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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](#).

## ***Maryland Farm & Harvest* visits locations in Baltimore, Montgomery, and Queen Anne's counties and Baltimore City during March 11 episode**

**OWINGS MILLS, MD** – [Maryland Public Television's](#) (MPT) original series [Maryland Farm & Harvest](#), currently in its 12<sup>th</sup> season, will feature farms and locations in Baltimore, Montgomery, Talbot, and Queen Anne's counties and Baltimore City during an episode premiering on Tuesday, March 11. A preview 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 in **Carroll County**, the March 11 episode features the following stories:

- **4-H Families: King Family, Crowning Glory Farm (Queen Anne's County)** – For the King family of [King Crowning Glory Farm](#) in **Church Hill**, 4-H is a way of life that ties generations together. At their small family farm, siblings Brennan, Lydia, and Stephen train for the 4-H lamb showmanship and market competition at the [Queen Anne's County Fair](#), while father Kenny King serves as mentor and stand-in show judge. When Stephen wins the county-level competition, all three



siblings advance to the state finals at the [Maryland State Fair](#). Viewers will learn the fate of the Kings and other 4-H families introduced this season during the Season 12 finale on April 1.

- **The Local Buy: Mushroom Foraging (Baltimore County/Baltimore City)** – Chef Chris Amendola owns and operates [Foraged Restaurant](#) in **Baltimore City**, a "hyper-seasonal" eatery. A devotee of wild mushrooms, Chris has secret spots across Maryland that yield choice, fresh mushrooms at no cost. Segment host Al Spoler tags along with Chris to an undisclosed location in northern Baltimore County. There, Al observes as Chris goes about his search through the woods, peeking under piles of dead leaves and rotting logs and offering bits and pieces of mushroom lore. The pair come away with a variety of wild mushrooms, and they return to the restaurant where Chris cleans and prepares them for cooking. With Al's assistance, Chris prepares a delicious mushroom stew. The recipe for the stew will be available to viewers online at [mpt.org/farm](http://mpt.org/farm).
- **The Local Buy: Sugarloaf Mountain Vineyard (Montgomery County)** – At [Sugarloaf Mountain Vineyard](#) in **Dickerson**, master winemaker Manolo Gomez walks segment host Al Spoler through the intricacies of crafting fine wine and the importance of terroir – or “taste of place” – in appreciating regional varieties. Gomez has managed the 22-acre vineyard for more than 10 years, and he explains how Maryland’s quick-changing weather conditions – while difficult for some grape varieties – provide an excellent growing environment for Cabernet Franc grapes. After touring the vineyard and getting a behind-the-scenes look at the fermentation process, Al tastes a Cabernet Franc with flavors that are unique not only to Maryland but to Sugarloaf Mountain. More information about the vineyard will be available at [mpt.org/farm](http://mpt.org/farm).

More than 19 million viewers have watched *Maryland Farm & Harvest* on the statewide public TV network since its debut in 2013. The series has traveled to more than 500 farms, fisheries, and other agriculture-related locations during its 11-plus season run, 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](#).

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