

2025 Maryland Agriculture Educators Summer Conference

July 7th, 2025 - July 9th, 2025

Boonsboro Middle School
Washington County, MD

Conference Schedule



Monday July 7th, 2025			
8:30 am - 9:00 am	Welcome		
9:00 am - 10:00 am	MATA Business Session 1 MATA Executive Board		
10:30 am 12:00 pm	#1 Horticulture Turfgrass Tour - Flying Boxcars Stadium Presenter: H Host: Terrie Shank Location:	#2 Animal Science Misty Meadows Dairy Farm Presenter: Mellott Family Host: Brian Long Location:	#3 ENR Outdoor School (Envirothon) Presenter: Chris Kopko Host: Amanda Farmer Location:
12:00 pm to 1:00 pm	Lunch - Cafeteria <i>Food Details (Sponsored by WCPS)</i>		
1:00 pm to 2:00 pm	MATA Committee Session 1		
2:00 pm to 3:00 pm	Utilizing FFA Educator Resources Presenter: Leasa Guddera Host: Amanda Farmer	Simulated Workplaces in CTE Presenter: John Cameron Host: Tonya Rowe	<u>Technology Integration in the Classroom</u> Presenter: Tonya Rowe Host: Amanda Farmer
3:00 pm to 4:00 pm	Student Behaviors Post-Covid Presenter: Dr. Stacy Eckels Host: Amanda Farmer	Integration of IRCs Presenter: Adam Parry Host: Amanda Farmer	
4:30 pm to 5:30 pm	Evening Tour - Greener Tomorrow Project Host: Mary Zielinski Location:		
6:00 pm to 8:30 pm	Retiree Picnic - Shafer Park MC: Joe Linthicum Host: Lynne Thomas		

Tuesday July 8th, 2025

8:00 am - 8:30 am	MATA Committee Session 2		
8:30 - 9:00 am	Travel to Designated Tour		
9:00 am - 10:30 pm	<p align="center">#4 Agribusiness <i>Ernst Grain & Livestock Operation</i></p> <p align="center">Presenter: Josh Ernst Host: Amanda Farmer Location:</p>	<p align="center">#5 Biotech/ Ag Research <i>Western Maryland Research & Education Center</i></p> <p align="center">Presenter: Joe Fiola Host Mary Zielinski Location:</p>	<p align="center">#6 Ag Mechanics <i>Volvo</i></p> <p align="center">Presenter: Jessica Horn Host: Amanda Farmer Location:</p>
11:00 am - 12:00 pm	<p align="center">#7 <u>Business Planning & Programs for Young Farmers</u> <i>Presenters: Ellie Grossnickle, Maureen O'Shea Fitzgerald Horizon Farm Credit</i> <i>Host: Lynne Thomas</i></p>	<p align="center">#8 <u>Agriscience Fair</u> Presenter: Anna Warner Host: Amanda Farmer</p>	
12:00 pm to 1:00 pm	Lunch - Cafeteria <i>Meal Details</i>		
1:00 pm to 2:00 pm	MATA Business Session 2		
2:00 pm to 3:00 pm	<p align="center"><i>AI Use in Teacher Planning</i></p> <p align="center">Presenter: Dane Grossnickle Host: Amanda Farmer</p>		
3:00 pm to 5:00 pm	<p align="center">#9 <i>Floral Business Management</i></p> <p align="center">Presenter: Kayla Crigger Host: Lynne Thomas</p>	<p align="center">#10 <i>Biosecurity Lab</i></p> <p align="center">Presenter: Patricia Sanville Host: Amanda Farmer</p>	<p align="center">#11 <i>Ag Heritage Museum Tour</i></p> <p align="center">Presenter: Elizabeth Stefanik Host: Lynne Thomas</p>
5:30 pm to 6:30 pm	<p align="center"><i>Green Hill Farm</i> Vendor Showcase with Appetizers, Host: Mary Zielinski</p>		
6:30 pm	Dinner & Networking <i>Dinner on Your Own</i>		

Wednesday July 9th, 2025

8:00 am - 9:30 am	MATA Business Session 3 (with committee reports)		
9:30 am - 10:00 am	MD FFA & National FFA Updates Presenter: Terrie Shank MD FFA		
10:00 am - 12:30 pm	<u>AGsploration</u> Presenter: UMD Extension Host: Lynne Thomas	<u>Food Science CDE</u> Presenter: Ann Platou Host: Amanda Farmer	<u>Turfgrass Management CDE</u> Presenter: Geoff Rinehart Host: Amanda Farmer
12:30 pm to 1:00 pm	Networking before Luncheon		
1:00 pm to 3:00 pm	MATA Awards Luncheon <i>Meal Details</i> Location: BMS Cafeteria		