



# Saturday December 7, 2024

# Young Farmer NextGen Summit

Time	Event	Location
9:00 AM	Ag Ambassador Interviews (Closed Program)	Sailwinds and Lantern Room
<p>Jeb Burchick, Director of Communications, will be available from 9:30 – 11:30 AM for complimentary headshots for anyone that wants to come early and get a new headshot taken!</p>		
<p>Young Farmer NextGen Summit Registration Opens (<i>attendees to arrive by 11:30 AM</i>) Windjammer</p>		
11:45 AM	Young Farmer NextGen Luncheon  Featuring <b>Michelle Miller</b> , <a href="#">The Farm Babe</a>  Thank you to Horizon Farm Credit for sponsoring this event!	Choptank Ballroom
1:00 PM	State Ag Ambassador Discussion Meet	Schooner AB
<p><b>NextGen Summit Breakout Session Tracks</b>  <i>(These sessions will run concurrently throughout the afternoon beginning at 1:00 PM - 45 mins each   Attendees can attend any different three and are not subject to individual tracks)</i></p>		
<b>Leadership Development</b> 3 breakouts   Room: Cutter AB	<b>Industry Information</b> 3 breakouts   Room: Skipjack AB  Thank you to PepUp for sponsoring this breakout session track!	<b>Funding Opportunities</b> 3 breakouts   Room: Galleon
<b>Social Media Advocacy</b> AFBF Johnna Miller	<b>Landowner &amp; Lease Liability</b> Nationwide Emily Atwood	<b>MARBIDCO</b> Allie Roe and Sierra Criste
<b>Social Media Marketing with a Message</b> Maryland Farm Bureau Jeb Burchick	<b>Managing Stress and Burnout for Young Farmers</b> UMD Extension Mark Townsend	<b>Horizon Farm Credit</b> Rachel Eck
<b>The PIXAR Storytelling Model in Advocacy</b> AFBF Tom Donnelly	<b>Precision Ag Technologies</b> Helena Alston Shipley	<b>Federal Funding Opportunities USDA</b> Farm Service Agency George Turner, Eastern Shore District Director
5:00 PM	Young Farmers Discussion Meet, Round 1	Clipper A-B-C
7:00 PM	Young Farmer NextGen Dinner & Social	Water's Edge Grill



# Sunday December 8, 2024

# Leadership Development, PAC, Opening Reception

Time	Event	Location
7:00 AM	Trade Show Exhibitor Set-Up	Choptank Ballroom
7:30 AM	Registration Open	Choptank Ballroom Registration Desk
8:00 AM (2 hours)	<p>Young Farmer NextGen Breakfast Featuring <b>Rod Snyder</b>, Former Senior Agriculture Advisor to the EPA Administrator</p> <p>Thank you to <b>Crop Life America</b> for sponsoring this event!</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• MD Ag Council Update</li> <li>• Young Farmer Business Meeting</li> </ul>	Chesapeake Corridor E-F-G
9:00 AM	Young Farmer Excellence in Ag & Achievement Award Interviews (Closed Program)	Skipjack AB
9:00 AM (all day until 6:00 PM)	Women's Leadership Committee Annual Meeting	Clipper A-B-C
10:15 AM	<p>Policy Development 101</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sponsored by MDFB Program Committees - <i>Young Farmers, Women's Leadership, and Promotion &amp; Education</i></li> </ul>	Chesapeake Corridor E-F-G
11:45 AM	<p>Opening General Luncheon</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Featuring Discussion Meet Finals</li> </ul> <p>Thank you to <b>Crow Insurance</b> and <b>USDA NRCS</b> for sponsoring this event!</p>	Chesapeake Ballroom
1:30 PM (2 hours)	<p>Media Training Johnna Miller, American Farm Bureau Federation</p> <p>Thank you to American Farm Bureau's Grassroots Outreach (GO) Team for sponsoring this event!</p>	Galleon A-B-C
1:30 PM	Trade Show and Exhibit Hall Open	Choptank Ballroom
3:30 PM (2 hours)	<p><b>NEW!</b> Private Pesticide Applicator Credits Workshop Emily Zobel, Agriculture Faculty Extension Assistant</p> <p>Thank you to <b>Maryland Soybean Board</b> for sponsoring this event!</p>	Schooner A-B
4:00 PM	<p><b>Maryland's Current Energy Climate and the Future of Maryland Agriculture</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Kelly Schulz, <i>Chief Executive Officer, Maryland Tech Council</i></li> <li>• Denise Bode, <i>President &amp; Partner, Constitution Partners</i></li> <li>• Delegate Chris Adams, <i>District 37B</i></li> </ul> <p>Moderator: Tyler Hough, <i>Director of Government Relations, MDFB</i></p>	Chesapeake Corridor E-F-G
5:15 PM	MDFB Political Action Committee Meeting ( <i>invite only</i> )	Skipjack A-B
<b>Dinner on your own!</b>		
7:00 PM	Grand Opening Dessert Reception	Choptank Ballroom



# Monday December 9, 2024

# Policy Resolutions, Breakouts & Awards Banquet

Time	Event	Location
7:00 AM	Registration/Exhibit Hall/Breakfast	Choptank Ballroom
8:00 AM	<p>Opening General Session</p> <p>Joby Young, <i>Executive Vice President, American Farm Bureau</i></p> <p><b>NEW! Secretary Panel</b> featuring MDA Secretary Kevin Atticks, DNR Secretary Josh Kurtz, and MDE Secretary Serena McIlwain</p> <p>Moderated by Dean Craig Beyroudy, UMD AGNR</p>	Chesapeake Ballroom
10:00 AM (1 hour)	<p><b>NEW! Cabinet Collaborative &amp; Planned Break</b></p> <p>This special event is designed to foster meaningful dialogue and strengthen the relationships between Maryland’s farmers and the state agencies that play a crucial role in their work.</p> <p><b>Confirmed:</b> Secretary Kevin Atticks, <i>Department of Agriculture</i>, Dr. Nilesh Kalyanaraman, <i>Deputy Secretary of Public Health</i>, Secretary Russell Strickland, <i>Department of Emergency Management</i>, Ashley Sharp, <i>Director of Business Engagement, Department of Labor</i>, Secretary Paul Wiedefeld, <i>Department of Transportation</i>, Secretary Josh Kurtz, <i>Department of Natural Resources</i>, Joseph Milone, <i>Agricultural Programs Manager, Department of Commerce</i>, Secretary Serena McIlwain, <i>Department of Environment</i></p>	Clipper
11:00 AM (55 mins)	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Morning Workshops</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">(View session information and room assignments on next page)</p>	
12:00 PM	<p>General Delegate Luncheon</p> <p>Thank you to <b>Farm Bureau Bank</b> for sponsoring this event!</p>	Chesapeake Ballroom
1:30 PM	<p>Second General Session Resolutions</p>	Chesapeake Ballroom
4:00 PM (55 mins)	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Afternoon Workshops</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">(View session information and room assignments on next page)</p>	
5:30 PM	<p>Dinner Reception</p> <p>Thank you to <b>Maryland Nursery, Landscape, and Greenhouse Association</b> for sponsoring this event!</p>	Choptank Ballroom
6:15 PM	<p>Awards Banquet &amp; Scholarship Fund Live Auction</p> <p>Thank you to <b>Nationwide</b> for sponsoring this event!</p>	Chesapeake Ballroom



# Monday Breakout Sessions:

Morning sessions at 11 AM, repeat in afternoon at 4 PM

Name	Event Title	Event Description	Room
<b>Emily Atwood:</b> Sr. Consultant, Nationwide Risk Management	ATV/UTV Safety	All-Terrain Vehicles (ATVs) and Utility Task Vehicles (UTVs) are versatile workhorses on today's farms and ranches. And they're more popular than ever for rural recreation. They're also extremely powerful and potentially dangerous. Explore the essentials of positioning yourself to defend against the unforeseen.	Cutter B
<b>Martin Proulx:</b> Value-Added Agricultural Specialist, MDA	Value-Added Regulation and Navigating Regulation	MDA will present on the recently established Value-Added Agricultural Specialist role and what initiatives are already underway and on the horizon for strengthening the State's landscape for value-added agriculture. This presentation also includes ongoing efforts to improve the Regulatory Framework for the industry, while identifying some key regulatory challenges within State policy as it relates to this emerging trend. MDA will also introduce a brief tutorial for any farms or agricultural businesses interested in more clearly understanding how their project may be regulated.	Schooner B
<b>Dominic Butchko:</b> Director of Intergovernmental Relations, MACo. <b>Bob Sadzinski:</b> PPRP. <b>Lucy Bullock-Sieger:</b> Lighstar.	The Future of Maryland's Energy Policy and its impacts on Agriculture *Sponsored by Lighstar	Join us for an engaging breakout session exploring the future of Maryland's energy policy and its potential impacts on the agricultural sector. This session will examine emerging clean energy initiatives, regulatory changes, and their implications for farmers and rural communities. Discover opportunities and challenges at the intersection of sustainable energy and agriculture, and share insights to shape policy for mutual growth.	Galleon ABC
<b>Paul Goeringer:</b> Principal Faculty Specialist and Extension Specialist, ALEI	2024 Ag and Environmental Review and What to Look Out for in 2025	2024 has seen the law continue to evolve. Paul will focus on the top legal developments from right-to-farm law developments, constitutional law changes that impact agriculture, and how will other state laws impact agriculture in the Mid-Atlantic.	Windjammer
<b>Chris Peot:</b> Interim President of Blue Drop & Director of Resource Recovery for DC Water and Sewer Authority	PFAS: What Farmers Need to Know	Confused and/or concerned about what you've been reading and hearing about PFAS? You're not alone. While science and legislation is still evolving, there is solid research about what sources and concentrations of PFAS are of greatest concern. This session, led by wastewater engineer Chris Peot, will provide a simplified explanation of what PFAS are, how they migrate, and what current research tells us about the potential for them to migrate to groundwater and be taken up by crops, with a specific focus on biosolids. Chris will also share a state-of-the-knowledge information on local, state and national legislation efforts that have potential impact for farmers.	Schooner A
<b>Norton Pereira:</b> State Rural Services Coordinator, Maryland Department of Labor	H2A Program 101	In times of labor shortages, farmers have relied on foreign workers, who are admitted under a government sponsored temporary worker program known as H-2A. Learn more about the H2A program and participate in a Q&A tailored to attendees.	Cutter A
<b>Colin Hamill:</b> Sentinel Forge Technologies	Protecting America's Food Supply from Ransomware & Cyberattacks	In this presentation tailored to farmers, we'll discuss the various ways hackers have targeted all parts of our agricultural supply chain, large and small. We'll also share practical, budget-friendly steps you can take to shield your farm, family, and livelihood from cyberattacks. So, bring any questions that you've ever had about cybersecurity, and let's work together to ensure the safety and resilience of our food production and the preservation of our rural way of life!	Skipjack B
<b>Shannon Dill, Anna Schilling, Sarazen Knight:</b> UMD Extension	Building the Future of Maryland Agriculture with University of Maryland Extension	University of Maryland Extension recently launched a strategic planning initiative to define its goals for future impact. Join UME's strategic planning team for an interactive discussion about what the future of UME should look like, how we can improve UME for the communities we serve, and how UME can grow and sustain the future of agriculture in Maryland through shared efforts.	Skipjack A
<b>Emily Zobel:</b> Agriculture Faculty Extension Assistant	Paraquat Training & Exam (afternoon only)		Clipper A



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**Tuesday  
December 10, 2024**

**District Caucus Meetings  
& Officer Elections**

Time	Event	Location
7:00 AM	Registration/Exhibit Hall/Breakfast	Choptank Ballroom
7:00 AM	Board of Directors Breakfast ( <i>invite only</i> )	Windjammer
8:15 AM	District Caucus (Elections for District Directors, Executive Committee, and PAC) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• District 1 - Room: Schooner A</li> <li>• District 2 - Room: Schooner B</li> <li>• District 3 - Room: Cutter AB</li> <li>• District 4 - Room: Clipper A</li> <li>• District 5 - Room: Clipper B</li> <li>• District 6 - Room: Clipper C</li> </ul>	Schooner/Cutter/Clipper
9:30 AM	Closing General Session (Officer Elections) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• LEAD Maryland Presentation</li> </ul>	Chesapeake Ballroom

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