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

## MPT series *Maryland Farm & Harvest* visits locations in five Eastern Shore counties during December 3 episode

**OWINGS MILLS, MD** – [Maryland Public Television's](http://MarylandPublicTelevision.org) (MPT) original series [Maryland Farm & Harvest](http://MarylandFarmandHarvest.org), now in its 12<sup>th</sup> season, will feature farms and locations in Caroline, Dorchester, Kent, Queen Anne's, and Worcester counties during an episode premiering on Tuesday, December 3. A preview of the episode can be found on the series' webpage at [mpt.org/farm](http://mpt.org/farm).

*Maryland Farm & Harvest* airs on Tuesdays at 7 p.m. on MPT-HD and online at [mpt.org/livestream](http://mpt.org/livestream). Episodes are also available to view live and on demand using the free [PBS app](#) and MPT's [online video player](#).

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 Emmy® awards from the National Capital Chesapeake Bay Chapter of the National Academy of Television Arts & Sciences for her work on *Maryland Farm & Harvest*, serves as series host. She is joined by Al Spoler, host of "The Local Buy" segments, and by a variety of local chefs who serve as guest hosts of the series' "Farm to Skillet" segments.

With introductions filmed at [Evermore Farm](#) in **Westminster (Carroll County)**, the December 3 episode features the following stories:

- **Giant Miscanthus (Dorchester County)** – When John Luthy of **Luthy Farms** in **Cambridge** was first approached about growing Giant Miscanthus, he didn't even know what it was. Today, his fields boast 2,500 acres of the burgeoning super crop, which he sells to chicken farmers seeking a better bedding option than traditional wood chips. Viewers visit Luthy Farms to learn what makes Giant



Miscanthus so attractive to grow and discover some of its many uses, from chicken house bedding and crop buffers to consumer products.

- **Richardson Farm (Worcester County)** – Beyond his fields of corn and soybeans, few can match [Roger Richardson's](#) contribution to Maryland agriculture. He was one of 14 men appointed in the 1970s by then-Gov. Marvin Mandel to create the [Maryland Department of Agriculture](#). In 2007, he was asked by then-Gov. Martin O'Malley to serve as the Maryland Secretary of Agriculture. Now over 90 years old and still an active farmer, Richardson hasn't finished building his legacy. Viewers meet Roger on his family's farm in **Eden** and hear from others about Richardson's lasting impact on the agency he helped create and the industry he's done so much to support.
- **Farm to Skillet: Chef Kurt Peter (Kent, Caroline, Queen Anne's counties)** – After grabbing some soft shell crabs from [Chester River Seafood](#) in **Rock Hall** and picking fresh vegetables at [Clayton Farms](#) in **Denton**, chef Kurt Peter of [Chesapeake Chef Service](#) returns to his kitchen in **Stevensville** to sauté a seafood dish that embodies Chesapeake living. The recipe will be available at [mpt.org/farm](http://mpt.org/farm) for viewers to try for themselves.

More than 16 million viewers have watched *Maryland Farm & Harvest* on the statewide public TV network since its debut in 2013. The series has traveled to nearly 500 farms, fisheries, and other agriculture-related locations during its first 11 seasons, covering every Maryland county, as well as Baltimore City and Washington, D.C.

Encore broadcasts of *Maryland Farm & Harvest* 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. Past episodes can be viewed on the free [PBS app](#) and MPT's [online video player](#), while episode segments are available on the series' YouTube channel at [youtube.com/c/MarylandFarmHarvest/featured](http://youtube.com/c/MarylandFarmHarvest/featured).

Audiences are invited to engage with the series on social media [@MarylandFarmHarvest on Facebook](#) and [@mdfarmtv on Instagram](#).

The [Maryland Department of Agriculture](#) is MPT's co-production partner for *Maryland Farm & Harvest*. Major funding is provided by the Maryland Grain Producers Utilization Board.

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### **About Maryland Public Television**

Maryland Public Television (MPT) is a statewide, public-supported TV network and Public Broadcasting Service member offering entertaining, educational, and inspiring content delivered by traditional broadcasting and streaming on TVs, computers, and mobile devices. A state agency, it operates under the auspices of the Maryland Public Broadcasting Commission. MPT creates and distributes local, regional, and national content and is a frequent winner of regional Emmy® awards. MPT's commitment to educators, parents, caregivers, and learners of all ages is delivered through instructional events and [Thinkport.org](http://Thinkport.org). MPT's year-round community engagement activities connect viewers with resources on a wide range of topics. For more information visit [mpt.org](http://mpt.org).