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Note: Series Producer Joe Ligo is available for interviews. In addition, Nov. 17 episode photos and the series logo are available at this link.

MPT series Maryland Farm & Harvest visits Carroll, Cecil, Queen Anne’s, and Washington counties during November 17 episode

OWINGS MILLS, MD – Maryland Public Television’s (MPT) popular original series Maryland Farm & Harvest, now in its eighth season, will feature farms and locations in Carroll, Cecil, Queen Anne’s, and Washington counties during a new episode airing at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, November 17.

Maryland Farm & Harvest takes viewers on a journey across the state, telling stories about the farms, people, and technology required to sustain and grow agriculture in Maryland, the state’s number one commercial industry.

This season the series adds two new segments -- one called “The Way it Works,” offering a look at the mechanical side of agriculture, and the other titled “Facebook Photo Challenge,” featuring photos submitted online by Maryland farmers on a variety of interesting topics.

With introductions filmed at Char-Lene Farm in Carroll County, Maryland Farm & Harvest’s November 17 episode features the following segments:

- **The 4-Legged Landscapers: Goats (Queen Anne’s County)** The old rumor that goats will eat anything isn’t really true, but they do eat a wide variety of plants. That’s why Brian Knox and Jennifer Vaccaro run Eco-Goats, which rents out a herd of 27 goats to clear unwanted weeds and vegetation. Viewers follow Brian and Jennifer to a residential property in Kent County, where their four-legged landscapers clear out an overgrown space, all without heavy equipment or herbicides. There’s also a stop at Where Pigs Fly Farm in Centreville, where the two farmers raise a variety of livestock for eggs and meat.

- **Greenhouse Donates Extra Produce to a Local Shelter (Cecil County)** At Deep Roots Inc., a transitional housing facility in Earlville, the staff works to show residents that "homelessness is not destiny." A key component of this is providing fresh, healthy meals to the families that live there. To help make these meals, the shelter receives donations from the nearby Priapi Gardens in Cecilton, where Vic and Mary Priapi run an 11-acre plant nursery, organic vegetable farm, and...
garden center. Some of the veggies on the menu are colorful purple and yellow carrots, and even some of the pickiest little eaters at Deep Roots turn out to love them.

- **The Local Buy: Elderberries (Washington County)** The Local Buy host Al Spoler travels to Native Mountain Farm in Boonsboro, where farmer Natasha Bowens Blair grows a variety of flowers, herbs, and fruit. One of the farm’s most interesting crops is the tiny elderberry, which packs a healthy punch of antioxidants. Natasha, who is also an author of the book “The Color of Food,” shares her experience as a farmer of color and explains why it’s important that her daughters are involved with the farm. Then, Al learns about the health effects of the elderberry and shares Natasha’s recipe for an elderberry tonic, which will be available for viewers at mpt.org/farm.

- **The Way it Works: Electric Fence** Segment host Joe Ligo explains how the "electric" gets into an electric fence, and shows how farmers use electric fences to keep livestock safe.

New episodes of *Maryland Farm & Harvest* air on Tuesdays at 7 p.m. on MPT-HD and livestream at mpt.org/anywhere/live-stream-mpt/. Encore broadcasts are available on MPT-HD Thursdays at 11 p.m. and Sundays at 6 a.m. Each episode also airs on MPT2/Create® on Fridays at 7:30 p.m.

Series host Joanne Clendining, who recently earned her second Emmy® award from the National Capital Chesapeake Bay Chapter of the National Academy of Television Arts & Sciences for her work on *Maryland Farm & Harvest*, returns for season eight. She is joined by Al Spoler who handles duties for each episode’s The Local Buy segment.

Nearly 10 million viewers have tuned in to *Maryland Farm & Harvest* since its 2013 debut. The series, has taken MPT viewers to more than 360 farms, fisheries, and other agriculture-related locations during its first seven seasons, covering every Maryland county, as well as Baltimore City and Washington, D.C. Past episodes can be viewed at video.mpt.tv/show/maryland-farm-harvest/ while episode segments are available on the series YouTube channel at youtube.com/c/MarylandFarmHarvest/featured.

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