



Maryland Agricultural Education Foundation, Inc. (MAEF)

Incorporated in
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Non-profit

Non-governmental



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Mission:

Promote the
understanding and
appreciation of
the importance
of agriculture
in everyone's daily lives.



Why Teach/Promote Agriculture?

- Informed consumers make better choices
 - Food, clothing, environmental plants, local markets

 - Informed voters make better decisions
 - When voting on Ag related issues such as open space, right to farm, land use, etc

 - Informed students make better choices
 - When selecting their academic and career paths
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2060 and Regional Agriculture

- Introduction to Regional Agriculture
 - Baltimore City
 - Anne Arundel County
 - Baltimore County
 - Carroll County
 - Harford County Howard County
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2060 and Regional Agriculture

□ Diversity

- Must be competitive with other industries to afford land, manpower and cost of living in highly populated region
 - Highly Technical
 - Innovative
 - Flexible
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2060 and Regional Agriculture

- The factors important to other industries are important to agriculture
 - Natural Resources
 - Human Resources
 - Access to Customers –locally, regionally, nationally, internationally
 - Infrastructure – all inclusive
 - Economy
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2060 and Regional Agriculture

- What is Agriculture in the Region?
 - Production
 - Processing
 - Marketing
 - Distribution
 - Retail & Wholesale sales
 - Finance
 - Regulation
 - Safety & Security
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2060 and Regional Agriculture

- What is Agriculture in the Region
 - Education
 - Planning
 - Technology
 - Public Health
 - Environment and Natural Resource Management
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2060 and Regional Agriculture

- Commodities
 - Grains & Livestock
 - “Nontraditional” Ag
 - Nursery & Greenhouse
 - Aquaculture
 - Bio Fuels
 - Agritainment
 - Specialty Crops
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2060 and Regional Agriculture

- Fastest Growing Segments
 - Nursery & Greenhouse
 - \$1.96 Billion in Maryland
 - \$740,507,428 in Central Maryland



2060 and Regional Agriculture

- Fastest Growing Segments
 - Equine
 - Locally Grown – direct marketing

Fastest Growing Segments



2060 and Regional Agriculture

What will be needed in 2060?

- Natural Resources
 - Human Resources
 - Access to Customers –local, regional, national, international
 - Infrastructure – all inclusive
 - Strong Economy
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2060 and Regional Agriculture

- Processing Facilities
 - Market Centers
 - Distribution
 - Finance
 - Regulation
 - Safety & Security
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To get to 2060
You Need to Buy Ag Tags

