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**Note: Series Producer Robert Ferrier is available for interviews. In addition, Nov. 22 episode photos and the series logo are available at this [LINK](#).**

## MPT series *Maryland Farm & Harvest* visits Baltimore, Charles, and Harford counties during November 22 episode

**OWINGS MILLS, MD** – Maryland Public Television's (MPT) original series [Maryland Farm & Harvest](#), now in its 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary season, will feature farms and locations in Baltimore, Charles, and Harford counties during a new family-themed episode premiering on Tuesday, November 22.

*Maryland Farm & Harvest* airs on Tuesdays at 7 p.m. on MPT-HD and online at [mpt.org/livestream](http://mpt.org/livestream). 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. Episodes are also available to watch on demand using [MPT's online video player](#). A season preview is available for viewing at <https://bit.ly/3sLY69T>.



The popular weekly series takes viewers on a journey across the Free State, telling engaging and enlightening stories about the farms, people, and technology required to sustain and grow agriculture in Maryland, the state's number one commercial industry. During its 10<sup>th</sup> season, the series looks back to when it all began nearly a decade ago and revisits some favorite farms and farmers from past episodes.

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

With introductions filmed at [Kinder Farm Park in Millersville \(Anne Arundel County\)](#), the November 22 episode features the following segments:

- **Farming, Fishing, Forestry, and Family (Charles County).** When the Warring Family bought Persistence Creek Farm in 2009, they knew that how they farmed the 245-acre property was just as important as what they farmed. They have forged a confluence between farming, fishing, forestry, and family, with an eye toward how all of these can benefit their surrounding natural resources. The family's persistence and hard work have certainly paid off. In 2021 [Persistence Creek Farm was awarded the very first Maryland Leopold Conservation Award](#), named after renowned conservationist Aldo Leopold for the diversity of their conservation and production practices.
- **10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Revisit, Season 2 – Grimmel Girls Show Cattle (Harford County).** As part of *Maryland Farm & Harvest's* 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary season, series producers look back at some of their favorite farm stories. In this segment from season two in 2014, viewers revisit the [Grimmel Girls](#), a quintet sister act from Grimmel Farms in Jarrettsville, and a family who has it all – charm, charisma, and award-winning cattle. The Grimmel Girls provide a look at the inside world of Hereford show cattle, and it's more than just pomp and circumstance. These girls – then and now – have fun, but stand back when it's showtime!
- **The Local Buy: Dry-Aged Beef (Baltimore County).** What's dry and mouth-watering at the same time? On this episode's *The Local Buy*, segment host Al Spoler heads to northern Baltimore County to [John Brown General & Butchery](#) to see how the pros carve a side of beef. In this case, it's not just any beef, this is dry-aged, grass-fed prized beef cattle. Owner Robert Voss then shares with Al a pan-roasted New York Strip Steak. Information about the Hunt Valley butchery and store will be available for viewers at [mpt.org/farm](http://mpt.org/farm).

More than 13 million viewers have watched *Maryland Farm & Harvest* on MPT since its fall 2013 debut. The series has traveled to more than 430 farms, fisheries, and other agriculture-related locations during its first nine 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). Engage with the show on social media [@MarylandFarmHarvest on Facebook](#) and [@mdfarmtv on Twitter](#).

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Other support comes from Mar-Del Watermelon Association.

#### **SYNOPSIS OF NOV. 22 EPISODE —**

During the next episode of *Maryland Farm & Harvest*, host Joanne Clendining introduces viewers to a Charles County family farm dedicated to conservation and sustainable production practice, looks back at a season two story about five sisters in Harford County who raise award-winning Hereford cattle, and then

Al Spoler travels to Baltimore County for *The Local Buy* segment to see firsthand how a master butcher working with grass-fed beef, combined with dry-aging, makes for delicious steaks.

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