

MAEF RECIEVES \$25,000 Grant from the Franklin P. and Arthur W. Perdue Foundation

Havre de Grace, MD. (Wednesday, February 03, 2016) – Perdue Farms, through a \$25,000 grant funded by the Franklin P. and Arthur W. Perdue Foundation, is helping support the Maryland Agricultural Education Foundation’s new “Maryland Agricultural Showcase” which will travel to fairs and festivals across Maryland informing visitors about agriculture in Maryland.

“We are excited to have Perdue as a major sponsor of the new and exciting Maryland Agricultural Showcase for the next 10 years,” says George Mayo, executive director of the Maryland Agricultural Education Foundation, Inc. “The Agricultural Showcase will have the opportunity to visit all 23 counties, including events in Baltimore City.”

The new exhibit will have hands-on, interactive activities featuring numerous Maryland commodities, including poultry production, nursery and landscaping, dairy cattle, and many more areas of agriculture that impact Maryland. It will target all ages and backgrounds and offer a learning experience for any visitor.

“The Maryland Agriculture Foundation does so much to educate the children of Maryland about our economy and the importance of agriculture in our state. This new mobile exhibit will enhance their efforts and we are so honored to be a sponsor of it,” said Kim Nechay, executive director of the Franklin P. and Arthur W. Perdue Foundation.

The new Maryland Agriculture Showcase is being built currently with hopes to be available during the summer of 2016. The Maryland Agricultural Showcase program is available year round. For more information about the “Maryland Agricultural Showcase” program, including contact information for booking a visit, use the following link: http://www.maefonline.com/programs_agriculture_showcase_maryland_agricultural_education.html

About Perdue Farms

Perdue Farms is dedicated to enhancing the quality of life for everyone we touch through innovative food and agricultural products. Since our beginning on Arthur Perdue’s farm in 1920, to our expansion into agribusiness and the introduction of the PERDUE® brand of chicken and turkey under Frank Perdue, and continuing with our third generation of leadership with Chairman Jim Perdue, we’ve remained family owned and family operated. We are the parent company of Perdue Foods and Perdue AgriBusiness. Through our PERDUE®, PERDUE® SIMPLY SMART®, PERDUE® HARVESTLAND®, COLEMAN PREMIUM® and COLEMAN ORGANIC® food brands; agricultural products and services; and stewardship and corporate responsibility programs, we are working to become the most-trusted name in food and agricultural products. Learn more about Perdue Farms at www.perduefarms.com.

About The Franklin P. and Arthur W. Perdue Foundation

The Franklin P. and Arthur W. Perdue Foundation, the charitable giving arm of Perdue Farms, was established in 1957 by company founder Arthur W. Perdue and is funded through the estates of Arthur W. Perdue and Frank Perdue. As part of our belief in supporting the communities where and with whom we do business, the Foundation provides grants on behalf of Perdue Farms in communities where large numbers of our associates live and work. At Perdue Farms, we believe in responsible food and agriculture.™

About the Maryland Agricultural Education Foundation, Inc.

The Maryland Agricultural Education Foundation, Inc. is a 501 (c) 3 non-profit, non-governmental organization established in 1989 as recommended by a Governor's Task Force. Our mission is to "promote the understanding and appreciation of the importance of agriculture in our daily lives." MAEF executes its mission through many educational and promotional programs including three mobile science labs, annual Ag in the Classroom Workshops, teacher training, the Maryland Teacher Resource Kit and the mobile Ag Showcase.

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