

MARYLAND AGRICULTURAL EDUCATION FOUNDATION, INC.

2016 Final Grant Report to the Maryland Grain Producers Utilization Board

SUMMARY

Mobile Lab Matching Grant

In 2016 the Maryland Grain Producers Utilization Board very generously provided ten \$400 matching grants supporting elementary schools in the State who had not had the MAEF mobile science labs visit their schools. MAEF promoted this opportunity to schools and farm bureaus across the state to help publicize the availability of the grants. Seven schools took advantage of this benefit in 2016. Three additional schools will be added in the spring as a carryover from 2016. The schools were from Baltimore City, Baltimore County, Calvert County, Carroll County, Cecil County, Charles County, and Frederick County (see attached report).

After experiencing the weeklong lab visits, many of the schools, their PTAs and other community service organizations recognize the full value of the labs and commit to engaging a lab at their schools in future years. The benefits of the MGPUB's initial investments continue to pay long term dividends for schools and students.

CLOSING

The commitment of the Maryland Grain Producers Utilization Board to quality, Maryland-specific education programming in agriculture is greatly appreciated by the Foundation. We also appreciate the Boards' confidence in our commitment of over 27 years to reach out to Maryland students and educators with the message of agriculture's importance in their lives. We look forward to continued success through this partnership.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

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**Maryland Grain Producers Mobile Lab Grant
2016**

<u>School</u>	<u>County</u>	<u>Lab</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Indian Head Elementary	Charles	Ag Prod	4/11/2016	\$400
Medfield Elementary	Baltimore City	Ag Prod	4/18/2016	\$400
Bainbridge Elementary	Cecil	Aquatic	5/9/2016	\$400
Joppa View Elementary	Baltimore	Aquatic	6/6/2016	\$400
Piney Ridge Elementary	Carroll	Ag Prod	10/19/2016	\$400
Barstow Elementary	Calvert	Ag Prod	9/28/2016	\$400
Glade Elementary	Frederick	Ag Prod	11/2/2016	\$400