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### **2014 Midterm Elections Impact on Maryland Farmers**

Davidsonville, MD (November 06, 2014) – Maryland Farm Bureau leadership is looking forward to working with Governor-Elect Larry Hogan and the 62 new members of the Maryland General Assembly on our state’s agricultural policies.

“The election results show that Marylanders recognize the need for change. Larry Hogan’s pledge for lower taxes, smaller government and job creation will benefit our state, its economy and our farm families,” said MFB President Chuck Fry.

Larry Hogan addressed the MFB Board of Directors during his campaign to outline a call for fiscal restraint and new policy direction at the State House. He acknowledged the significant regulatory burden already carried by farmers and pledged to lead Maryland in a more “business friendly” direction.

“Maryland farmers want elected leaders who work together to find solutions to move our state forward, and we feel confident that the candidates elected yesterday will support this vision. We are happy that Larry Hogan’s philosophies align with MFB policy,” said Fry.

Changes in the state legislature will be significant as well. “We look forward to getting to know the 62 new members of the Maryland General Assembly and working with existing leadership on policies to protect the economic viability of our farms,” explained Fry.

With regard to the turnover in the U.S. Senate in Washington, Maryland Farm Bureau anticipates an end to the stalemate on legislative priorities. “Now that the bottleneck that has been removed, we hope both the House and Senate will move legislation to reform immigration laws, extend certain tax policies, and reign in the EPA’s effort to regulate farms right out of business,” said Fry.

Maryland Farm Bureau plans to work with all of our elected officials on the issues that matter most to our state’s farm families and to the citizens who rely on them for their food. For more information or to join the Farm Bureau, call (410) 922-3426 or visit [mdfarmbureau.com](http://mdfarmbureau.com).

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