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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

- 8:30 am Registration
- 9:00 am Welcome, Dean Craig Beyroudy, College of Agriculture and Natural Resources
- 9:15 am *Commodity Price Prospects for 2016*, Kevin McNew, President, GeoGrain and Adjunct Professor, Department of Agricultural and Resource Economics, University of Maryland
- 10:00 am *Dairy Outlook: Industry-Wide and Farm Level*, Howard Leathers and Dale Johnson, AREC
- 10:30 am *Coffee*
- 11:00 am *2016 Outlook on Farm Incomes in Maryland and Nationally*, Jeff Hopkins, Chief, Farm Economy Branch, USDA-ERS
- 11:45 am *2015 Developments at Maryland Department of Agriculture*, Secretary Joe Bartenfelder, MDA
- 12:00 pm Lunch
- 1:00 pm *2015–16 Maryland Legislative Update*, Colby Ferguson, Maryland Farm Bureau
- 1:30 pm *Riparian Programs and Water Quality in Maryland*
- *Riparian Forest Buffers and other BMP's Revisited*, Lori Lynch, AREC
 - *Fisheries and the Health of the Chesapeake Bay*, Jorge Holzer, AREC
- 2:30 pm *Trends in Non-GMO Food Labeling and Implications for Field Crop Production*, Aaron Adalja, AREC
- 3:00 pm *Drones and Your Rights as a Landowner*, 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

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



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

- 9:00 am Registration and Breakfast
- 9:50 am *Welcome*, Dr. Lori Lynch, Professor and Chair, Department of Agricultural and Resource Economics, University of Maryland
- 10:00 am *Commodity Price Prospects & Grain Marketing Strategy for 2019*, Rob Davis, Nagel Farm Services
- 11:00 am *Break*
- 11:15 am *Interactions of Cover Crop Program and Nutrient Trading Program*, Dr. David Newburn, Associate Professor, Department of Agricultural and Resource Economics, University of Maryland
- 11:45 am Lunch
- 12:45 pm *Farm Bill Panel* - 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 *2018–19 Maryland Legislative Update*, Colby Ferguson, Maryland Farm Bureau
- 2:30pm Concluding Thoughts