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**Note: Series Producer Joe Ligo is available for interviews. In addition, Feb. 9 episode photos and the series logo are available [at this link](#).**

## 100<sup>th</sup> episode of MPT series *Maryland Farm & Harvest* visits Frederick, Garrett, and Kent counties during February 9 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 Frederick, Garrett, and Kent counties during the show's milestone 100<sup>th</sup> episode airing at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, February 9.

*Maryland Farm & Harvest* has been taking viewers on journeys across the state since 2013, telling hundreds of stories about the farms, people, and technology required to sustain and grow agriculture in Maryland, the state's number one commercial industry.

With introductions filmed at [Inverness Brewing and Farm](#) in Monkton, northern Baltimore County, *Maryland Farm & Harvest's* February 9 episode features the following segments:

- **Chicken Breeding with Multicolored Eggs (Frederick County).** *Maryland Farm & Harvest* visits [Deer Run Farm](#) in Emmitsburg where Allison Rostad and Josh Stewart raise and sell five heritage chicken breeds that produce eggs in a wide range of colors. These chickens produce eggs in colors including light blue, light tan, dark brown, terracotta, and greenish/brown. Customers from smaller commercial farms to backyard flock owners and from as far away as Alaska and Hawaii purchase chicks from Deer Run Farm. Alison and Josh then show how they prepare chicks for shipping to customers via the U.S. Mail.
- **Bears & Crop Damage (Garrett County).** Farming in mountain areas of Maryland comes with a special set of challenges, among them nearby wildlife. Richard Bernard operates Hunt Valley Farm, a 525-acre farm in Swanton that grows, horse hay, oats, corn, and soy beans. Bernard shows how nearby black bears cause up to \$10,000 worth of damages annually to his corn crops. Fortunately for Bernard, there's help available from the State of Maryland. Harry Spiker, a bear expert with Maryland Department of Natural Resources, visits to measure and verify the crop damage so that Hunt Valley Farm can be compensated by the State of Maryland for some of its losses.

- **The Local Buy: Growth of Maryland Wineries (Kent County).** *The Local Buy* host Al Spoler heads to Crow Vineyard and Winery in Kennedyville where he learns about the dramatic growth of wineries in the state. While there were 34 in 2010 there are now more than 100 wineries in 2020. Al speaks with Judy Crow about her family's operation, comprised of some 12.5 acres of grapes, together with a comfortable tasting room, and a bed and breakfast inn. Al closes the segment by urging viewers to visit [mpt.org/farm](http://mpt.org/farm) to learn more about Maryland wines and to get maps to wineries and wine trails located across the state.
- **Farms from the Air: Barns.** In this new segment, the series takes a bird's-eye-view trip across Maryland to see barns from above, with stops at **E. Griffith and Son in Lothian** (Anne Arundel County), **Cattail View Farm in Taneytown** (Carroll County), **Shenandoah Jerseys in Boonsboro** (Washington County), and **Rusty Rooster Farm in Worton** (Kent County).

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/](http://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.

Ten million viewers have tuned in to *Maryland Farm & Harvest* since its 2013 debut. The series has taken MPT viewers to nearly 400 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/](http://video.mpt.tv/show/maryland-farm-harvest/) while episode segments are available on the series' YouTube channel at [youtube.com/c/MarylandFarmHarvest/featured](http://youtube.com/c/MarylandFarmHarvest/featured).

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