

Feed and Grain Report (weekly)
Baltimore Retail Food Price Report (weekly)
Food Market Basket Report (monthly)
Maryland Tobacco Report
Maryland Hay and Straw Directory
Maryland Retail Farmers' Market Directory
Choose & Cut Christmas Tree Directory
Wholesale Directory—Maryland Christmas Tree Growers
Pick-Your-Own Fruit and Vegetable Directory
Maryland Fresh Produce Growers/Buyers Directory
Maryland Fresh Fruits and Vegetables Users Guide

(Code Agriculture Article, secs. 10-101 through 10-204; 10-501 through 10-504; 10-601 through 10-606; 10-701 through 10-708; 10-801 through 10-807; 10-901 through 10-909).

MARYLAND AGRICULTURAL FAIR BOARD

Chairperson: Frank Donaldson Brown, Jr., 1985

Frank C. Downey, 1983; Vacancy, 1983; Edna M. White, 1983; John M. Crum, 1984; Robert T. Jarboe, 1984; Gordon Warfield, 1984; Joy G. Schwab, 1985; Gerald B. Truitt, Jr., 1985.

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Formerly the State Fair Board, the Maryland Agricultural Fair Board was renamed in 1980 (Chapter 463, Acts of 1937; Chapter 493, Acts of 1947; Chapter 85, Acts of 1980). It consists of 196 members appointed by the Governor for three-year terms. The Board encourages and fosters agriculture through the promotion and assistance of *bona fide* agricultural fairs and exhibits. It extends financial assistance to qualifying organizations for premium awards to exhibitors of agricultural displays (Code Agriculture Article, secs. 10-301 through 10-303).

MARYLAND AGRICULTURAL LAND PRESERVATION FOUNDATION

Chairperson: F. Grove Miller, 1984

Ex officio members: Wayne A. Cawley, Jr., *Secretary of Agriculture*; William S. James, *State Treasurer*

Appointed members: John R. Sherwood III, 1983; T. Allan Stradley, 1983; George Wills, 1983; Erna R. Chapman, 1984; Samuel C.

Linton, Jr., 1984; William E. Burall, 1985; William I. Guy, 1985; Bradford Reeves, 1985.

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The Maryland Agricultural Land Preservation Foundation was created by Chapter 784, Acts of 1977. The Foundation is governed and administered by a Board of Trustees composed of the State Treasurer and the Secretary of Agriculture, both of whom serve as *ex officio* members, and nine at large members appointed by the Governor. At least five at large members must be farmer representatives from different areas of the State, and one must be a non-farm representative from the Department of State Planning. The chairperson of the Board of Trustees is appointed by the Governor from among the nine at large trustees. Upon recommendation of the Board of Trustees at large, the Secretary appoints the Executive Director.

The Foundation implements the Agricultural Land Preservation Program. The intent of the program is to preserve productive agricultural land and woodland in Maryland, provide for the continued production of food and fiber, curb the extent of urban sprawl, and protect agricultural land and woodland as open space.

The program is voluntary on the part of landowners and is dependent upon the cooperation of local governments, which appoint five-member Agricultural Preservation Advisory Boards.

By agreement with the Foundation, landowners may initiate the creation of an Agricultural Preservation District, in which subdivision and development are restricted for at least five years. The creation of such a district results in the protection of normal agricultural activities and in the eligibility of landowners to make application to sell a development rights easement. The Foundation may acquire easements based upon the availability of funds as allocated by the counties, in accord with a competitive formula provided by law and subject to local recommendation and appraisal. Easements thus acquired are perpetual, but may be repurchased after twenty-five years if certain procedures and requirements are met.

In addition, the Foundation may receive by gift, devise, bequest, or grant easements in gross or other rights to restrict the use of agricultural land and woodland (Code Agriculture Article, secs. 2-501 through 2-515).