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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 in Carroll, Dorchester, and Queen Anne's counties during March 10 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 Carroll, Dorchester, and Queen Anne's counties during an episode premiering on Tuesday, March 10. 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 [Hollywood Farm](#) in **Annapolis (Anne Arundel County)**, the March 10 episode features the following stories:

- **Soybean Sustainability (Dorchester County):** Of the 20 million bushels of soybeans produced in Maryland each year, more than 75% is grown along the Eastern Shore. Much of that product is harvested by local farmers and sold to [Perdue Farms](#), the fourth-generation, family-owned food

and agriculture giant headquartered in **Salisbury**. Viewers visit one of Perdue’s suppliers – Jason Scott of Diamondback Farms in **Hurlock** – to see how [Perdue AgriBusiness](#) works with local farmers to incentivize sustainable farming practices that respond to consumer preferences, provide quality nutrition for chicken and livestock, and protect the land for years to come.

- **Darland Manor Farm (Queen Anne’s County):** Luke Sultenfuss is a third-generation farmer, tending the land like his father and grandfather before him. While their operations were mostly grain, Luke took a different path. After developing a business plan for a farm-to-table beef operation during his studies at the University of Maryland, Luke returned to the family farm to put the plan into action. [Darland Manor Farm](#) in **Centreville** started out with 12 Black Angus cattle and customers comprising Luke’s friends and family, but it quickly grew into a respected cow-calf operation that distributes beef to restaurants and grocery stores across the state.
- **Farm to Skillet: Collision Course (Carroll County):** Husband and wife chefs Tony and Ashley Gerald, owners of [Collision Course](#) in **Westminster**, demonstrate how they make their award-winning pork tenderloin with candied sweet potatoes and collard greens. After gathering ingredients from [Local Homestead Products](#) in **New Windsor** and [Finksburg Farms](#) in **Finksburg**, the couple heads to the Carroll County Public Library’s [Exploration Commons Teaching Kitchen](#) – located just across the street from Collision Course – to prepare a delicious dish anchored by “the other red meat.” The recipe 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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About Maryland Public Television

Maryland Public Television is a statewide, public-supported TV network and Public Broadcasting Service member offering entertaining and educational content delivered by traditional broadcasting and streaming on TVs, computers, and mobile devices via its [online video player](#) and the [free PBS app](#). A state agency operating under the auspices of the Maryland Public Broadcasting Commission, MPT also produces local, regional, and national programming and frequently earns regional Emmy® awards for its work. MPT’s commitment to educators, parents,

caregivers, and learners of all ages is delivered through its [Maryland Center for Media Literacy & Education](#) and [Thinkport.org](#). MPT's year-round community engagement activities connect viewers with resources covering a wide range of topics. More information is available at [mpt.org](#).