



# STATE OF MARYLAND AGRICULTURE

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# **AGRICULTURE IN MARYLAND**

- 12,300 farms
- 2 million acres
- Average farm size = 165 acres
- \$8.25 Billion Industry
  - \$3 Billion Value Added



# MISSION STATEMENT



#### **Our Vision Is...**

to achieve excellence in programs and in services that preserve and protect agricultural resources and the environment, promote profitable agriculture and consumer confidence, and enhance the quality of life for all Marylanders.

#### **Our Mission Is...**

to provide leadership and support to agriculture and the citizens of Maryland by conducting regulatory, service, and educational activities that assure consumer confidence, protect the environment, and promote agriculture.

# **DEPARTMENTS & PROGRAMS**



#### I. Marketing, Animal Industries & Consumer Services

- Agricultural Marketing
- Animal Health
- Food Quality Assurance
- Maryland Horse Industry Board

- Maryland Agricultural Fair Board
- State Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners
- Weights & Measures

#### II. Plant Industries & Pest Management

- Plant Protection & Weed Management
- Turf & Seed
- Pesticide Regulation

- State Chemist
- Mosquito Control
- Forest Pest Management

#### III. Resource Conservation

- Nutrient Management Program
- Resource Conservation Operations

Maryland Agricultural Water Quality
 Cost-Share Program (MACS)

#### IV. Maryland Agricultural Land Preservation Foundation (MALPF)



# OFFICE OF MARKETING, ANIMAL HEALTH & CONSUMER SERVICES



# **MARYLAND'S BEST**



Promoting Maryland Farmers and Watermen





2019 Food & Beverage Expo







#### **HORSE INDUSTRY – ECONOMIC IMPACT**





# **ECONOMIC IMPACT**

of the Horse Industry In Maryland



RACING: \$572 million



**COMPETITION: \$270 million** 



RECREATION: \$382 million



EQUINE THERAPY: \$8.4 million







# OFFICE OF PLANT INDUSTRIES AND PEST MANAGEMENT



### **PALMER AMARANTH**





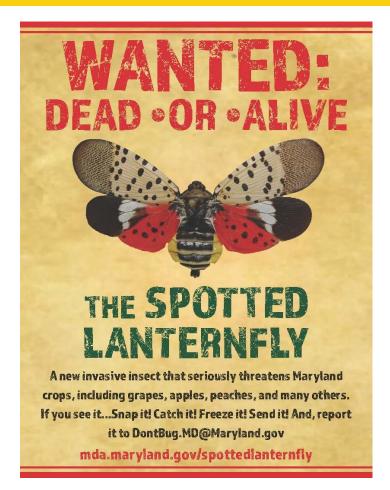
Result of HB 515 (2018) -Palmer Amaranth Summer Study

Addressing Palmer Amaranth Problem

**Additional Study Findings** 

# **SPOTTED LANTERNFLY**





**Found in Cecil County** 

**Prevention:** 

- Survey Program
- Outreach Campaign

# **POLLINATOR PROTECTION ACT**





Result of SB 198 (2016) - Pollinator Protection Act

*Implementation* 

Address Maryland Reporter Article



# OFFICE OF RESOURCE CONSERVATION



#### WIP III - DEVELOPMENT & IMPLEMENTATION





Fall 2018: Local Engagement

**Evaluate & Update Current County Plans** 

Compile Statewide Plan

Three Primary Goals

- Fully account for conservation already implemented
- Re-verification based on rule change
- Address remaining reduction gap

Plan Exceeds Current Requirements

#### **SOIL HEALTH INITIATIVE**



#### **Develop Program**

- Soil Health Coordinator
- Advisory Committee
- Identify Practices & Quantify Benefits

### *Implementation*

- Outreach & Education
- Demonstrations & Pilot Projects
  - MDA Biomass Pilot Program
- RCPP Grant



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#### About MALPF

- Created in 1977 by the Maryland General Assembly
- Governed by Agriculture Article, §2-501 through
   2-519, Annotated Code of Maryland
- State-County Partnership Program
- Easements are perpetual.

#### **Purpose**

 To preserve productive agricultural land and woodland to provide for the continuing production of food and fiber for the citizens of Maryland.

# MARYLAND AGRICULTURAL LAND PRESERVATION FOUNDATION (MALPF)



### **Totals for Calendar Year 2018**

- 9,416 acres preserved
- \$36,157,857 public investment
- 72 easements

#### MALPF Totals (As of Dec. 31, 2018)

- 316,227 acres preserved
- \$741,959,688 public investment
- 2,327 easements

# **2019 LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES**



HB 50 - Department of Agriculture - Maryland Produce Safety Program

**SB 25** - Real Property - Conservation Easements, Covenants, Restrictions, and Conditions - Recording Notice

SB 56 - Secretary of Agriculture - Regulation of Poultry to Protect Animal Health and Control Avian Influenza

**SB 57** - Agriculture - County Agricultural Land Preservation Programs

**SB 58** - Maryland Agricultural Land Preservation Foundation - Elimination of District Agreements





# **THANK YOU!**