

MARYLAND

YOUNG, BEGINNING, AND SMALL FARMER *Resources*

Horizon Farm Credit

Financing for farming, land and rural homes in addition to crop insurance and accounting services.

Phone: 888.339.3334 | horizonfc.com



CASA Future Harvest

Nonprofit organization dedicated to advancing sustainable agriculture in the Chesapeake region through education, networking, advocacy, and research that support farmers, communities, and the environment.

Phone: 410.205.6587 | futureharvest.org



Chesapeake Ag Innovation Center (CAIC)

Nonprofit supporting Delmarva farmers and value-added producers through training, consulting, and capital.

Phone: 410.770.9330 | caic.org



Maryland Agricultural Land Preservation Foundation (MALPF)

Organization that preserves productive farmland and woodland in Maryland.

Phone: 410.841.5860 | mda.maryland.gov/malpf



Maryland Agriculture & Resource Based-Industry Development Corporation (MARBIDCO)

Organization that supports Maryland's agriculture and resource-based businesses by providing financing, grants, and technical assistance to promote industry growth and rural economic development.

Phone: 410.267.6807 | marbidco.org



Maryland Department of Agriculture (MDA)

State level government agency that has programs to preserve and protect agricultural resources and the environment and promote profitable agriculture and consumer confidence.

Phone: 410.841.5700 | mda.maryland.gov



Maryland Farm Bureau

A grassroots member-driven organization that unifies farmers and rural community members to advocate for important issues facing the industry and provides education, including the Young Farmers & Rancher program.

Phone: 410.922.3426 | marylandfb.org



Maryland Farm Service Agency (FSA)

USDA agency that delivers financial assistance to agricultural producers through loans and program services administered at local offices.

Phone: 443.482.2760 | fsa.usda.gov/state-offices/maryland



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Maryland Small Business Development Center (SBDC)

Provides free individualized consulting, from start up to established businesses.

marylandsbdc.org



National Resource Conservation Services (NRCS)

Agency within USDA that manages land conservation programs and cost-share funding programs.

Phone: 410.757.0861 | nrcs.usda.gov/state-offices/maryland



Southern Maryland Agricultural Development Center (SMADC)

Organization that supports farms and the future of agriculture in Southern Maryland. One of SMADC's programs includes Maryland FarmLINK, which supports farmers who sell or buy farmland, mentor novice farmers and find important farming news and information.

Phone: 240.528.8850 | smadc.com and marylandfarmlink.com



University of Maryland Cooperative Extension

Delivers research-based education and solutions to help residents improve agriculture, environmental stewardship, youth development, and community well-being.

agmr.umd.edu/extension



University of Maryland Eastern Shore (UMES) Extension

Provides research-based education, outreach, and resources that empower individuals, families, farmers, and communities across Maryland.

www.wcp.umes.edu/extension



Looking for more resources?

This list includes many helpful options, but it isn't exhaustive. If you don't see something that fits your needs, a Farm Credit team member can help connect you with additional resources or organizations that may be a better match — just give us a call!

Key



Financing & Grant Funding — Access to funding opportunities, financial assistance programs, grants, and investment resources.



Soil & Environmental Stewardship — Resources focused on soil health, land stewardship, and long-term environmental sustainability.



Networking — Opportunities to connect with peers, build relationships, share experiences, and collaborate with others in the industry.



Education & Professional Development — Learning opportunities, training programs, and resources that support skill development and continued growth.



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