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2014 Agricultural Outlook and Policy Conference

Commodity Price Prospects for 2015

Kevin McNew, President, GeoGrain and Adjunct Professor, AREC, University of Maryland

Water Quality Trading(link is external)

Susan Payne, Maryland Dept of Agriculture

Maryland's New Certainty Program(link is external)

Colin Jones, Maryland Dept of Agriculture

Agricultural BMPs and Cost-Sharing(link is external)

Patrick Fleming and David Newburn, AREC, University of Maryland

2014-15 Maryland Legislative Update

Colby Ferguson, MD Farm Bureau

Farm Bill Update(link is external)

Howard Leathers, AREC, University of Maryland

Conservation Compliance

Jon Hall, State Conservationist, Natural Resources Conservation Service

State Energy Programs for Maryland Agriculture(link is external)

Dean Fisher, Maryland Energy Administration

Federal Energy Policies for Maryland Agriculture(link is external)

Sebastien Houde, AREC, University of Maryland

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2015 Agricultural Outlook and Policy Conference

Double Tree Hotel, Annapolis

December 16, 2015

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| 8:30 am | Registration |
| 9:00 am | Welcome, Dean Craig Beyrouty, College of Agriculture and Natural Resources |
| 9:15 am | <i>Commodity Price Prospects for 2016</i> , Kevin McNew, President, GeoGrain and Adjunct Professor, Department of Agricultural and Resource Economics, University of Maryland |
| 10:00 am | <i>Dairy Outlook: Industry-Wide and Farm Level</i> , Howard Leathers and Dale Johnson, AREC |
| 10:30 am | <i>Coffee</i> |
| 11:00 am | <i>2016 Outlook on Farm Incomes in Maryland and Nationally</i> , Jeff Hopkins, Chief, Farm Economy Branch, USDA-ERS |
| 11:45 am | <i>2015 Developments at Maryland Department of Agriculture</i> , Secretary Joe Bartenfelder, MDA |
| 12:00 pm | Lunch |
| 1:00 pm | <i>2015–16 Maryland Legislative Update</i> , Colby Ferguson, Maryland Farm Bureau |
| 1:30 pm | <i>Riparian Programs and Water Quality in Maryland</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Riparian Forest Buffers and other BMP's Revisited</i>, Lori Lynch, AREC• <i>Fisheries and the Health of the Chesapeake Bay</i>, Jorge Holzer, AREC |
| 2:30 pm | <i>Trends in Non-GMO Food Labeling and Implications for Field Crop Production</i> , Aaron Adalja, AREC |
| 3:00 pm | <i>Drones and Your Rights as a Landowner</i> , Paul Goeringer, AREC |
| 3:30 pm | Concluding Thoughts |

Event registration can be found here: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/the-2015-agricultural-outlook-and-policy-conference-tickets-18977517265>



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2016 Agricultural Outlook and Policy Conference

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| 8:30 a.m. | Registration |
| 9:00 a.m. | Welcome, Dr. Jim Hanson, AREC |
| 9:30 a.m. | College's Land Grant Responsibility, Dean Craig Beyrouty, AGNR |
| 10:00 a.m. | Commodity Price Prospects for 2017, Kevin McNew, President, GeoGrain and Adjunct Professor, Department of Agricultural and Resource Economics, University of Maryland |
| 10:45 a.m. | Farm to School Panel, Dr. Mary Zaki, AREC; Karen Fedor - Maryland Department of Agriculture; Jodi Risse MS,RD, Food and Nutrition Services Anne Arundel County Public Schools; Jeffrey Proulx, Food and Nutrition Services Washington County Public Schools; and Russell Shlagel, Shlagel Farms |
| 12:15 a.m. | Lunch |
| 1:00 p.m. | Policy Panel <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Farm Bill Signup, Dr. Howard Leathers, AREC• 2016–17 Maryland Legislative Update, Colby Ferguson, Maryland Farm Bureau, and Matt Tefteau, Maryland Department of Agriculture 2:00 pm Behavioral Response to Agricultural Cost Sharing and Implications for Water Quality in the Chesapeake Bay Watershed, Dr. David Newburn, AREC |
| 2:30 p.m. | Food Safety Modernization Act (FSMA), Justine Beaulieu, Department of Plant Science and Landscape Architecture |
| 3:00 p.m. | GMO Panel <ul style="list-style-type: none">• GMO Labeling, Dr. Lori Lynch AREC and Dr. Andrea F. Huberty, USDA-AMS• Syngenta Class Action Lawsuit, Paul Goeringer AREC 4:00 pm Concluding Thoughts |



2017 Agricultural Outlook and Policy Conference
Crowne Plaza Hotel, Annapolis
December 12, 2017

8:30 am	Registration
8:50 am	Welcome, Paul Goeringer, Extension Legal Specialist, AREC
9:00 am	<i>Commodity Price Prospects for 2018</i> , Kevin McNew, President, GeoGrain and Adjunct Professor, AREC
10:00 am	<i>Using Nontraditional Waters on the Farm</i> , Dr. Rachel Elizabeth Goldstein, AREC
10:30 am	<i>Break</i>
10:45 am	<i>Agricultural Conservation Practices and Water Quality</i> , Jason Keppler, Watershed Implementation Program Manager, Maryland Department of Agriculture
11:15 am	<i>2017–18 Maryland Legislative Update</i> , Colby Ferguson, Maryland Farm Bureau
11:45 pm	Lunch
1:00 pm	<i>Dairy Panel</i> - Dr. Howard Leathers, Associate Professor and Dale Johnson, Farm Management Specialist, AREC
2:00 pm	<i>2017 Census of Agriculture</i> , Dale Hawks, Delaware and Maryland State Statistician, USDA-NASS
2:30pm	<i>2018 Farm Bill Discussion</i> , Dr. Vincent Smith, Professor of Economics, University of Montana and Director of the AEI National Agricultural Studies Program
3:15 pm	<i>Ag Law Evaluation Review</i> , Mayhah Suri and Paul Goeringer, AREC
3:45 pm	Concluding Thoughts



2019 Agricultural Outlook and Policy Conference
Doubletree Hotel, Annapolis
January 18, 2019

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| 9:00 am | Registration and Breakfast |
| 9:50 am | <i>Welcome</i> , Dr. Lori Lynch, Professor and Chair, Department of Agricultural and Resource Economics, University of Maryland |
| 10:00 am | <i>Commodity Price Prospects & Grain Marketing Strategy for 2019</i> , Rob Davis, Nagel Farm Services |
| 11:00 am | <i>Break</i> |
| 11:15 am | <i>Interactions of Cover Crop Program and Nutrient Trading Program</i> , Dr. David Newburn, Associate Professor, Department of Agricultural and Resource Economics, University of Maryland |
| 11:45 am | Lunch |
| 12:45 pm | <i>Farm Bill Panel</i> - Dr. Mary Zaki, Assistant Professor, Dr. Howard Leathers, Associate Professor, Paul Goeringer, Extension Legal Specialist, and Jeff Hunt, PhD Candidate, Department of Agricultural and Resource Economics, University of Maryland |
| 2:00 pm | <i>2018–19 Maryland Legislative Update</i> , Colby Ferguson, Maryland Farm Bureau |
| 2:30pm | Concluding Thoughts |