



# MARYLAND FARM BUREAU, INC.

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February 3, 2016

*Farm Bureau Member Name  
and Address*  
600 ...  
Laytonsville, MD 20882-2316

Re: Agricultural Tire Recycling Collection Program

Dear Farm Bureau Member:

We are pleased to announce that farmers in your area will have the opportunity to drop off used agricultural tires of all sizes at **no charge**. The Agricultural Scrap Tire Drop-Off Event is part of Maryland Farm Bureau's service-to-member effort, coordinated with Montgomery County Farm Bureau, Montgomery County Government and state officials at the Maryland Department of the Environment and Maryland Environmental Services.

The Montgomery County agricultural tire drop-off event will be held at the Derwood transfer station for 2 days in February. There are no fees and no permits needed to participate. You must present a copy of this letter with each load of tires you deliver to the drop off location to demonstrate your eligibility to participate. Farm Bureau members will be on hand to help with the program.

If you have any questions for Maryland Farm Bureau, please call Alex Buehler or Valerie Connelly at (410) 922-3426 or (800) 248-9012.

**No limit to the number of tires**  
**Passenger, light truck, and agricultural tires**  
**on or off rims accepted.**  
**Commercial Businesses Prohibited.**

**Drop off Used Tires from your farm on**  
**Tuesday February 16, 2016 and Wednesday February 17, 2016**  
**10:00 am to 4:00 pm**  
**(If cancelled due to snow, the new date will be Friday February 19, 2016)**  
**Derwood Transfer Station, lower lot**  
**16105 Frederick Rd (Shady Grove Rd), Derwood, MD 20855**  
**Contact: Jeremy Criss 301-943-9766 (c) or 301-590-2830 (o)**

Farmer Signature: \_\_\_\_\_



Legend

X  
Tire Drop Off

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Entrance/Exit Route

Montgomery County  
Transfer Station  
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Shady Grove

Rte 370

Shady Grove Road

Rte 370

Rte 355

Rte 355

**Maryland Department of Agriculture  
2015-2016 Cover Crop Acres Planted  
Program Summary by County**

<b>SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICT</b>	<b>CONTRACTS</b>	<b>ACRES</b>
Alleghany	9	463.5
Anne Arundel	32	3,706.0
Baltimore County	45	11,152.3
Calvert	19	3,907.9
Caroline	144	42,505.7
Carroll	137	27,354.4
Cecil	76	20,113.9
Charles	35	8,228.9
Dorchester	117	40,884.4
Frederick	181	33,883.3
Garrett	20	1,016.0
Harford	82	16,836.3
Howard	18	2,424.7
Kent	118	54,952.2
Montgomery	37	16,400.4
Prince George's	22	1,956.4
Queen Anne	147	59,716.6
Somerset	48	16,981.0
St. Mary	68	8,969.5
Talbot	91	51,547.8
Washington County	67	11,447.0
Wicomico	81	23,489.2
Worcester	66	34,306.8
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1,660</b>	<b>492,244.2</b>

# Spring Fertilizer Rules for Small Grains and Commodity Cover Crops Announced

February 10, 2016

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**ANNAPOLIS, MD** – The Maryland Department of Agriculture today announced that farmers who planted small grain crops, such as wheat, rye or barley for harvest are allowed under Maryland's nutrient management regulations to "top dress" these small grains with commercial fertilizer as early as February 15 as long as ground conditions are appropriate. The guidelines apply to all farmers growing small grains, including those enrolled in the commodity option of the department's Cover Crop Program administered through the Maryland Agricultural Water Quality Cost-Share (MACS) Program. As a reminder, Maryland's nutrient management regulations restrict manure applications until March 1.

"Researchers from the University of Maryland have determined that small grain crops have absorbed the nutrients in the soil and that additional nutrients are required to keep them growing," said Maryland Agriculture Secretary Joe Bartenfelder. "The extremely warm weather we had beginning in December and continuing into January and early February warrants an earlier application based on the accumulation of Growing Degree Days. In addition, there was little residual nitrogen remaining in the soil following last year's excellent corn crop."

The warm temperatures, however, could be a double-edged sword for some small grain crops that may have experienced excessive growth. According to Dr. Robert Kratochvil, Associate Professor & Extension Specialist at the University of Maryland, farmers should survey their wheat and barley crops for winterkill caused by extreme temperature swings before applying additional fertilizer.

"They should first determine if the wheat or barley has started to joint," said Kratochvil. "If it is not yet jointing, there likely was no damage caused by the extreme cold temperatures."

According to Kratochvil, if the crop has started to joint, farmers should walk their fields to see if there are visible signs of cold damage before applying fertilizer.

Although the department's Cover Crop contract agreement restricts nutrient applications to commodity cover crops before March 1, Maryland's nutrient management regulations allow top dressing of small grains prior to March 1, under certain conditions and in accordance with University of Maryland nutrient recommendations. The regulations allow farmers to

apply half of the spring nitrogen application at green-up and half at plant growth stage Feekes 5-6.

For additional information on the department's cover crop requirements, farmers should contact their local soil conservation district or the Maryland Agricultural Water Quality Cost-Share Program at 410-841-5864. Questions about winter nutrient applications should be directed to the Nutrient Management Program at 410-841-5959. Farmers with fields that are not suitable for harvest should contact their crop insurance agent for guidance.

# *Montgomery, Howard & Frederick County*

## *2016 Agronomy Update*

Wednesday, February 24th  
Urbana Firemen's Activity Center  
Agenda

8:30am—Registration, Coffee, Milk, Donuts, and visit Exhibitors

9:00am—Corn N Management-Focus on Application Timing  
Wheat Quality: What Is It and How Do I Get It?

Bob Kratochvil  
Agronomist-PSLA Dept  
University of Maryland

9:45am—Nutrient Management PMT

Bryan Harris  
MDA-Nutrient Management  
Implementation Coordinator

10:15am—Break, visit exhibits

10:30am—Weed Control Update

Burkhard Schulz  
Weed Scientist-PLSA  
University of Maryland

11:15am—Grain Market Situation and Outlook

Jay Calhoun  
Commodities Broker/Analyst  
Colgan Commodities  
Chicago, Illinois

12:00pm—Lunch, visit exhibits, Pesticide Recertification Training

Chuck Schuster  
Extension Educator  
Montgomery County

1:15pm—Buffer pH and the Lime Requirement

Jarrod Miller  
Extension Educator  
Somerset County

1:45pm—Field Crop Insect Control-What's the latest?

Kelly Hamby  
Extension Specialist  
Department of Entomology  
University of Maryland

2:30pm—Ag Agency Update for Montgomery County

Jeremy Criss, Director  
Office of Agriculture  
David Plummer  
District Manager  
Montgomery Co. SCD

3:00pm—Adjourn

**Pre-register by Wednesday, February 17th by calling 301-600-3576  
or email Doug Tregoning at [dwt@umd.edu](mailto:dwt@umd.edu) if that is more convenient.  
There is a \$15.00 meeting registration fee that will be payable at the door.**