

LOWER EASTERN SHORE  
RESEARCH & EDUCATION  
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The Maryland Agricultural Experiment Station was established in 1888 following passage of the federal Hatch Act in 1887. The Act made grants-in-aid available to the states for agricultural research. Now, both State and federal funds support this work, as well as research in food science, nutrition, aquaculture, rural sociology, and natural resources.

Within the University of Maryland System, the Agricultural Experiment Station was placed under the Maryland Institute for Agriculture and Natural Resources in 1990. When the Institute was abolished in 1993, the Station was transferred to the College of Agriculture of the University of Maryland College Park, reuniting the College with its traditional constituent parts, the Agricultural Experiment Station and the Cooperative Extension Service.

At College Park, the Agricultural Experiment Station has laboratories for research in the animal and plant sciences, agricultural engineering, agricultural and resource economics, rural sociology, human ecology, and social sciences. Station scientists and graduate students conduct research at three University of Maryland College Park colleges, the University of Maryland Eastern Shore, the Virginia-Maryland Regional College of Veterinary Medicine, and other institutions within the University of Maryland System. The Station also conducts field research at eleven off-campus sites. They are organized into four regional research and education centers:

- Western Maryland (Keedysville)
- Central Maryland (Clarksville, Ellicott City, Cherry Hill, Beltsville, Upper Marlboro)
- Upper Eastern Shore (Wye Mills, Chase)
- Lower Eastern Shore (Salisbury, Princess Anne, Poplar Hill)

These research programs work to sustain competitive and profitable agriculture in Maryland; develop technology for new and changing agriculture, aquaculture, and related industries; and develop scientific criteria and knowledge for addressing environmental and natural resource issues.

**COOPERATIVE EXTENSION SERVICE**

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**BUDGET (CODE 36.02.22)**

Funds	FY1994 (actual)	FY1995 (actual)	FY1996 (approp.)
General . . . . .	\$13,218,707	\$13,815,790	\$13,815,790
Other Unrestr. \$	896,278	\$ 919,984	\$ 1,479,541
Restricted . . . . .	\$10,014,422	\$10,247,859	\$11,989,688
Total Funds . . . . .	\$24,131,407	\$24,983,633	\$27,285,019
<b>Staff</b>			
Authorized . . . . .	446.16	444.66	436.16
Contractual (FTE) . . . . .	53.36	53.11	53.02
Total Staff . . . . .	499.52	497.77	489.18

**HISTORICAL EVOLUTION**

- Maryland State College of Agriculture, Extension Service, 1914-20
- University of Maryland, Extension Service, 1920-c.1960
- University of Maryland, Cooperative Extension Service, c.1960-88
- University of Maryland System, Cooperative Extension Service, 1988-90
- University of Maryland System, Institute for Agriculture & Natural Resources, Cooperative Extension Service, 1990-93
- University of Maryland System, University of Maryland College Park, College of Agriculture, Cooperative Extension Service, 1993-95
- University of Maryland System, University of Maryland College Park, College of Agriculture & Natural Resources, Cooperative Extension Service, 1995—

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