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Miss Maryland Agriculture title goes to Prince George's County

Casey Miller is the winner

Casey Miller became the 2011 Miss Maryland Agriculture during opening night festivities at the Maryland State Fair in Timonium. Sponsored by the Maryland Farm Bureau and Maryland State Fair, the two-day competition culminated with an on-stage contest Friday, August 26th.

Twenty-two county Farm Bureaus were represented during the annual event. Taking the top agriculture spokesperson title, 16-year-old Miss Miller lives on Miller Farms in Clinton. She is the daughter of Rick and Janet Miller. Her sister, Rachel, won the state title in 2007.

Four contestants were named to a court to assist the state winner throughout the fair and during the year ahead. Judges selected Kelsey Kimmell of Allegany County as first runner up; Samantha Anthony of Carroll County as second runner up; Tessa Wiles of Washington County as third runner up; and Payton Brown of Anne Arundel County as fourth runner up.

Miss Miller's family farm is one of the oldest working farms close to Washington, D.C. On their 200 acres, the Millers raise fruits and vegetables as well as soybeans, wheat and straw. They sell their produce at their direct farm market, to Giant Food and to several local farmers' markets. The farm also includes a nursery with four greenhouses where they grow and sell flowers and fruit and vegetable plants. A bakery and soft-served ice cream sales round out the farm market.

Among her many chores on the farm, Miss Miller manages all incoming cash sales, interacts with customers, plants, picks and boxes fruits and vegetables, operates farm equipment and feeds livestock.

When she is not working on the farm, the new state spokesperson is busy at St. Mary's Ryken High School, singing in the choir and performing with the

theater club. She also volunteers with Prince George's County Christmas in April and sings in the choir at St. John's Church.

The new Miss Maryland Agriculture will be a junior in high school and plans to attend college and major in fine arts. "I enjoy performing and entertaining a crowd," she said.

In addition to Miss Miller and the four runners up, other county representatives participating in the Miss Maryland Agriculture contest were:

Baltimore ~ Deedra Suchting
Caroline ~ Sarah Holt
Cecil ~ Katlynn Larrimore
Charles ~ Megan Hall
Dorchester ~ Ashley Brown
Frederick ~ Hannah Hood
Garrett ~ Kara Savage
Harford ~ Katie D'Anna
Howard ~ Katie Loveless
Kent ~ Haleigh Baxter
Montgomery ~ Abbey Linthicum
Queen Anne's ~ Sarah Branham
St. Mary's ~ Shelby Sasscer
Somerset ~ Courtney Clogg
Talbot ~ Catherine Pearson
Wicomico ~ Shelby Hurley
Worcester ~ Sarah Dorey

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Caption for attached photo:

The new Miss Maryland Agriculture Casey Miller is surrounded by her court after the contest. From left, are, Samantha Anthony of Carroll County, second runner-up; Tessa Wiles of Washington County, third runner-up; Miss Miller; Kelsey Kimmell of Allegany County, first runner-up; and Payton Brown of Anne Arundel County, fourth runner-up.

