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High Tunnel Construction Workshops

High tunnels are used by many vegetable farmers to extend the growing season. A high tunnel is a greenhouse-like structure that allows producers to start planting earlier in the spring and grow later into the fall. These structures are very beneficial in Garrett County with our colder climate and short growing season. Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS) has funding available through EQIP to purchase and construct tunnels. The funding will cover the cost of the tunnel and construction cost. Farmers can construct their own tunnels at a considerable cost savings.

University of Maryland will be offer a hands-on high tunnel construction workshop the week of July 22nd. A classroom session is planned for Tuesday, July 24th from 5-9pm at the Extension Office where attendees learn about the basic parts and construction of a high tunnel. The second part of the workshop will be held on Thursday, July 25th at Backbone Food Farm south of Oakland. The second day from 5-9pm, participants will be helping to construct a high tunnel. Even if you don't think you would build your own tunnel, the workshops are valuable for planning, learning about the construction and future maintenance of the structure. If you would be interested in attending the high tunnel workshop please call the Garrett County Extension Office at 301-334-6960.

If you are interested in funding through NRCS contact them at 301-501-5886.



Cover Crop Sign Up

This year's cover crop sign-up runs June 21 through July 17, 2024, at soil conservation district offices statewide. This is your opportunity to apply for attractive grants to help pay for seed, labor, and equipment costs to plant cover crops in your fields this fall. Contact the Garrett County Soil Conservation office at 301-501-5886.



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2024-2025 MDA Cover Crop Fact Sheet

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Maryland Producer Cold Storage Grant Program

The [Maryland Producer Cold Storage Grant Program](#) was created to help farmers and watermen purchase necessary cold storage equipment for their operations. This grant opened on June 14, 2024. Application deadline is August 30, 2024.

MARBIDCO will match up to 50% of the cost of the project purchase, with a maximum grant award amount of \$2,000. The minimum grant award is \$500 (meaning therefore, that the minimum project or equipment purchase size is \$1,000).

Click on article below to view application.



MARBIDCO Grant Programs | Maryland Value Added Producer Grant (Capital Assets Option)

MARBIDCO helps Maryland small and family-owned farms, forestry and seafood businesses through targeted financial services including accessing capital and credit, business planning and other services. Maryland Value Added Producer Grant - Capital Assets Option (MVAPG-CAO) is a program offered.

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Internship Off To A Busy Start



The Workforce Development Extension Internship is off to a great start. Follow along with our summer intern, Cambria Snyder, an undergraduate student at West Virginia University, on her adventures with our Extension office on her weekly blog as well as other students selected as extension summer interns. By clicking below, you will be able to read her blog.

**Creating Leadership & Professional Development Through
Extension Internships**

Statewide Agriculture Newsletters



Newsletters from UME offer informative, researched-based information that the reader can put into practice. Informative articles include crop production, disease information, animal science, and upcoming programs. Take a closer look at the newsletters listed below.

The **Agronomy News** is a statewide newsletter for farmers, consultants, researchers, and educators interested in grain and row crop forage production systems. This newsletter is published once a month during the growing season and will include topics pertinent to agronomic crop production. Subscribers will receive an email with the latest edition.

[Agronomy News](#)

The **Fruit & Vegetable News** is a timely publication for the commercial vegetable and fruit industry available electronically from April through October. Published by the University of Maryland Extension Agriculture and Food Systems team.

[Vegetable & Fruit News](#)

Update AG Client Contact Information

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