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New Venue selected for Taste of Maryland Agriculture

For over 20 years, the Maryland Agriculture Council hosted its annual gathering of agricultural leaders and state and national legislators at Michael's Eighth Avenue in Glen Burnie. In December 2020, the catering hall sadly became a casualty of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Council leaders began an extensive search for a venue, and after much research and on-site visits, they selected Live! Casino & Hotel Maryland at Arundel Mills in Hanover.

The 52nd Taste of Maryland Agriculture will be held on Thursday, February 3, 2022, at the centrally located site off of MD Route 100. The Council's event mission is to promote Maryland agriculture and educate lawmakers about its importance to the state's economy and its people.

"We are very excited to host our growing event at THE HALL at Live!," said Council President Mike Harrison Jr. "It's an impressive setting – and perfect to celebrate the state's number one industry, Agriculture."

The long-standing tradition of serving primarily donated Maryland agricultural products will continue, thanks to the Live! executives, and tastings from the state's wineries, breweries and distilleries will still be highlighted.

"We're thrilled to welcome the Maryland Agriculture Council to our property in early 2022," said Anthony Faranca, EVP & General Manager of Live! Casino & Hotel Maryland. "We're ready to safely welcome back groups with our enhanced Play it Safe! plan and look forward to a great Taste of Maryland Agriculture event."

Offering plenty of square footage for the nearly 800 attendees, the venue also has ample parking in its outside lot and the parking garage.

As part of a hotel complex, attendees will also have the opportunity to stay overnight. "It's nice to have the option for many of our farming friends that come from two to three hours away," Harrison said. A courtesy group room block is available with reduced rates.

For more information on the Maryland Agriculture Council, go to www.mdagcouncil.com or contact Executive Director Susan Summers at 240-446-3601.