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Agriculture Commission Announces Pasture Walk for Horse Owners

PRINCE FREDERICK, Md. – June 18, 2008 – Are you a horse owner struggling to maintain or establish good pasture? Have your hay costs skyrocketed? Is it difficult for you to keep a summer pasture green and free of weeds?

This pasture walk, sponsored by the Calvert County Agriculture Commission and Calvert Soil Conservation District, is a follow-up to a pasture seminar that took place in April 2008. The pasture walk will allow participants to talk to the farm owner, learn from experts about weed control and Bermuda grass management, and see many inexpensive, easy-to-install practices that work on small horse farms.

The pasture walk will be held on Tuesday, July 8, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at the Oswald's farm, 2015 Hunting Farm's Lane, Huntingtown, Md., and will show a horse farm with excellent pasture management practices.

Speakers include: Mike Hall, USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) East National Technology Center Grazing Specialist, an expert in the establishment and management of Bermuda grass; Elmer Dengler, USDA NRCS State Grazing Specialist; Dr. Lester Vough, forage systems management consultant from Southern Maryland Resource Conservation & Development (RC&D); and Dr. Herbert Reed, Agricultural Extension Agent.

The seminar is free, but advance registration is required. For registration and directions, call Craig Mask, Calvert Soil Conservation District, at 410-535-1521 ext. 3.

Calvert Soil Conservation District provides assistance with planning, designing and applying for incentive and cost share programs for installation of conservation practices on Calvert County farms.

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The Calvert County Agriculture Commission acts as an advisory board to the Calvert County Board of County Commissioners on issues that affect the County's farming industry, promotes the continuance of viable farming industries in the County and works to develop new agri-businesses.

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