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NOTE: Interviews with series producer Robert Ferrier are available upon request. In addition, episode photos and other assets are available to download from MPT's Dropbox [HERE](#).

MPT series *Maryland Farm & Harvest* visits locations throughout central Maryland and the Eastern Shore during November 18 episode

OWINGS MILLS, MD – [Maryland Public Television's](#) popular original series [Maryland Farm & Harvest](#), now in its 13th season, will feature farms and locations in Baltimore City and Anne Arundel, Caroline, Carroll, and Talbot counties during an episode premiering on Tuesday, November 18. An episode preview is available on the series' webpage at mpt.org/farm.

Maryland Farm & Harvest airs on Tuesdays at 7 p.m. on MPT and online at mpt.org/livestream. Episodes are also available to view live and on demand using the free [PBS app](#) and MPT's [online video player](#).

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.



Joanne Clendining, who has earned three Emmy® awards from the National Capital Chesapeake Bay Chapter of the National Academy of Television Arts & Sciences for her work on *Maryland Farm & Harvest*, serves as series host. She is joined by Al Spoler, host of "The Local Buy" segments, and by a variety of local chefs who serve as guest hosts of the series' "Farm to Skillet" segments.

With introductions filmed at [One Straw Farm](#) in **White Hall (Baltimore County)**, the November 18 episode features the following stories:

- **Mike & Sons Mobile Farm Mechanic (Anne Arundel, Caroline, and Talbot counties):** On the farm, what isn't broken is just waiting to break. While larger operations may have full-time mechanics to maintain equipment, smaller farms often have to enlist outside help. When the calls come in,

Mike Greaves of [Mike & Sons Mechanical Services](#) hits the road with his truck full of tools to save the day. Viewers follow Mike from his home base in **Trappe** to field maintenance and repair requests for farmers in **Harwood** and **Denton**.

- **Clear Ridge Nursery (Baltimore City, Carroll County):** Led by volunteer groups such as [Midtown Baltimore](#), urban greening is transforming **Baltimore City's** sidewalks through the installation of plants and trees to beautify landscapes, improve population health, and increase property values. In **Union Bridge**, [Clear Ridge Nursery](#) grows more than 150,000 trees to be planted in Baltimore and other cities and towns throughout the region. Viewers learn how founder Joe Barley's commitment to family and passion for reforestation helped the farm succeed and follow the journey of one batch of trees from the nursery in Carroll County to public land in Baltimore City.
- **Farm to Skillet: Chef Matt Lego and Photographer Jay Fleming (Anne Arundel County):** Chef Matt Lego of [Leo](#) in **Annapolis** joins renowned photographer and bay conservationist [Jay Fleming](#) to catch invasive blue catfish in the Chesapeake Bay. From there, Lego returns to the kitchen to prepare sauteed blue catfish and grits for the two to enjoy. The recipe and more information about the invasive blue catfish will be available to download at [mpt.org/farm](#).

More than 19 million viewers have watched *Maryland Farm & Harvest* on the statewide public TV network since its debut in 2013. The series has traveled to more than 500 farms, fisheries, and other agriculture-related locations during its first 12 seasons, covering every Maryland county, as well as Baltimore City and Washington, D.C.

Encore broadcasts of *Maryland Farm & Harvest* air on MPT on Thursdays at 11 p.m. and on Sundays at 6 a.m. Episodes also air on MPT2/Create® on Fridays at 7:30 p.m. Past episodes can be viewed on the [PBS app](#) and MPT's [online video player](#), while episode segments are available on the series' YouTube channel at [youtube.com/@MarylandFarmHarvest](#).

Audiences are invited to engage with the series on social media [@MarylandFarmHarvest on Facebook](#) and [@mdfarmtv on Instagram](#).

The [Maryland Department of Agriculture](#) is MPT's co-production partner for *Maryland Farm & Harvest*. Major funding is provided by the Maryland Grain Producers Utilization Board.

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