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## **54<sup>th</sup> Taste of Maryland Agriculture set for February 1, 2024**

Maryland's agricultural industry leaders will enjoy networking, food and conversation with state and national legislators at the 54<sup>th</sup> annual Taste of Maryland Agriculture gala on Thursday, February 1, 2024, at Live! Casino & Hotel Maryland at Arundel Mills in Hanover, MD.

Sponsored by the Maryland Agriculture Council Inc., more than 800 are expected to attend the premier event where agriculture education grants will be awarded, and Governor Wes Moore is expected to introduce the state's Agricultural Hall of Fame honoree.

"Our mission for this event is to promote our vital and diverse agricultural industry and educate lawmakers about its importance to every citizen in Maryland," said Council President Matt Teffeau. "As farmers, we are proud to produce food, fiber and fuel. We are proud to create jobs. We are proud to safely sustain and preserve and protect our land and natural resources. But it takes cooperation and mutual understanding and respect with our elected officials to keep us viable and strong."

Gala attendees will enjoy a smorgasbord of Maryland-produced foods and beverages and will learn and see firsthand the financial commitment that the Council has made to agriculture education programs across the state. Several initiatives will be recognized with the awarding of over \$12,000 in grants to individuals and organizations.

The Governor's Agriculture Hall of Fame award will be presented to a farm family that has demonstrated an exceptional commitment to agriculture and the community in which they live and work.

Tickets for the event are \$100 person if ordered before January 12; individual ticket prices are \$130 after January 12. To order tickets online, go to [www.mdagcouncil.com](http://www.mdagcouncil.com).

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