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Note: Series Producer Joe Ligo is available for interviews. In addition, March 9 episode photos and the series logo are available [at this link](#).

Maryland Farm & Harvest visits Garrett, Harford, Prince George's, and Queen Anne's counties during season-ending episode

Episode celebrates the "best of" eight seasons of MPT series

OWINGS MILLS, MD – Maryland Public Television's (MPT) [Maryland Farm & Harvest](#) will feature farms and locations in Garrett, Harford, Prince George's, and Queen Anne's counties during an episode celebrating the "best of" eight seasons of the popular original series. The final episode of the season airs at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, March 9.

Maryland Farm & Harvest has been taking viewers on journeys across the state since 2013, telling hundreds of stories about the farms, people, and technology required to sustain and grow agriculture in Maryland, the state's number one commercial industry.

Nearly 10 million viewers have tuned in to *Maryland Farm & Harvest* since its debut. The series has visited more than 350 farms, fisheries, and other agriculture-related locations during its first eight seasons, covering every Maryland county, as well as Baltimore City and Washington, D.C.

The March 9 episode features these four segments from past seasons of the series:

- ***Breeding Bees (Prince George's County)***. In this season six segment, *Maryland Farm & Harvest* viewers learned that Maggie Mills of [Hope Honey Farm](#) in Hyattsville isn't an ordinary beekeeper. She raises bees and bottles honey, but her specialty is breeding bees, specifically a process called grafting queens. Through the use of macrophotography, this segment delivers a unique up-close look at how a queen bee ascends to the throne, while explaining to viewers why up to one-third of the food we eat relies on healthy bee colonies. **This story originally aired on November 13, 2018** and earned an Emmy® Award from the National Capital Chesapeake Bay Chapter of the National Academy of Television Arts & Sciences.
- ***Soy to Soy Oil (Queen Anne's County)***. *Maryland Farm & Harvest* visited Coleraine Farm in Queen Ann during season four. Series viewers meet farmer Sonny Eaton, get a look at his 3,000-acre farm's soybean harvest, and travel to the Perdue Agribusiness Oil Refinery in Salisbury to see how these beans are transformed into edible soy oil. **This story originally aired on January 17, 2017.**

- **Farm Photographer (Harford County).** During season three, *Maryland Farm & Harvest* profiled [Edwin Remsberg](#), a Fallston-based photographer who shares images of farms and the work of farmers in Maryland and across the country. While farms can often look picture-perfect, Edwin is the person who many farmers call on to capture that beauty. But photography is not his only talent – Edwin still finds time to raise sheep on his 20-acre Harford County farm. **This story originally aired on January 19, 2016.**
- **The Local Buy: Mushrooms (Garrett County)** - During this season four segment of *The Local Buy*, host Al Spoler visits [Backbone Food Farm](#) in Oakland. Al meets Max and Katharine Dubansky and learns about their use of draft horses in place of mechanical tractors on their Oakland farm. In this case neither one is needed, as Max shows what it takes to grow mushrooms on logs and bails of straw. Al then gets a taste of mushrooms in a cream cheese spread. The recipe will be available at [mpt.org/farm](#). **This story originally aired on January 31, 2017.**

The March 9 episode also includes a photo montage featuring the *Maryland Farm & Harvest* staff's favorite behind-the-scenes moments during eight seasons working on the show.

New episodes of the MPT series air on Tuesdays at 7 p.m. on MPT-HD and livestream at [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.

Past episodes can be viewed at [video.mpt.tv/show/maryland-farm-harvest/](#) while episode segments are available on the series' YouTube channel at [youtube.com/c/MarylandFarmHarvest/featured](#).

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.

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