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**Note: Series Producer Joe Ligo is available for interviews. In addition, Jan. 19 episode photos and the series logo are available [at this link](#).**

## **MPT series *Maryland Farm & Harvest* visits Baltimore and Frederick counties and Baltimore City during January 19 episode**

**OWINGS MILLS, MD** – Maryland Public Television's (MPT) popular original series [Maryland Farm & Harvest](#), now in its eighth season, will feature farms and locations in Baltimore and Frederick counties and Baltimore City during a new episode airing at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, January 19.

*Maryland Farm & Harvest* takes viewers on a journey across the state, telling stories about the farms, people, and technology required to sustain and grow agriculture in Maryland, the state's number one commercial industry.

With introductions filmed at [First Fruits Farm in Freeland, Baltimore County](#), *Maryland Farm & Harvest's* January 19 episode features the following segments:

- ***Farm Firewood is a Blazing Success (Baltimore County)***. When father and son Scott and Roman Braglio of [Braglio Farms in Randallstown](#) started selling unwanted trees as firewood, neither could have predicted how popular their business would become. The family operation has grown significantly, and they now turn out loads of wood to keep Maryland homes warm each winter. Find out how firewood is cleaned, dried, and packed and see how some firewood even makes it under the grill at the Braglio's farm-to-table restaurant, [The Woodstock Inn](#).
- ***Ask a Farmer: How did you started farming?*** In this new segment, *Maryland Farm & Harvest* producers interview a variety of farmers from across the state who share their stories about how they got into the business of agriculture. Viewers will meet farmers from Hurlock, Ridgley, White Hall, Gaithersburg, Oakland, and Westminster.
- ***Immigrant Family Brews Mead with Maryland Peaches (Frederick County)***. When Andrzej Wilk's family immigrated to the United States from Poland in the 1990s, they noticed a favorite beverage from their homeland was hard to find here: a fermented honey drink called mead. The family decided to start making their own mead and founded [Orchid Cellar Meadery and Winery in Middletown](#). On the day *Maryland Farm & Harvest* stopped by, Andrzej was brewing a batch of

mead using fresh peaches from [Scenic View Orchards in Sabillasville](#). The segment includes a visit to the fruit farm to see how peaches add a fresh taste to this classic beverage.

- **The Local Buy: City-Hydro (Baltimore City)**. Segment host Al Spoler heads indoors and learns how Larry and Johanna Hountz grow all their crops in one room at [City-Hydro in Baltimore](#). This vertical growing operation in a Fells Point rowhouse produces 85 varieties of microgreens, which supply local restaurants and farmers markets. A former cybersecurity consultant, Larry is now all in on indoor farming, and even produces and sells vertical farming kits to people across the country interested in starting their own operations. A recipe using fresh vegetables and microgreens will be available at [mpt.org/farm](http://mpt.org/farm).

New episodes of *Maryland Farm & Harvest* air on Tuesdays at 7 p.m. on MPT-HD and livestream at [mpt.org/anywhere/live-stream-mpt/](http://mpt.org/anywhere/live-stream-mpt/). Encore broadcasts are available on MPT-HD Thursdays at 11 p.m. and Sundays at 6 a.m. Each episode also airs on MPT2/Create® on Fridays at 7:30 p.m.

Series host Joanne Clendining, who recently earned her second Emmy® award from the National Capital Chesapeake Bay Chapter of the National Academy of Television Arts & Sciences for her work on *Maryland Farm & Harvest*, returns for season eight. She is joined by Al Spoler who handles duties for each episode's *The Local Buy* segment.

Nearly 10 million viewers have tuned in to *Maryland Farm & Harvest* since its 2013 debut. The series has taken MPT viewers to more than 360 farms, fisheries, and other agriculture-related locations during its first seven seasons, covering every Maryland county, as well as Baltimore City and Washington, D.C. Past episodes can be viewed at [video.mpt.tv/show/maryland-farm-harvest/](http://video.mpt.tv/show/maryland-farm-harvest/) while episode segments are available on the series' YouTube channel at [youtube.com/c/MarylandFarmHarvest/featured](http://youtube.com/c/MarylandFarmHarvest/featured).

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