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BALTIMORE COUNTY 4-H

# FARMER TECH

University of Maryland Extension

Baltimore County



# WHAT IS THE PROBLEM?

- In Maryland the Department of Agriculture is moving on online submissions for growers (licensing & certification)
- Many growers are moving (are interested) in leveraging technology to increase the reach of their products
- Many growers do not have technology skills needed
- The transition may leave them unable to complete tasks needed to stay in compliance

The graphic features a green border and a black background. On the left, the text "Tech Support Here!" is written in white above an illustration of a hand pointing at a computer screen. Below this is the text "This institution is an equal opportunity provider." On the right, there are three logos: "Cyber-Seniors" with the tagline "Connecting Generations", the "UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND EXTENSION" logo with a green clover, and the "IBCDA" logo with the tagline "Strengthening Lives" and "Baltimore County Department of Aging".

# FARMER TECH IS . . . .

- Intergenerational program involving teens in the 4-H program
- Teens are trained using an adaptation of the Teens as Teachers model
- Youth go into the community and offer technology support to farmers
- Our goal is to increase engagement thereby increasing farm revenue AND provide a workforce development, service learning and public speaking opportunity for teens





## WHAT ARE WE DOING?



Offer Device Distributions  
for Farmers



Create Demand Video  
Library (videos & podcast)



Provide Technical Support  
Ongoing

# SAMPLE TOPICS

- How to register for the Maryland One Stop Portal
- Maryland Certified Farm Enterprise Program
- Online marketing tips and tricks
- Video tour of the Maryland Horse Library
- How to prepare for farmer's market and E.M.M.A training
- How to register horse farm with MDA Boarding and Licensing
- How to become a Maryland Horse Discovery Center
- How to begin a chicken flock in Baltimore County
- How to complete a "use" permit with Baltimore County
- Becoming licensed to sell firewood
- Ag Land Preservation and completing the forms.



BALTIMORE COUNTY 4-H PRESENTS

★ SURVIVING THE TECH AGE  
**Screening Party**

4-H youth who provided tech help to seniors and farmers made a movie!

**September 14, 2023**  
2:30 p.m.

UMD Extension - Baltimore County Office  
1114 Shawan Rd., Cockeysville, MD 21030

RSVP to Vernelle - [vmh@umd.edu](mailto:vmh@umd.edu)  
Ice Cream with Toppings  
will be served.

# FARMERTECH RELIES ON COMMUNITY COLLABORATION

University of Maryland Extension (4-H, Ag, Tech Extension)  
Maryland 4-H Foundation  
Baltimore County Workforce Development - Youth Services  
Baltimore County Department of Agriculture  
Maryland Horse Breeders Association – MD Horse Library  
Baltimore County Department of Aging (Admin & Staff)

We are providing a service that is ....

**LOCAL**

**TIMELY**

**NEEDED**