

ENGAGE WITH SCIENTISTS AND LOCAL AGRI-BUSINESS SPECIALISTS ABOUT IMPORTANT ISSUES



ORNAMENTALS • WATERSHED • COVER CROPS • RENEWABLE ENERGY • LITTER MANAGEMENT • MORE

MARYLAND RURAL AGRICULTURE AND BUSINESS INNOVATION FORUM

Innovations and Technology Solutions Addressing Challenges Impacting Lower Shore Agri-Business

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 2, 2010



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Join us at the Maryland Rural Agricultural and Business Innovation Forum for roundtable discussions on current issues impacting farming on the Maryland Lower Shore: ornamentals, watershed, cover crops, renewable energy, litter management, and more.

The round table discussions require active participation by scientists, agri-business professionals, farmers, growers and processors. The participating scientists represent USDA Agricultural Research Service (ARS) and University System of Maryland. They not only have practical

on-farm/nursery experience, but have products in the marketplace that address specific topic issues.

The two goals of the Forum are first, to bring farmers, growers, processors, university and ARS researchers, extension service, rural development, funding sources, and the regulatory agencies together to address those issues impacting farming on the Maryland Lower Shore, and second, to determine what additional inputs are needed by the farmers/growers to adopt solutions.

Novel funding sources for implementing projects will also be discussed.

MORNING PROGRAM

Improved Land Use – ornamental plant production, watershed management and cover crops

AFTERNOON PROGRAM

“Green” Poultry Production – renewable energy, litter management and probiotics

LUNCHEON AND NETWORKING FOR ALL ATTENDEES

ATTENDEES WILL LEARN:

- Newest technologies for improved farm operations
- Competitive, profitable, new opportunities for growth
- Methods to engage scientists at USDA ARS to help solve farming needs
- Financing opportunities to implement new technologies
- Ways to utilize the University of Maryland Agri-Business Extension Service

WHO SHOULD ATTEND:

Farmers/growers, poultry processors, agricultural specialists, natural resources experts, government and community development organizations

EXPLORE MORE ABOUT THE OPPORTUNITIES WITH ARS FROM THE OFFICE OF TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER AT WWW.ARS.USDA.GOV/BUSINESS

Date/Time:

Thursday, December 2, 2010
8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Location:

The Fountains
1800 Sweetbay Dr.
Salisbury, MD 21804

Cost:

\$25 per person

Register:

www.marylandtedco.org
Registration ends
Friday, November 26, 2010
For those without Internet access,
call 800.305.5556 to register.

Hotel accommodations:

Country Inn and Suites
1804 Sweetbay Dr.
Salisbury, MD 21804
800-596-2375
Reference: TEDCO/ARS Forum
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