

How to Use Maryland's Manure Matching Service

Farmers who are looking for manure or have manure to export, can have their operations listed on the department's directory of sending and receiving operations. Visit mda.maryland.gov/manure to download an application or call 1-855-6MANURE.

Additional Assistance

Maryland's Manure Transport Program provides cost-share assistance of up to \$18 per ton to help farmers cover the cost of transporting manure. Receiving or sending farms are eligible. To enroll in this program, contact the local soil conservation district.

Maryland's 24 Soil Conservation Districts

Allegany	301-777-1747, ext. 3
Anne Arundel	410-571-6757
Baltimore County	410-527-5920, ext. 3
Calvert	410-535-1521, ext. 3
Caroline	410-479-1202, ext. 3
Carroll	410-848-8200, ext. 3
Catoctin	301-695-2803, ext. 3
Cecil	410-398-4411, ext. 3
Charles	301-638-3028
Dorchester	410-228-5640, ext. 3
Frederick	301-695-2803, ext. 3
Garrett	301-334-6950, ext. 3
Harford	410-838-6181, ext. 3
Howard	410-313-0680
Kent	410-778-5150, ext. 3
Montgomery	301-590-2855
Prince George's	301-574-5162, ext. 3
Queen Anne's	410-758-3136, ext. 3
St. Mary's	301-475-8402, ext. 3
Somerset	410-621-9310
Talbot	410-822-1577, ext. 3
Washington County	301-797-6821, ext. 3
Wicomico	410-546-4777, ext. 3
Worcester	410-632-5439, ext. 3



Maryland
Department of Agriculture

Office of Resource Conservation

Maryland's Manure Matching Service

Connecting manure suppliers
and users

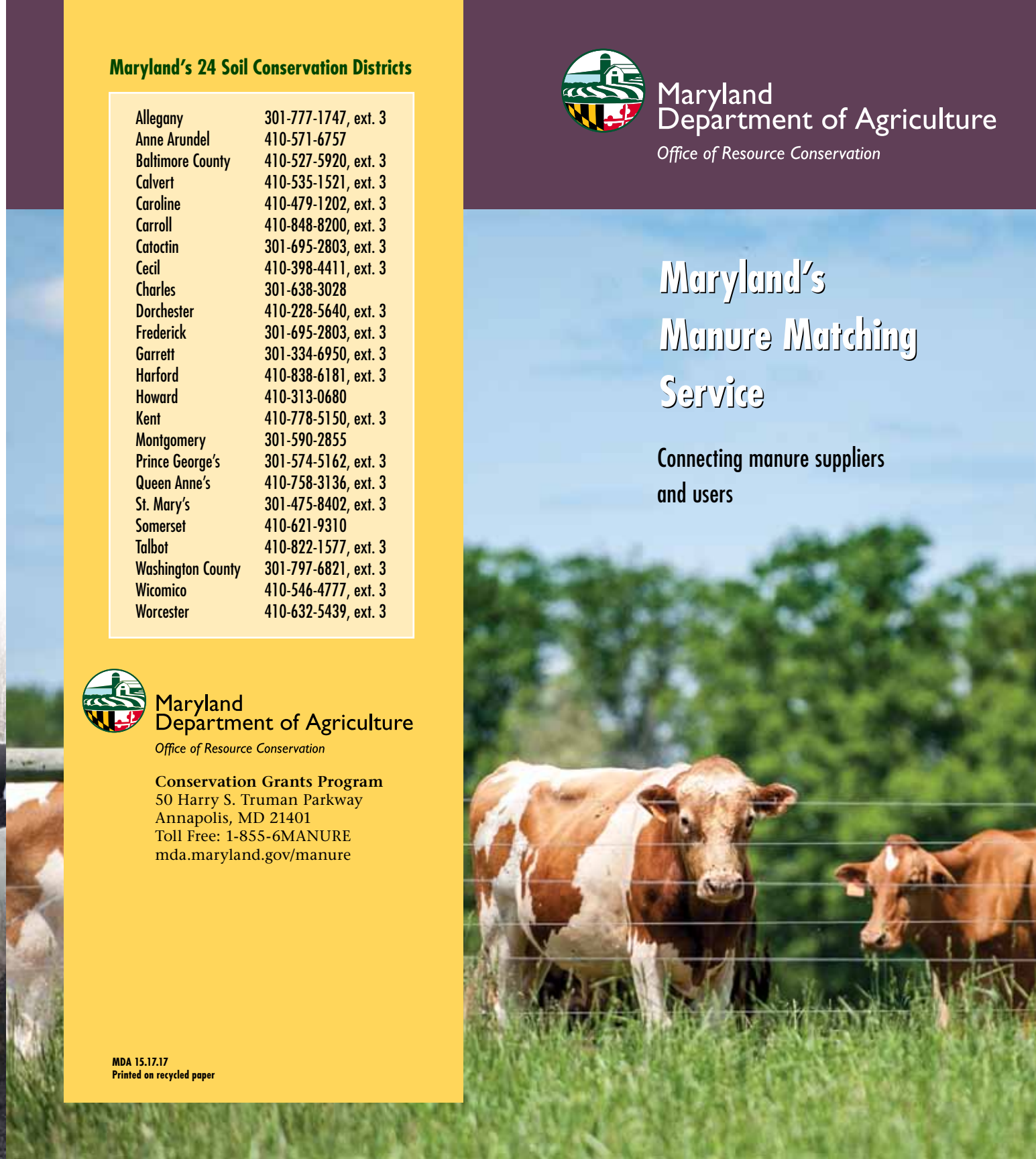


Maryland
Department of Agriculture

Office of Resource Conservation

Conservation Grants Program

50 Harry S. Truman Parkway
Annapolis, MD 21401
Toll Free: 1-855-6MANURE
mda.maryland.gov/manure





Introduction

Maryland's Manure Matching Service connects farmers who want to export manure off their farms with companies or individuals that can use the product as a valuable resource.

Authorized by the Water Quality Improvement Act, the Service helps farmers manage manure resources, comply with nutrient management regulations, and protect water quality in streams, rivers, and the Chesapeake Bay. Maryland's Manure Matching Service is voluntary, free, and available to both sending and receiving operations.

The Value of Manure

Manure is widely recognized as a valuable nutrient resource and soil amendment. While the Maryland Department of Agriculture sets no specific dollar value on manure, it encourages farmers to look at its economic benefits. Manure has numerous agronomic values as well. These include the ability to improve soil tilth and retain moisture, while providing valuable micronutrients to crops.

A nutrient management plan is used to determine the amount of manure that can benefit a receiving farm's crop management system. Changes in management techniques will be spelled out in this plan. A manure analysis should be performed to determine the nutrient content of the

manure and help participants negotiate a fair price. Receiving farms will need the results of this analysis to determine the amount of manure that they can utilize. Other factors for both parties to consider in establishing a price include loading, transportation, and spreading costs.

Alternative Uses for Manure

Maryland is committed to supporting and investing in alternative uses for manure, including fertilizer manufacturing, composting, and manure-to-energy projects that provide multiple benefits such as renewable energy, sustainable, profitable farms, and improved water quality.

