic barriers and building a workforce more representative of America. To learn more, visit www.usda.gov.

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Announcements

❖ MD Dairy Day



The flyer features a close-up of a black and white cow's face on the left. The title "Maryland Dairy Day" is in large, bold, black letters on a yellow background. Below the title, the event details are listed in yellow and white text on a dark background: "WHEN: Tuesday, July 12th 10 am - 2:30 pm", "WHERE: Coldsprings Farm New Windsor, MD", "TOPICS: Fertilizer Management, Calf Management, Compost Barn Management", and "REGISTRATION: \$20 (includes lunch) go.umd.edu/dairy-day-2022". At the bottom, there are logos for the Maryland Dairy Industry Association, Maryland Holstein Association, University of Maryland Extension, and AgFS. A small text box at the bottom left asks for questions and provides contact information for Laurie Savage and Sarah Potts.

Dairy producers and industry personnel are invited to join us for our Maryland Dairy Day event on Tuesday, July 12th from 10 am to 2:30 pm. This event, hosted by the Maryland Dairy Industry Association (MDIA) and University of Maryland Extension (UME), will take place at Coldsprings Farm located in New Windsor, MD. The

educational program will feature topics related to fertilizer management, calf management, and compost barn management. Speakers include Dr. Nicole Fiorellino (UME), Dr. Amanda Grev (UME), and Sue Puffenbarger (Zoetis). The program will also include a producer panel discussion focused on compost pack barn management.

Registration is \$20 and includes lunch. The annual MDIA awards ceremony will take place during lunch. An evening awards banquet, sponsored by MDIA, the Maryland Holstein Association, and the Maryland Dairy Shrine will take place during the evening of July 12th at 6:30 pm at the Union Bridge Fire Hall. Registration for the evening banquet is \$25. The banquet will recognize outstanding members of the dairy community, including our youth and Dairy Shrine inductees.

To register for either event, please visit: go.umd.edu/dairy-day-2022 or contact **Laurie Savage** (301) 525- 1902, marylandholstein@gmail.com or **Sarah Potts** (301) 432-2767, sbpotts@umd.edu.

❖ Tractor College

Operation, Maintenance, Hazardous Materials, Towing, Road Safety, Legal, Lighting & Marking, & more!

All farmers & employees are invited to this complimentary event, part of the FindMeDriving.com road safety campaign. RSVP at mdsoy.eventbrite.com

July 22nd 10 am – 3 pm
Howard County Fairgrounds

See Flyer on Page #12

Calendar of Events

*** 2022 ***

JUL 12 MARYLAND DAIRY DAY

Place Coldsprings Farm
New Windsor, MD
Time 10:00 A.M. – 2:30 P.M.

JUL 22 TRACTOR COLLEGE

Place Howard County Fairgrounds
2210 Fairground Road,
West Friendship, MD 21794
Time 10:00 A.M. – 3:00 P.M.

AUG 6-13 76TH ANNUAL HOWARD COUNTY FAIR

Place Howard County Fairgrounds
2210 Fairground Road,
West Friendship, MD 21794
<https://howardcountyfairmd.com/wp-content/uploads/2021/12/2022-Catalog-Schedule-of-Events-Rev.-June-10.pdf>

AUG 7 HOWARD COUNTY FARM BUREAU SCHOLARSHIP CONTESTS

Place Howard County Fairgrounds
2210 Fairground Road,
West Friendship, MD 21794

AUG 25 MARYLAND STATE FAIR

Place Maryland State Fairgrounds, Timonium,
MD

HCFB Board
of Directors
Wishes
Everyone
a Safe and
Happy
Independence
Day!



2022 JUNIOR SHOWMANSHIP REGISTRATION

HOWARD COUNTY FARM BUREAU



Junior Showman Name: _____

Address: _____

Age: _____

Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Mobile Number: _____

Email Address: _____

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

Please email the registration form to Rhonda Winkler @
steelfirefarm@yahoo.com or you can bring it with you to the workshops!

Staff Area

Member ID #: _____

Species for the Show: _____

Shirt Size: _____

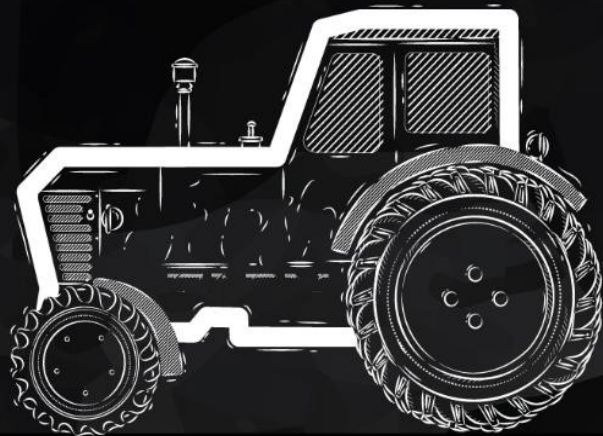
JULY 22, 10 am - 3 pm
Howard Co. Fairgrounds

TRACTOR COLLEGE

AUGUST 15, 10 am - 3 pm
Talbot Co. Ag Center

Operation | Maintenance | Hazardous Materials
Towing | Road Safety | Legal | Lighting & Marking | & more

Lunch Included



All farmers & employees are invited to
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