

Maryland Delaware Forage
Council, Inc.

Membership Application

Name: _____

Company/Farm Name:

Address:

City: _____

State: _____ Zip: _____

Type of business or farm:

Check Membership Category:

- Individual \$15.00
- Corporate \$15.00
- Institute-trade association \$15.00

Make checks payable to the Maryland-Delaware Forage Council. Detach this portion and mail to the address shown to the right.

**The Future:
You, Forages, and MDFC**

Now more than ever, the role of forages and grasslands must be promoted. We are at a critical point—we must make the best use of all of our feed resources for livestock production. Forages have an important role to play. Approximately 65% of all feed units consumed by dairy cattle in the U.S. are forages (hay, silage, and pasture). Beef cattle get about 75% of their total feed units from forage, and sheep about 90%.

MDFC was organized in 1983 to serve as a forum for forages and grasslands in Maryland and Delaware and to serve as the integrator of the numerous businesses, industries and service agencies associated with other organizations. The council recognizes the contributions of each related organization and serves to coordinate these efforts to increase the effectiveness of progress on behalf of an improved forage industry.

With your support, MDFC can accomplish much toward a better forage industry. It is a big program and we need your help: first, by becoming a member, either as an individual or a supporting industry or organization and second, by becoming involved in the council's programs. With you input, MDFC can serve an even more active role in support of the forage industry.

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**The
Maryland-Delaware
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**Affiliated With the
American Forage
And Grassland Council**

It is the policy of the Maryland-Delaware Forage Council that no person shall be subjected to discrimination on the grounds of race, color, sex, handicap, age, or national origin.

THE MARYLAND-DELAWARE FORAGE COUNCIL, INC.

Dedicated

To the profitable production and use of quality forage.

Convinced

That greater forage production and use will help us maintain a sound agricultural economy, continue the enjoyment of animal products in our diet at competitive prices, and conserve our soils for the enjoyment and use by future generations.

Programmed

To serve as a forum for general issues that affect the forage industry. To seek more effective organization of forage interests at state and local levels. To provide an information link between all forage interests and the general public. MDFC is a clearinghouse of ideas and gives leadership and coordination to various efforts on behalf of forages.

Represented

By people from farming, business, research, Extension, teaching, and government, all working together to mold the forage and grassland sector of our economy into a stronger force in Maryland and Delaware agriculture.

Thus, MDFC solicits your participation.

Objectives

- To promote the profitable production, marketing, and use of forage as a prime feed resource for efficient livestock production.
- To provide a forum for farmers, agribusiness representatives and public agency personnel to consider and make recommendations on general issues that affect the forage industry.
- To encourage industries and organizations serving agriculture to provide the best available products and information for optimum production, evaluation, marketing, and use of forage.
- To identify the needs and encourage expanded and intensified research and education relative to production, evaluation, marketing, and use of forage.
- To promote the use of forage legumes in crop rotations as a source of nitrogen for succeeding crops.
- To promote the value of forage crops, grazing lands and other grasslands as soil- and water-conserving crops, and the abatement of pollution for the short- and long-term benefits to agriculture and the Maryland and Delaware environment.
- To provide leadership in forage and grassland activities in Maryland and Delaware.
- To cooperate with other organizations promoting modern technologies of forage and grassland agriculture and encourage joint programs when desirable for most effective results.

What Can MDFC Do For You?

- Winter forage conferences give members access to the latest information important to forage production, evaluation, marketing, and use.
- Summer field days and tours allow members to observe field research trials, management and operation practices of outstanding farmers, operations of forage-related agribusinesses as well as field demonstrations of forage seeding and harvesting equipment.
- Quarterly publications from both MDFC and AFGC keep members informed on problems, new developments and trends in the forage field, and news of major activities that are of interest to members.

Who Can Be a MDFC Member

Forage crop producers, dairy and livestock producers, hay dealers, agribusiness representatives, educators, researchers, government employees, members of the news media, and anyone else interested in the objectives of MDFC.

How Do You Join?

Simply fill out the over side of this card and send it with your membership payment to: Maryland-Delaware Forage Council % Gabe Zepp, Carroll Co Econ. Develop. 225 N. Center Street Westminster, MD 21157