AGRICULTURE IN MARYLAND

• 12,300 farms

• 2 million acres

• Average farm size = 165 acres

• $8.25 Billion Industry

• $3 Billion Value Added
Our Vision Is...

to achieve excellence in programs and in services that preserve and protect agricultural resources and the environment, promote profitable agriculture and consumer confidence, and enhance the quality of life for all Marylanders.

Our Mission Is...

to provide leadership and support to agriculture and the citizens of Maryland by conducting regulatory, service, and educational activities that assure consumer confidence, protect the environment, and promote agriculture.
DEPARTMENTS & PROGRAMS

I. Marketing, Animal Industries & Consumer Services
   - Agricultural Marketing
   - Animal Health
   - Food Quality Assurance
   - Maryland Horse Industry Board
   - Maryland Agricultural Fair Board
   - State Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners
   - Weights & Measures

II. Plant Industries & Pest Management
   - Plant Protection & Weed Management
   - Turf & Seed
   - Pesticide Regulation
   - State Chemist
   - Mosquito Control
   - Forest Pest Management

III. Resource Conservation
   - Nutrient Management Program
   - Resource Conservation Operations
   - Maryland Agricultural Water Quality Cost-Share Program (MACS)

IV. Maryland Agricultural Land Preservation Foundation (MALPF)
MARYLAND’S BEST

Promoting Maryland Farmers and Watermen

2019 Food & Beverage Expo

Blue Catfish Purchasing Initiative
HORSE INDUSTRY – ECONOMIC IMPACT

ECONOMIC IMPACT of the Horse Industry In Maryland

- RACING: $572 million
- COMPETITION: $270 million
- RECREATION: $382 million
- EQUINE THERAPY: $8.4 million

#MDHorse
Result of HB 515 (2018) - Palmer Amaranth Summer Study

Addressing Palmer Amaranth Problem

Additional Study Findings

Photo credit: University of California Agriculture & Natural Resources
SPOTTED LANTERNFLY

Found in Cecil County

Prevention:

- Survey Program
- Outreach Campaign
Result of SB 198 (2016) - Pollinator Protection Act

Implementation

Address Maryland Reporter Article
Fall 2018: Local Engagement

Evaluate & Update Current County Plans

Compile Statewide Plan

Three Primary Goals

• Fully account for conservation already implemented
• Re-verification based on rule change
• Address remaining reduction gap

Plan Exceeds Current Requirements
SOIL HEALTH INITIATIVE

Develop Program

• Soil Health Coordinator
• Advisory Committee
• Identify Practices & Quantify Benefits

Implementation

• Outreach & Education
• Demonstrations & Pilot Projects
  • MDA Biomass Pilot Program
• RCPP Grant
About MALPF

• Created in 1977 by the Maryland General Assembly
• Governed by Agriculture Article, §2-501 through 2-519, Annotated Code of Maryland
• State-County Partnership Program
• Easements are perpetual.

Purpose

• To preserve productive agricultural land and woodland to provide for the continuing production of food and fiber for the citizens of Maryland.
Totals for Calendar Year 2018

- 9,416 acres preserved
- $36,157,857 public investment
- 72 easements

MALPF Totals (As of Dec. 31, 2018)

- 316,227 acres preserved
- $741,959,688 public investment
- 2,327 easements
HB 50 - Department of Agriculture - Maryland Produce Safety Program

SB 25 - Real Property - Conservation Easements, Covenants, Restrictions, and Conditions - Recording Notice

SB 56 - Secretary of Agriculture - Regulation of Poultry to Protect Animal Health and Control Avian Influenza

SB 57 - Agriculture - County Agricultural Land Preservation Programs

SB 58 - Maryland Agricultural Land Preservation Foundation - Elimination of District Agreements
THANK YOU!