



Maryland Farm Bureau®

ISSUES FACT SHEET

Agricultural Education

ISSUE

We rely on agriculture every day – from the food we eat to the clothes we wear. Agricultural education is vital to ensure continued confidence in our food system.

BACKGROUND

The future of farming in Maryland depends on prioritizing and investing in career technical education opportunities that engage the next generation of agriculturalist in ways that expose them to the many career pathways in agriculture and related industries.

Inconsistencies from county to county and a lack of a statewide agricultural education curriculum has left many youths with little to no education on agriculture.

POSITION

Maryland Farm Bureau supports the inclusion and expansion of agricultural education programs at all school levels. We urge the implementation of certified/accredited agricultural curriculums in public high schools.

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

Maryland FFA (www.mdffa.org)

Maryland Agricultural Education Foundation (www.maefonline.com)

American Farm Bureau Foundation for Agriculture (www.agfoundation.org)

Ag in the Classroom (www.agclassroom.org)

Ag Careers (www.agcareers.com)

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