

Maryland Department of Agriculture



The **Maryland Department of Agriculture (MDA)** is the state agency responsible protecting and promoting agriculture and related industries. The department conducts a variety of regulatory, service, and educational activities that assure consumer confidence, protect the environment, and promote the agriculture industry.

Programs and Services for Farmers and Small Businesses:

The **Office of Marketing, Animal Industries, and Consumer Services** develops markets for Maryland agricultural products and to connect farmers, watermen, and food producers to those markets.

Programs include: Agriculture Marketing and Development, Animal Health and Diagnostic Labs, State Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners, Maryland Horse Industry Board, Food Quality Assurance, Weights and Measures, and Maryland Agricultural Fair Board.

The **Office of Plant Industries and Pest Management** protects the health of Maryland's plants, ensures seed quality, and controls nuisance insects.

Programs include: Plant Protection and Weed Management, Forest Pest Management, Mosquito Control, Pesticide Regulation, State Chemist, and Turf and Seed.

The **Office of Resource Conservation** works closely with Maryland farmers to plan and implement conservation practices and programs that balance crop and livestock production with the need to protect natural resources. The office provides educational, financial, and technical assistance programs.

Programs include: State Soil Conservation Committee, Conservation Grants, Watershed Implementation Program, and Maryland Nutrient Management Program.



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