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DIRECTIONS TO UMES CAMPUS:

Address to use for GPS

Student Services Center (SSC)
 30665 Student Services Lane
 Princess Anne, MD 21853

From Baltimore; Washington, D.C.; and Alexandria, Virginia

Take Rt. 50 to Chesapeake Bay Bridge (Eastern Shore of Maryland). Travel Rt. 50 East to Salisbury, Maryland. Take Rt. 13 South to Princess Anne, Maryland and follow signs to Maryland Route 822, UMES Boulevard.

Utilizing UMES Boulevard

UMES Boulevard is Maryland Route 822. Coming from the North, you will make a left onto 822, traveling approximately 3/4 mile to campus. Once on campus, make a right at the stop sign (College Backbone Road). Then make a right into the first parking lot on right. The Student Services Center building is located directly in front of fenced parking lot.

AREA HOTEL INFORMATION

Econo Lodge, Princess Anne, MD (5 min from campus)
 (410) 651-9400. Ask for conference rate.

Hampton Inn, Fruitland, MD (10 min from campus)
 (410) 548-1282. Ask for conference rate.

Holiday Inn, Pocomoke, MD (15 min from campus)
 (410) 957-6444. Ask for conference rate.

University of Maryland Extension
 2122 Richard A. Henson Center
 University of Maryland Eastern Shore
 Princess Anne, MD 21853

12th Annual Small Farm Conference

Sustaining Small Farms . . . 360 Degrees



**Friday & Saturday
 November 6 & 7, 2015**

**University of Maryland Eastern Shore
 Student Services Center**



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What this conference is about ...

The purpose of this two-day educational conference is to provide a venue for farmers, landowners and supporters of agriculture to come together to network and learn about new opportunities and strategies that promote farm profitability and sustainability.

Highlights of this year’s conference!

New Location! - The University of Maryland Eastern Shore’s Student Services Center will serve as the new venue. Spanning some 147,000 square feet, the length of two football fields, this state-of-the-art two-story building is equipped with a theatre, a ballroom, classrooms, an exhibit hall, lounges, a dining hall, a recreational center, and much more, making it the ideal facility to house our 12th Annual Small Farm Conference this year!

Brand New Food Demonstration Classes! – This year’s conference will be offering (2) new food demonstration classes on *Homemade Probiotics - Lacto Fermentation with Veggies*. Each class will consist of a live demonstration showing step-by-step procedures on how to prepare homemade probiotics. You will even have a role in one of the preparations! Each participant will receive educational materials and recipe packets. **Spaces are limited. Pre-registration is required.** (*Note: Saturday’s class will run from 1:30pm to approximately 4:30pm)

Exhibitor and Vendor Tradeshow - Have a product or service that can be of benefit to farmers, landowners, and/or gardeners? If so, this may be the perfect opportunity to connect with potential clients as well as network with agriculture agencies, various agri-businesses and organizations, and more.

AGsploration – is the theme for our youth educational program which encourages awareness of agriculture and how it affects everyday life in relation to nutrition and health. Technology, mathematics, and engineering activities are integrated into classroom exercises. Please contact Nicole Skorobatsch at (410) 651-1350 or email namirez@umd.edu for info.



Keynote Speaker

Johnny Mo (John Morrison) was born and raised in Rockville, Maryland. There he attended public schools and started his culinary training during his 11th and 12th grade years. After graduating from Johnson and Wales University in 1995, he moved to NJ where he worked in the Princeton area at a well-known restaurant called Medditerra, where he was given the nickname Johnny Mo by the owners. Johnny Mo’s popular Dine and Demo events are always sellouts. He demonstrates each course; and as guests savor his culinary creations, he entertains them with his originals as well as his favorite tunes. It’s always a fun and unforgettable experience. Johnny Mo founded Music for the Hungry, a family fun event where musicians perform to raise money for the Food Bank of the

Eastern Shore of Virginia. He also has written two cookbooks “Rock the Kitchen” and “Rock the Party”, mixing his two passions together. Since 2002, Johnny Mo has opened Mallards Sidewalk Café in Accomac, Virginia’s county seat; Mallards Catering and Entertainment; and his premier waterfront location, Mallards at the Wharf in Onancock, VA. In support of small family farms, Johnny Mo strives to source locally grown produce and meats whenever possible.

Registration

Take advantage of Early Bird Special! \$40/person or \$70/party of two (by Oct. 15th)

Registration fees (after Oct. 15th): **ADULTS:** \$50 per person or \$90 party of two. **YOUTH:** Registration is free with registered parents. For youth who will not be accompanying a registered parent, registration is \$10.00 per child.

All registrations should be received no later than **Tuesday, November 3, 2015**. We recommend that you register online at <http://12thannualsmallfarmconference.eventbrite.com>. For more information, please contact us at 410-651-6070/6693 or email us at mce@umes.edu. You can also visit our website at www.umessmallfarm.com.

Anyone in need of special services or accommodations to participate should call at least 2 weeks in advance to make arrangements. Limited scholarships are available to assist with registration. Please contact us for more details.

Conference Agenda

Friday, November 6, 2015

9 a m	Registration Opens			
10 a m - 12 noon	Reduce Your Feed Costs - Year-Round Rotational Grazing			
12 noon - 1:00 p m	Lunch (On Your Own)			
	Friday Afternoon Workshops/Tours			
1:30 p m - 4:30 p m	You Have Sheep or Goats...Now What?	Soil Health: Understanding & Analyzing Soil Tests	Homemade Probiotics-Lacto Fermentation w/ Veggies	Fall High Tunnel Production
5:00 p m - 6:00 p m	USDA Update & Forum			
6:00 p m - 8:00 p m	Informal Reception and Networking Social			

EDUCATIONAL TRACKS

Track 1	Alternative Agriculture
Track 2	Farm Business & Marketing
Track 3	New & Beginning Farmer

Saturday, November 7, 2015

8:30 a m	Registration Opens and Continental Breakfast		
9:30 a m - 9:45 a m	Welcome & Opening Remarks		
10:00 a m - 11:30 a m	Smart & Simple Beekeeping	Using New Technologies to Generate More Business	Farm Finance Essentials
12:00 p m - 1:15 p m	Keynote & Luncheon Program		
1:30 p m - 3:00 p m	Growing Ground Cherries, Tomatillos, and Other Specialty Crops	Business & Legal Issues Impacting Small Farms	Setting Up a Farmstead
3:00 p m - 3:30 p m	Afternoon Break/Exhibitors Open		
3:30 p m - 5:00 p m	Integrated Pest Management for Vegetable Growers	Take it from a Farmer’s Perspective	Tips for Selecting the Right Equipment

CONFERENCE REGISTRATION FORM

NAME: _____
ADDRESS: _____
CITY _____
STATE _____ ZIP _____
PHONE _____ FAX _____
EMAIL _____

Primary interest: ☐Farmer ☐Landowner ☐Ag. Professional ☐Other

Friday Workshop/Tour Selection: (Check One)

☐You Have Sheep or Goats...Now What?

☐Homemade Probiotics-Lacto Fermentation

☐How To Analyze My Soil Test?

☐High Tunnel Fall Production

Food Preservation Class: (If attending please check)

☐Saturday Session (*Note: Saturday’s Class Runs from 1:30pm to 4:30pm)

REGISTRATION FEES

Exhibitor/Vendor Fee - \$100.00 - Includes (1) registration, 1 exhibit space w/ table, name recognition in program. (Spaces limited)

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\$40/person \$70/party of two

(After Oct. 15th)

Registration \$50.00/person \$90.00/party of two
(Youth Registration - Free (with registered parent))

Registration includes: conference materials, Friday appetizers, Saturday lunch, and light refreshments.

Registrant/Couple # _____ @ _____ = _____

Exhibitor # _____ @ \$100 = _____

Total Paid \$ _____

(Provide names of all participants.)

Payment Options:

Participants are **encouraged** to register online* and make credit card payments at:

<http://12thannualsmallfarmconference.eventbrite.com>

***For those who can’t register online, you can mail this completed registration form & payment to:**

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Make checks payable to:
University of Maryland Eastern Shore

***If you register online there is no need to mail this form.**