Extension in Agriculture and Home Economics

The Extension Service is the branch of the University of Maryland, established by Federal and State law, which is designed to assist the farmer and his family in promoting the prosperity and welfare of agriculture and rural life. Its work is conducted in co-operation with the United State Department of Agriculture.

The Extension Service is represented in each county of the State by a county agent and by a home demonstration agent.

Practically every phase of agriculture and rural home life comes within the scope of the work undertaken by the Extension Service. Farmers are supplied with details of crop and livestock production, and with instructions for controlling disease and insect pests; they are encouraged and aided in organized effort and helped with marketing problems.

The Extension Service works in co-operation with all other branches of the University of Maryland and with all agencies of the United States Department of Agriculture. It co-operates with all farm and community organizations in the State which have as their major object the improvement of agriculture and rural life; and it aids in every way possible in making effective the regulatory work and other measures instituted by the State Board of Agriculture.

Research and Agricultural Experiment Station

The Agriculture Experiment Station is the Agricultural research agency of the University, which has for its purpose the increase of knowledge, primarily for the direct benefit of the farmer. It is also the source of agricultural information for use in the classroom and for demonstrations in the field. The Experiment Station work is supported by both State and Federal appropriations.

The Maryland Station, in addition to the work conducted at the University, operates a sub-station farm of fifty acres at Ridgely, Caroline County, and a farm of about sixty acres at Upper Marlboro for tobacco investigations. Experiments in co-operation with farmers are conducted at many different points in the State. These tests consist of studies with soils, fertilizers, crops, orchards, insect and plant disease control, and stock feeding.

MARYLAND STATE COLLEGE

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The Maryland State College, Division of the University of Maryland (formerly known as Princess Anne), is located at Princess Anne in Somerset County. It is the Land Grant College of Maryland for Negroes, offering a full four-year curriculum in Agriculture, Home Economics, Mechanical and Commercial Industries, and Industrial Arts, and in the Arts and Sciences; leading to the degree of Bachelor of Arts or Bachelor of Science. The enrollment during the school year 1947-1948 was 192.

Brief History of the University

The history of the present University is the history of two institutions; the old privately-owned and operated University of Maryland in Baltimore and the Maryland State College (formerly Maryland Agricultural College) at College Park.