Montgomery County's Agricultural Leaders Luncheon
August 15, 2011

David Weitzer, Chairman
Montgomery County
Agricultural Advisory Committee -Update

Montgomery County's Agricultural Advisory Committee Members Please stand

David Weitzer, **Chairman-**Farmer
Robert Beall, V-Chair-Farmer Member
Patrick Brown, Non Farmer Member
Ben Allnutt, Farmer Member
Jane Griffith Evans, Farmer Member
David Heisler, Farmer Member
Eddie Kuhlman, Non Farmer Member
Woody Woodroof, Farmer Member
J. Kelly Lewis, Farmer Member
Tom Linthicum, Farmer Member
Timothy McGrath, Farmer Member
Linda Lewis, Farmer Member
Drew Stabler, Farmer Member
Gary Marx, Non Farmer Member
Gene Walker, Farmer Member

Montgomery County's Agricultural Advisory Committee

- Meets the 3rd Tuesday of every month at 7:30 pm at the Up-County Regional Services Center in Germantown

- For more information about the AAC please contact: Jeremy Criss
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What is The Purpose of the Agricultural Leaders Luncheon

- To Extend Thanks and Appreciation to the individuals that serve on County appointed Boards and Committees

- To Bring our Agricultural Leaders together during the Agricultural Fair to help promote the importance of Agriculture and Farming in the County

- To Exchange information with our Elected and Appointed officials

Weitzer - AEP

What is the Current Status of Agriculture in Montgomery

- **Agricultural activities** occupy about one-third of Montgomery County's Land Area and the County has a very diverse agricultural industry –
- **561 farms** and 350 horticultural enterprises –
- Agriculture Produces more than **$243 million** in economic contribution and employs more than 10,000 residents
- Montgomery County's Population 951,000 is the highest in the State-23 Counties
- Even with the Highest Population in the State of Maryland…
- Montgomery County's Production of crops is ranked mostly in the Middle
- Production of Corn 14th in the State
- Production of Soybeans 13th in the State
- Production of Wheat 11th in the State
- Production of Hay 8th in the State

Update on the County's Deer Management and Donation Program

- A Special Thanks to Montgomery County Farm Bureau, the University of Md Extension Advisory Council and the Green Industry Assoc. for contributing $5,000 to help fund the 2010-2011 deer donation program
- The Deer Donation Program is run by Billy Willard and Joe Brown of Patriot Land and Wildlife Management
- Please Stand Billy and Joe

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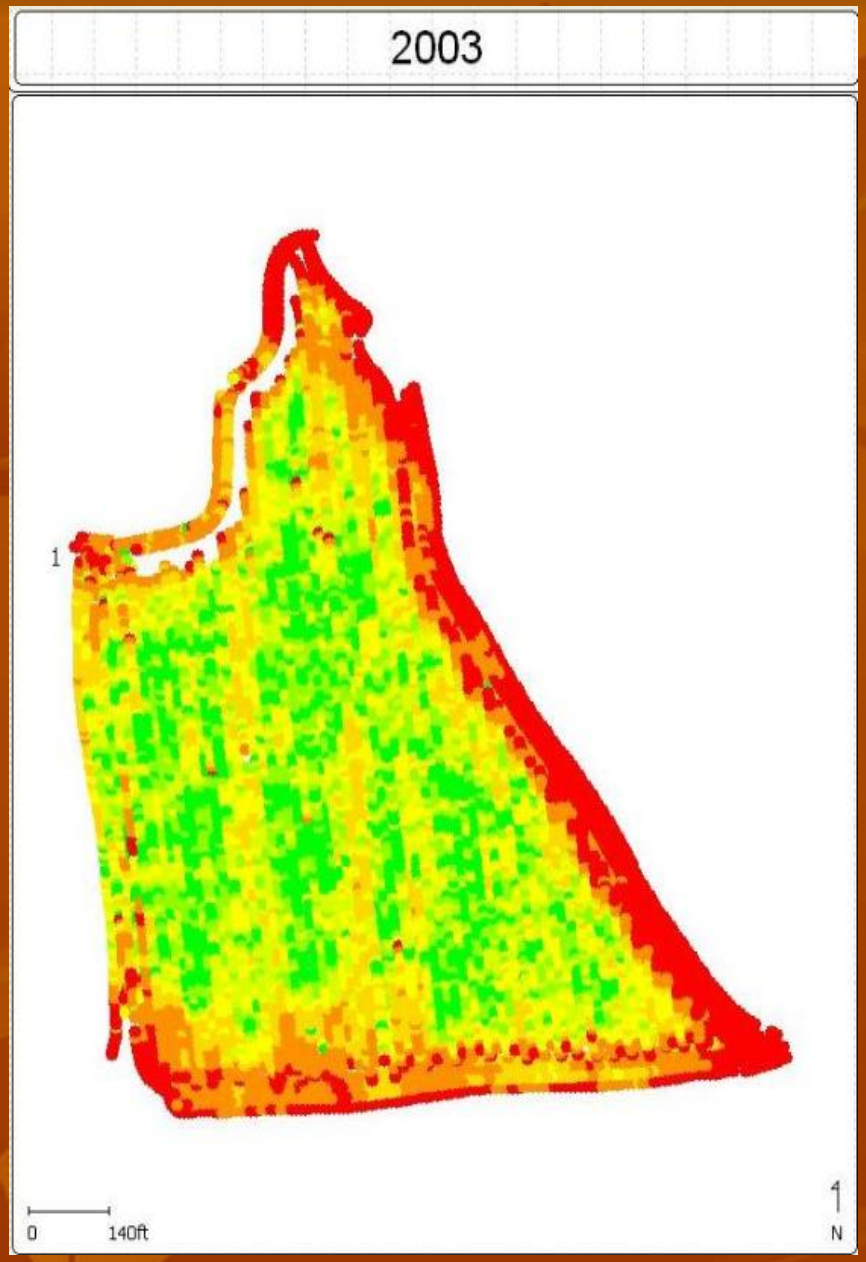
Agricultural Case Study
Crop Damage

Willard Farms
2003, 2006, 2009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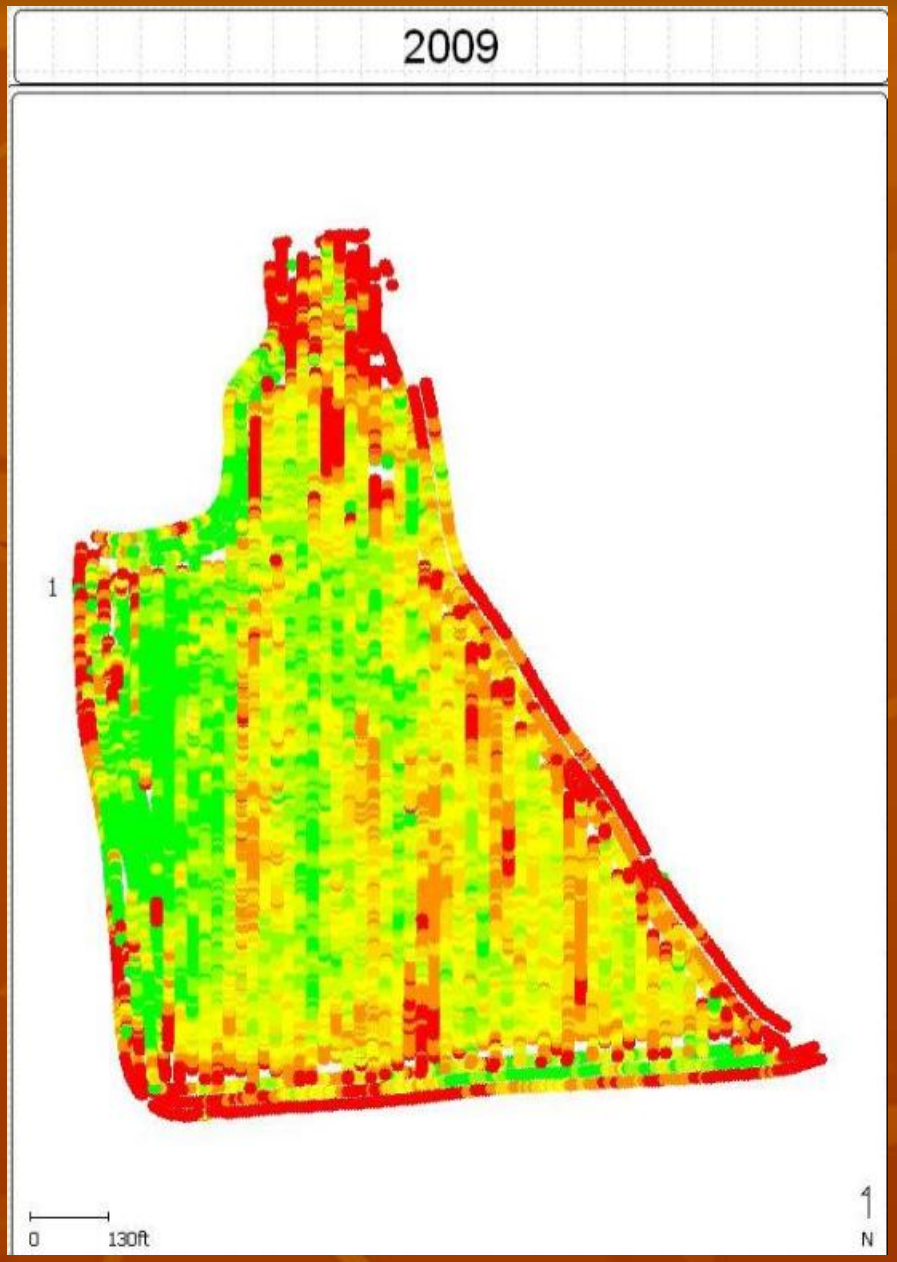
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Donation Coolers

- Helps hunters increase their antlerless deer harvest and reduce crop damage
- Sponsored by the Montgomery County Department of Economic Development Agricultural Services Division
- 2 locations, Laytonsville and Poolesville, MD
- Runs from end of July until Mid-March

Deer Donation Contest

- First started during the 2009-2010 season by Patriot LWM to increase hunter participation in the program
- Winner received a Bass Pro gift card and a membership to the Quality Deer Management Association
- In 2010-2011 the County Farm Bureau contributed $1,000 to help promote the contest

Montgomery County Deer Donation Program (To-Date)				
Season	Deer Donated	LBS. Venison	Forage Saved (tons)	Pop. Reduction Equiv.
2004-2005 Season	39 deer	1,560 pounds	58.5	117
2005-2006 Season	51 deer	2,040 pounds	76.5	153
2006-2007 Season	85 deer	3,400 pounds	127.5	255
2007-2008 Season	197 deer	7,880 pounds	295.5	591
2008-2009 Season	150 deer	6,000 pounds	225	450
2009-2010 Season	304 deer	12,160 pounds	456	912
2010-2011 Season	401 deer	16,040 pounds	601.5	1,203
TOTALS	1,227 deer	49,080 pounds	1,840.5 tons	3,681 deer

Deer Donation Program (2010-2011)
401 deer donated
Population reduction equivalent for 2011 = up to 1,203 deer
601.5 actual tons of forage saved - - - - 1804.5 potential tons of forage saved for 2011

The End

Questions?