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Governor Larry Hogan visits the Maryland Agricultural Education Foundation, Inc.

Havre de Grace, MD. (July 8, 2016) – The Maryland Agriculture Education Foundation, Inc. (MAEF) hosted Maryland Governor Larry Hogan, Maryland Secretary of Agriculture Joseph Bartenfelder, and local officials at the Senator William H. Amoss Agricultural Center in Havre de Grace, Maryland on July 7th, 2016. Board members and staff of MAEF addressed guests about the foundation’s educational outreach efforts and how the Ag Tag revenue supports teaching Marylanders about agriculture in their everyday lives.

“People are making decisions everyday about food, clothing, fuel, land use, nutrition, water quality, and many other components of everyday life that are from or relate to agriculture,” said George Mayo, Executive Director of MAEF. “The objective of our educational outreach is for everyone to understand how important agriculture is to their lives.”

Governor Hogan and guests walked through one of the foundation’s three mobile science labs and the Maryland Agriculture Showcase. The science lab serves as a mobile classroom that travels to elementary schools in Maryland; students take part in hands-on experiments and lessons that focus on Maryland agriculture and the Chesapeake Bay. The Showcase is an interactive exhibit that features many commodities grown in Maryland.

“We were excited to hear about the new state-of-the-art mobile Ag Showcase and the successful Ag Tag program,” stated Governor Hogan after walking through the exhibits.

The foundation is currently building a fourth mobile science lab and a new Maryland Agriculture Showcase, both new exhibits will open this fall. For more information on MAEF’s outreach programs visit www.maefonline.com.

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Governor Larry Hogan and guests visit one of MAEF’s three mobile science labs at the Senator William H. Amoss Agriculture Center in Havre de Grace, MD. Left to Right: Senator JB Jennings, Senator Robert Cassilly, MAEF Board Member Amy Hopkins-Daney, Deputy Secretary of Agriculture James P. Eichhorst, Governor Larry Hogan, MAEF Board President Gail Yeiser, MAEF Executive Director George Mayo, Secretary of Agriculture Joseph Bartenfelder, Delegate Mary Ann Lisanti, Delegate Teresa Reilly, Delegate Kevin Hornberger, Senator Wayne Norman, and Delegate Andrew P. Cassilly.



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Governor Larry Hogan and First Lady Yumi Hogan toured the Maryland Agriculture Showcase during their visit to the Maryland Agricultural Education Foundation, Inc.

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The Maryland Agricultural Education Foundation (MAEF) is a non-governmental, non-profit 501c3 operating under the guidance of a 25 member Board of Directors. MAEF was incorporated in 1989 following recommendations of a Governor's task force reviewing the status of agriculture in education in Maryland. MAEF is an independent organization whose purpose is to educate Marylanders about the important role agriculture plays in their lives. MAEF conducts a variety of educational and promotional programs throughout the state using agriculture, nutrition & natural resources as the tools for teaching core subjects, STEM and Next Generation Science. MAEF is funded by Ag Tag revenues, grants, individual contributions, corporate sponsors, fundraiser programs, service fees, commodity sponsors, and endowment development. Learn more about MAEF at www.maefonline.com.