

NEWSLETTER



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Message to Members

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

This has been one of the fastest summers I can remember. Here it is September and it seems we were waiting for May to get here just a little while ago. We had a blizzard, tornado, and a flash flood so far this year. Is this Howard County Maryland? Hopefully everyone is getting things cleaned up and back to normal, if possible, after the weather cleared. Our hearts and prayers go out to Ellicott City, which took a real punch in the belly with the flood.

I hope everyone enjoyed the Howard County Fair. After all the hard work that the kids and parents did, hopefully it all paid off. The memories that you share at the fair are quickly behind us, but are never forgotten. The friendships and challenges are what make us better in the long run. Rhonda Winkler did another spectacular job with the Farm Bureau's Junior Showmanship program again this year; lets all give Rhonda a loud WOOP WOOP!!!! We have a new Ho. Co. Miss Farm Bureau; her name is Jennifer Brigante and I look forward to working with her in the coming year. I also want to wish all the best to Jackie Bauer, last years Miss Farm Bureau, for all her hard work. It has been a pleasure working with her over the past year. I'm sure you

will see more about the entire contest here in the newsletter.

The Solar on Ag Pres has not gone before the County Council yet, but I think it is scheduled for later this fall. We will be making policy for Maryland Farm Bureau in October, so all of you will be invited to our board meeting, better known as our Annual Business Meeting. You will also be invited to our Annual Dinner Meeting, if you are a voting member, in November, so look for those invites in your mail. You will also see we are having a "Farm to Table Dinner" in September. Look for more info in this newsletter. I hope to see you all at these events. So like I always say "keep your plow in the ground, we're all pulling for you"

--Howie Feaga, President Ho. Co. Farm Bureau

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**Congratulations Howard County
Farm Bureau
Contest Winners!!!**



Miss Howard County Farm Bureau

Jennifer Brigante

Little Miss Howard County Farm Bureau

Taryn Schwartz

Howard County Future Farmer

James Gosnell



Former Miss Howard County Farm Bureau, Jackie Bauer (left), congratulates the 2016 Miss Howard County Farm Bureau, Jennifer Brigante (right).

Fair Farms Pledge

By: Barb Glenn

Fair Farms Maryland is a movement of environmental and public health groups, businesses, consumers, and farmers committed to a sustainable food system.

We seek to create awareness about the relationship between agriculture, water, food and public health; galvanize Marylanders to reduce agricultural pollution; and support farmers, businesses and public policies that promote healthy, sustainable agricultural practices.



Take Action: I pledge to be a Fair Farms consumer

Friend,

I took a pledge to be a Fair Farms consumer. Please join me!

I'm ready for a new food future, one in which Fair Farms are the norm, not the exception. As a consumer, I share the responsibility of promoting a system that is fair to farmers, invests in homegrown, healthy food, and restores our waterways instead of polluting them. As a Fair Farms consumer, I will make smart, informed choices about what I purchase and what I eat, lift my voice to end harmful farming practices, and demand transparency and accountability from the agricultural industry. I pledge to support sustainable farming methods and the visionary farmers who are growing for the future.

Can you join me and take action? Click here: <https://actionnetwork.org/forms/i-pledge-to-be-a-fair-farms-consumer?source=email&&>

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Information about sources for trees at affordable prices will also be provided. Classes are taught by foresters, arborists, landscape designers and Master Naturalists.

Workshop Information

Date: September 29 and October 6, 2016

Time: 6:30 - 9 pm

Location: Maryland Extension Office,
3300 North Ridge Road Suite 240
Ellicott City, MD 21043

Cost: \$25

Concerning payment: Georgia (410) 313-2707 or
410-313-1913

Concerning the course: Jonathan jkays@umd.edu
or 301-432-2767 x323

See the attached Poster and Agenda

Maryland Association of Soil Conservation District Awards

By: *Kristal M. McCormick,*
Education Outreach / Conservation Planner
Howard Soil Conservation District

The Maryland Association of Soil Conservation Districts (MASCD) recognized Howard Soil Conservation District with two awards for 2015.

John Dove, received the 2015 "Outstanding Associate" award. This award is for an Associate Supervisor who has made a significant contribution to any phase of District activities.

"John Dove has been an associate on the Howard Soil Conservation District (HSCD) Board for five (5) years. There is not only a family history of farming and but also involvement with the District. His grandfather, Wilber Dove, served on the Board from 1957 to 1975.

John is a faithful promoter of organic farming, community supported agriculture and conservation practices. The 2 acres, of his family's 200 acre family farm, is managed organically. John participates in local farmers markets and runs a CSA (Community Supported Agriculture).

A few years ago John was involved in helping the District with on-farm evaluations which lead to Maryland Department of Agriculture setting policies and procedures. More recently he participated in the Howard County Watershed Network (WIN) Yards and Fields day. This event brought citizens together to learn more about the actions being taken to protect the watershed and, more importantly, what actions they can take. As part of this about 8-10 farmers were invited to have lunch with them and begin a dialogue. It was an opportunity for non-farming citizens to learn about the great lengths that farmers go to protect the environment. John is currently in his second, and final, year in the LEAD Maryland leadership development program.

John's combination of laidback but take action personality has been a wonderful addition to the Board and the District."

The second award that Howard Soil Conservation District received was third place for the “Outstanding District”.

A Tribute to Dr. Allan Bandel

*By: Kristal M. McCormick,
Education Outreach / Conservation Planner
Howard Soil Conservation District*

Vernon Allan Bandel grew up on his family farm here in Howard County. With farming in his heart, a young Allan Bandel asked his high school vo-ag teacher whether he thought he should attend college. He did so, and stayed true to Maryland, receiving his Bachelor of Science from the University of Maryland in 1959, his Master of Science in 1962 and his Doctorate in January of 1965. He was a Graduate Assistant in the Agronomy Department from 1959 to 1964. In August of 1964 Dr. Allan Bandel started his career as an Extension Soil Specialist in the University of Maryland’s Agronomy Department. He was the recipient of Excellence in Extension Award in 1981. In 1995, Dr. Bandel received the Career Service Award from the American Society of Agronomy. Much of his research is still referenced today.

Adding to his amazing history of service to agriculture through his work with the University of Maryland, Dr. Bandel has served on the Howard Soil Conservation District’s Board of Supervisors for 20 years. He has been an asset to the District’s mission of service to the agricultural community. Dr. Bandel has stepped down from his Supervisor position but will thankfully, stay on as an Associate Supervisor. Dr. Bandel has also been active in the Antique Farm Machinery Club and Howard County Living Farm Heritage Museum which also reach out into the community.

Dr. Allan Bandel has dedicated his years of service to the agricultural community in Howard County, the state of Maryland and across the country, supporting the strides forward to enhance farming while protecting the environment on which we all depend. Thank you for your service and dedication.

Agronomic Crop Insect Management Update

*By: Joanne Whalen
Extension IPM Specialist
jwhalen@udel.edu*

Alfalfa

Continue to sample for potato leafhoppers on a weekly basis. We are starting to find the first nymphs as well as adults in fields. Although both life stages can damage alfalfa, the nymphs can cause damage very quickly. Once plants are yellow, yield loss has already occurred. The treatment thresholds are 20 per 100 sweeps on alfalfa 3 inches or less in height, 50 per 100 sweeps in 4-6 inch tall alfalfa and 100 per 100 sweeps in 7-11 inch tall alfalfa.

Small Grains

Be sure to check barley and wheat fields that were not treated for armyworms. Be sure to also check all labels for the days between applications and harvest (pre-harvest interval). You will also want to sample wheat near your corn fields for stinkbugs. As I indicated in the newsletter last week, treatment for stinkbugs are generally not needed in wheat (research from the South shows it takes high numbers to damage wheat):

<https://entomology.ces.ncsu.edu/2015/05/stinkbugs-in-eastern-north-carolina-wheat/> However, it will be important to scout wheat before harvest to watch for the potential movement of stink bugs from wheat into field corn. Information from North Carolina indicates that if you capture 5 or more stink bugs in 20 sweeps you should be vigilant for movement into corn.

Field Corn

Continue to watch fields that are next to maturing small grains for true armyworms, cereal leaf beetles and native brown stink bugs

(I) True Armyworms (TAW) – Fields planted next to barley and wheat fields, especially untreated fields, should be scouted for armyworms moving from small grains into adjacent corn fields. Control will be difficult once larvae move deep in whorls. Remember, worms must be less than 1 inch long – some labels indicate that larvae need to be even smaller – to achieve effective control. The treatment

threshold for true armyworms in corn is 25% infested plants with larvae less than one inch long.

(II) Cereal Leaf Beetles (CLB) – We are starting to find a few fields with CLB adult feeding. Beetle adults can be found moving out of untreated small grains and feeding on the edge of corn fields.

Although we do not have any firm thresholds for this insect on corn, as a general guideline controls may be needed if you find an average of 10 beetles per plant and 50% of the plants exhibit feeding damage. In the Midwest, it has been reported that the adult beetle is a vector of maize chlorotic mottle virus (MCMV) that causes corn lethal necrosis disease. Thresholds for beetle feeding would be much lower if this disease is an issue. We have not seen this virus in Delaware corn fields; however, please let us know if you suspect a problem.

(III) Native Brown and Green Stink Bugs – As indicated above under small grains, stinkbugs can potentially move from wheat into corn and cause damage in field corn. Although the predominant species found in wheat fields is the native brown stink bug we are also finding a few green stink bugs which can also damage corn. Sampling in wheat can give an indication for the potential for problems in nearby corn fields. Information from North Carolina indicated that if you capture 5 or more stink bugs in 20 sweeps you should be vigilant for movement into corn. If you do not have a nearby wheat field, you will want to check weeds and forested areas near your corn, especially if you have weedy ditches nearby. These areas can provide holding places for stink bugs that can move in and out of fields. For more information on management of stinkbugs general guideline, treatment may be needed if you find 4-8 thrips per leaflet and plant damage is observed.

Soy Beans

As soon as soybeans emerge, be sure to begin sampling fields for the following seedling stage insect pests:

(I) Grasshoppers: We can find grasshoppers present in emerged no-till full season fields. As barley is harvested and soybeans are planted, these fields will be especially susceptible to attack by grasshoppers which can cause stand loss. If stand reductions are occurring from plant emergence to the second trifoliolate, a treatment should be applied.

Although no precise thresholds are available, a treatment may be needed if you find one grasshopper per sweep and 30% defoliation from plant emergence through the pre-bloom stage.

(II) Bean Leaf Beetle: As a general guideline, a treatment may be needed for bean leaf beetle if you observe a 20-25% stand reduction and/or 2 beetles per plant from cotyledon to the second trifoliolate stages. These treatment thresholds should be reduced if bean pod mottle virus is present in your area and/or you suspected virus the previous season. 3 4

(III) Thrips: Thrips can feed and reproduce on the leaves and buds of soybean seedlings. Their feeding creates bleached-out lesions along the leaf veins and gives a silvery/ bronzed appearance to the leaf surface when damage is severe. These insects are very small (less than one tenth of an inch) and are torpedo shaped. While thrips always occur on seedling stage soybeans, it is only during outbreak years that they cause concern. In particular, during dry weather and on earlier planted full-season soybeans, thrips populations can explode when plants are growing slowly. Under these circumstances thrips injury will occasionally kill seedlings. Other stressors, such as nutrient deficiencies and herbicide injury, can add to thrips damage and cause plant loss. Yellowing can occur from thrips but there are also a number of other factors that can cause yellowing so it is important to scout fields to identify what is causing the yellowing. Although no precise thresholds are available, as a general guideline, treatment may be needed if you find 4-8 thrips per leaflet and plant damage is observed.

Announcements

❖ Farm to Table Dinner

Please consider joining the Howard County Farm Bureau for a Farm to Table Dinner on September 27, 2016. The dinner will feature local chefs preparing an elegant meal with local produce and meats, as well as local ice cream and desserts. Local beer and wine will also be available. This is a great way to support the Howard County Farm Bureau in their continued efforts to support Howard County Farms. Tickets are currently available for purchase.

For more information, please see the attached flyer or visit <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/farm-to-table-dinner-tickets-25377470698>.

❖ Abramson and Rand, LLC. Farm Bureau Discount Press Release



ABRAMSON & RAND, LLC

PRESS RELEASE

July 11, 2016

Media Contact: Tania Tolker Office Manager
410-792-8111

**Abramson and Rand, LLC.
Announces a discount offering
for Howard County Farm Bureau
members.**

COLUMBIA, MD- Christopher Rand,
managing partner of Abramson & Rand, LLC
has agreed to offer all Howard County Farm

Bureau members a 20% discount to voting members and 10% to the rest of the members on all legal service hourly rates.

Abramson and Rand, LLC. Is a general practice litigation firm. Concentrations include family law including divorce and child custody, estate planning, personal injury, criminal law, contracts and civil litigation.

Both partners have a long history with Howard County and look forward to serving your legal needs. Call for a free consultation.

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Columbia, MD 2104
410.792.8111

❖ The Great Lisbon Feed the Hungry Christmas Parade

What better way to get ready for the holidays, then by coming out and joining the Great Lisbon Christmas Parade! This year there will be saddle horses, carriage horses, and horse powered tractors in the parade.

Registration is now open and will close September 30th. If you do not register to be in the parade, come out and join in on the fun as a spectator. After the parade there will be pony rides, a bon fire, country ham and fried chicken dinner, music and more. Proceeds benefit Farmers and Hunters Feeding the Hungry, Howard and Carroll County Food Banks, & Lisbon Volunteer Fire Department.

To register, please visit:
www.lisbonchristmasparade.com

See the attached Flyer for more details.

Calendar of Events

2016

SEP 13 NUTRIENT MANAGEMENT TRAINING – “PRACTICAL EXPERIENCES IN NUTRIENT MANAGEMENT”

Place UMD Central Maryland Research and
Education Center (CMREC)

Time 8:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Register Online:

[HTTP://EXTENSION.UMD.EDU/SITES/DEFAULT/FILES/_D
OCS/PROGRAMS/PENM%20REGISTRATION%20FORM
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OCS/PROGRAMS/PENM%20REGISTRATION%20FORM
.PDF)

SEP 14 HOWARD COUNTY GROW IT, EAT IT, PRESERVE IT WORKSHOP-DRYING 2016

Place University of Maryland Extension
3300 North Ridge Rd, Suite 240
Ellicott City, MD 21043

Time 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Register Online:

[http://extension.umd.edu/events/wed-2016-09-14-
1000-howard-county-grow-it-eat-it-preserve-it-
workshop-drying](http://extension.umd.edu/events/wed-2016-09-14-
1000-howard-county-grow-it-eat-it-preserve-it-
workshop-drying)

SEP 16 MARYLAND YOUNG FARMERS FUNDRAISER - O’S DAY

Place Camden Yards, Baltimore MD

SEP 26 NUTRIENT MANAGEMENT TRAINING – “HOW TO WRITE A NUTRIENT MANAGEMENT PLAN”

Place UM-Wye Research and Education Center
124 Wye Narrows Dr
Queenstown, MD 21658

Time 9:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Register Online:

[http://extension.umd.edu/events/mon-2016-09-26-
0930-how-write-nutrient-management-plan](http://extension.umd.edu/events/mon-2016-09-26-
0930-how-write-nutrient-management-plan)

SEP 27 FARM TO TABLE DINNER

Place Circle D Farm
15535 Carrs Mill Road
Woodbine, MD 21797

Time 6:00 p.m.

Cost: \$80

SEP 29 “THE WOODS IN YOUR BACKYARD” WORKSHOP

Place Maryland Extension Office
3300 North Ridge Road, Suite 240
Ellicott City, MD 21043

Time 6:30 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

Cost: \$25

SEP 30 NUTRIENT MANAGEMENT TRAINING – “HOW TO WRITE A NUTRIENT MANAGEMENT PLAN”

Place Montgomery County Cooperative Extension
18410 Muncaster Rd
Derwood, MD 20855

Time 9:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Register Online:

[http://extension.umd.edu/events/mon-2016-09-26-
0930-how-write-nutrient-management-plan](http://extension.umd.edu/events/mon-2016-09-26-
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OCT 6 “THE WOODS IN YOUR BACKYARD” WORKSHOP

Place Maryland Extension Office
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Ellicott City, MD 21043

Time 6:30 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

Cost: \$25

DEC 10 THE GREAT LISBON FEED THE HUNGRY CHRISTMAS PARADE

Place Main Street (Route 144) Lisbon,
Western Howard County

Time 3:30 p.m.

Register Online: www.LisbonChristmasParade.com

[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

HOWARD COUNTY FARM BUREAU

FARM TO TABLE DINNER



JOIN US FOR AN ELEGANT FOUR COURSE DINNER MADE FROM LOCALLY GROWN INGREDIENTS PREPARED BY CHEFS FROM AIDA BISTRO, CENTER PARK GRILL AND THE ELKRIDGE FURNACE INN

Tuesday
September 27, 2016

TICKETS \$80

WWW.HOWARDFARMBUREAU.ORG

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LOCAL ENTERTAINMENT

SILENT AUCTION



Sponsorships Available

301.606.2341



The Woods in Your Backyard

Learning to Create and Enhance Natural Areas Around Your Home

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This course was developed by University of Maryland Extension in cooperation with Virginia and Pennsylvania.

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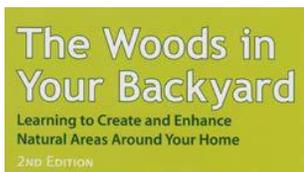
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College of Agricultural Sciences
Cooperative Extension



The Woods In Your Backyard Workshop

3300 North Ridge Road, Suite 240, Ellicott City, MD 21043

September 29, 2016 & October 6, 2016 – 6:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

September 29, 2016 (Session 1)

When	What	Who
6:00	Registration	
6:30-7:00 30 minutes	Welcome, Introductions, Participant expectations	Jonathan Kays, UME Extension
7:00 – 7:45 45 minutes	General overview <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Situation & Issues • Mapping tools, Habitat units • Mapping exercise 	Jonathan Kays
7:45 – 8:15 30 minutes	Knowledge areas <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • (Ecological, forestry, wildlife, soils, water quality) 	Jonathan Kays
8:15 – 8:55 40 minutes	Natural use areas: Considerations & Tools <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Crop tree management • Invasive plants – control strategies 	James Eierdam, MD DNR Forest Service
8:55 – 9:00	Homework and information for next class	

October 6, 2016 (Session 2)

6:30 – 6:45	What did you learn? Sharing of homework activities.	Jonathan Kays
6:45 – 7:30 45 minutes	Converting Lawn & Pasture to Natural Areas: Considerations & Tools <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Issue (water quality, environmental considerations) • Opportunities/Tools (using natural succession and tree planting to create natural areas) 	Craig Highfield, Forests for the Bay
7:30 – 7:45	Activity	ALL
7:45 – 8:30 45 minutes	Wildlife management principles & practices <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wildlife needs & habitat management • Wildlife damage management • Recreation and aesthetics 	MD DNR Wildlife Biologist
8:30 – 8:45	Making a Plan Work Session <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work in groups using workbook to develop project ideas and share with others. • Funding sources for tree plantings 	All
8:45 – 9:00	Question & Answer and evaluation	

The Great Lisbon Feed The Hungry Christmas Parade

Saddle Horses, Carriage Horses & Horse Power (Tractors)
presented by The Howard County Farm Bureau

FREE FOR SPECTATORS

Saturday, December 10, 2016 at 3:30 p.m.

"Main Street" (Route 144) Lisbon, Western Howard County



*Wagon bells ring, are you listening,
On Main Street, horses are glistening,
A beautiful sight,
We're happy tonight,
Riding in the Lisbon Christmas Parade.*



To register for the parade, visit www.LisbonChristmasParade.com

Registration Officially Opens August 1 & Closes September 30

Space is limited; only 150 horses will be accepted for the Parade

Post-Parade Activities

Fire Hall & NW Corner of Routes 94 & 144

Pony Rides • Bon Fire • Raffle
Christmas Vendor Village
Music & "Karaoke with the King"
Country Ham & Fried Chicken Dinner
(vendors: to register, please visit website)

Parade proceeds will benefit:

Howard & Carroll County Food Banks
Farmers & Hunters Feeding The Hungry
Lisbon Volunteer Fire Department
*Stations will be located at LVFD for canned & dry goods;
new toys accepted for WFVFD Toy Drive.*

www.LisbonChristmasParade.com



*The Lisbon Christmas Parade is an equal opportunity celebration and
does not discriminate based on color of tractor or breed of horse.*