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NOTE: Interviews with Series Producer Robert Ferrier are available. In addition, Jan. 16 episode photos and the series logo are available to download from MPT's Dropbox [HERE](#).

MPT series *Maryland Farm & Harvest* visits Dorchester, Montgomery, and Talbot counties during January 16 episode

First new episode of 2024 features "Farm to Skillet" segment guest-hosted by Bethesda-based personal chef Shalia Coburn

OWINGS MILLS, MD – [Maryland Public Television's](#) (MPT) original series [Maryland Farm & Harvest](#), now in its 11th season, will feature farms and locations in Dorchester, Montgomery, and Talbot counties during an episode premiering on Tuesday, January 16. A preview of the episode can be found on the series' webpage at mpt.org/farm.

Maryland Farm & Harvest airs on Tuesdays at 7 p.m. on MPT-HD and online at mpt.org/livestream. Episodes are also available to view on the free [PBS App](#) and MPT's [online video player](#) following their broadcast premiere. Encore broadcasts air on MPT-HD on Thursdays at 11 p.m. and on Sundays at 6 a.m. Episodes also air on MPT2/Create® on Fridays at 7:30 p.m.



The popular weekly series takes viewers on a journey across the Free State, telling engaging and enlightening stories about the farms, people, and technology required to sustain and grow agriculture in Maryland, the state's number one commercial industry.

Joanne Clendining, who has earned two regional Emmy® awards for her work on *Maryland Farm & Harvest*, serves as series host. She is joined during the season by Al Spoler, host of "The Local Buy" segments, and by a rotation of local chefs who each take a turn hosting a new segment called "Farm to Skillet," during which viewers are led through the process of finding, preparing, and presenting the locally produced ingredients that make up some of the chefs' favorite dishes.

With introductions filmed at **Holloway Brothers Farms** in **Darlington (Harford County)**, the January 16 episode features the following segments:

- **Tuckahoe Farm Days (Talbot County).** Host Joanne Clendining visits the [Tuckahoe Steam & Gas Association's](#) 50th anniversary festival held on its 60-acre campus in **Easton**. Viewers join Joanne as she meets association members and festival attendees, as she explores on-site locations such as the [Rural Life Museum](#) – “Thingamajig heaven,” as Joanne calls it – and as she hops on a hot steam tractor to take part in the festival’s finale: the annual parade of tractors.
- **Farmer Flashback (Dorchester County).** Sixth-generation wheat farmer Jason Scott operates a Pioneer Hi-Bred seed dealership with his father, Doug, at their 1,600-acre Walnut Hill Farm in **Hurlock**. Jason oversees operations both inside and outside the warehouse while his father handles harvesting duties. Viewers visit the farm’s 5,000-square-foot seed warehouse with Jason, take a ride on the combine with Doug, and discover the complementary roles played by each member of the father-son duo during a busy day on the farm.
- **Farm to Skillet: Chef Shalia Coburn, Bethesda Central Farm Market (Montgomery County).** Personal chef Shalia Coburn, owner of [Chef B Meals](#), leads the audience through the [Bethesda Central Farm Market](#), where she finds the locally produced ingredients she’ll use to make an Asian-influenced seafood dish. After securing vegetables, scallops and sea bass, and other ingredients, Coburn heads to the kitchen to whip up a quick and delicious seafood and slaw dish that viewers can try for themselves. The recipe will be available to download at [mpt.org/farm](#).

Nearly 16 million viewers have watched *Maryland Farm & Harvest* on MPT since its debut in 2013. The series has traveled to nearly 450 farms, fisheries, and other agriculture-related locations during its first 10 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](#). Engage with the show on social media [@MarylandFarmHarvest on Facebook](#) and [@mdfarmtv on Instagram](#).

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SYNOPSIS OF JAN. 16 EPISODE:

Joanne Clendining joins the Tuckahoe Steam & Gas Association’s annual festival to celebrate 50 years of preserving and celebrating farm life and all things mechanical. At Walnut Hill Farm in Hurlock, a young farmer and entrepreneur is literally spreading his love for farming through his seed dealership. On the Farm to Skillet segment, Chef Shalia Coburn visits the Bethesda Central Farm Market to find ingredients for her Asian-influenced seafood dish.

About Maryland Public Television

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