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Maryland Farmers Market Nutrition Program (FMNP) 2016 Training Dates

Please note: If you took this training previously, it is current for 3 full years. If you are new to the Farmers Market Nutrition Program (FMNP) the Senior Farmers Market Nutrition Program (SFMNP) or the WIC Fruit & Vegetable Check Program (FVC), **or took training prior to 2014**, you are required to participate in a training session in order to participate in the program this market season. All new farmers must attend a session in person. Renewing farmers may attend a session or join a conference call. Once you have completed the training it is good for 3 years.

The 2 hour training sessions are free and take place before or after the lunch hour; lunch is not provided (The only exception will be the training taking place during the Annual Farmers Market Conference on March 15th). The training sessions are not held in every county, however they are placed strategically around the state to try to ensure ease of attendance for multiple counties at a time. Please attend the one nearest or most convenient for you.

It is required that you RSVP for the session you will be attending. Please see the link below.

March

1st – Garrett County: Garrett Co. UMD Extension Office, 1916 Maryland Hwy, Suite A, Mt Lake Park, MD 21550. 6:00 pm.

3rd - Allegany County: Allegany County Fairground, Expo Building 11490 Moss Avenue, Cumberland, MD 21502. 6:30 pm.

15th – Anne Arundel County: **Training will be incorporated into the Annual Farmers Market Conference at the Maryland Department of Agriculture.** 50 Harry S. Truman Parkway, Annapolis, MD. The conference is from 8:00 am – 4:00 pm. The FMNP training will take place at 3pm. Lunch will be included in the conference and there will be a \$30 cost per person for full day conference attendance. This is a dual MD/DC training. **Registration for this event will open on February 15th and will be available on the Maryland Department of Agriculture's website at www.mda.maryland.gov**

21st - St. Mary's County: Charlotte Hall Library, 37600 New Market Road, Charlotte Hall, MD. 1 pm.

22nd – Howard County: Howard County Fairgrounds Board Room - 2210 Fairgrounds Rd, West Friendship, MD 21794. 10:00 am.

23rd – Baltimore County: Baltimore County Agricultural Center, 1114 Shawan Road, Cockeysville, MD. First session: 10:00 am. Second session: 12:00 pm.

29th - Queen Anne's County: Wye Research & Education Center, 124 Wye Narrows Drive, Queenstown, MD 21658. 10:00 am.

29th - Caroline County: USDA Denton Office, 9194 Legion Rd, Denton, MD. 2:00 pm.

30th - Wicomico County: 31901 Tri County Way, Room #025, Salisbury, MD. 10:00 am.

April

4th – Carroll County: Carroll County Economic Development Office, 225 N Center St #101, Westminster, MD 21157. First session: 9:00 am. Second session: 12:00 pm.

5th - Frederick County: Frederick Business Employment Center, 5340A Spectrum Drive, Frederick, MD. 1:00 pm.

11th - St. Mary's County: Charlotte Hall Library, 37600 New Market Road, Charlotte Hall, MD. 10:00 am.

11th - Prince George's County: Soil Conservation Office, 5301 Marlboro Race Track Road, Suite 100, Upper Marlboro, MD. 2:00 pm. **This is a dual MD/DC training.**

12th – Cecil County: Cecil County Economic Development Building, 200 Chesapeake Blvd #2700, Elkton, MD 21921. 10:00 am.

15th - Montgomery County: Department of Economic Development, Agricultural Services Division, 18410 Muncaster Road, Derwood, MD. 10:00 am. **This is a dual MD/DC training.**

19th - Conference Calls with Webinar: Session one: 10:00 am. Session two: 1:00 pm. **This is a dual MD/DC training.**

22nd - Conference Calls with Webinar: Session one: 12 pm. Session two: 3pm. **This is a dual MD/DC training.**

28th - Conference Call with Webinar: 6:00 pm. **This is a dual MD/DC training.**

For those renewing farmers who choose a conference call/webinar, further information will be sent to you once you RSVP. New farmers must attend a training session in person.

For all training sessions (except for the one during the March 15th Farmers Market Conference) please RSVP at this link: <https://mdamarketing.wufoo.com/forms/2016-fmnp-training-schedule/>

For questions or if you have trouble registering with the link, please contact Shelby Watson Hampton at 410-841-5776 or Shelby.Watson@Maryland.Gov