Dear Friends of MAEF,

Over the past year, MAEF's Mobile Labs returned to elementary schools, our Showcases returned to community events, Maryland FFA membership numbers bounced back and we provided outstanding professional development opportunities for elementary and secondary teachers. We continue to explore new ways to promote the use of agriculture as a context for teaching core subjects while supporting agricultural education in secondary and post-secondary levels.

We're able to do this because of your support: Word-of-mouth marketing reaches out to new audiences; your ideas on building partnerships help us leverage resources. You've embraced the iconic Ag Tag license plates and your generous gifts keep the lights on and bills paid while we work towards our mission. Thank you!

Over the next year, MAEF anticipates even greater things to come. We're setting our sights on greater outreach numbers than ever before and leaning into all the ways that technology can help us work more efficiently both in operations and programming. We have big goals:

- Make sure every current Maryland student has at least two opportunities to learn about agriculture before they graduate.
- Expand middle school agriculture programming to enhance the "pipeline" for high school ag science programs.
- Coordinate a MAEF internal curriculum review process by 2022.
- Explore and expand partnerships for a web of agriculture experiences in Maryland.
- Continue to work with Maryland State Department of Education (MSDE) to initiate programs for high school students to obtain Ag industry recognized credentials.

We hope you enjoy this annual report of the work we are doing across Maryland, and continue to join us as we promote the importance of agriculture in everyone's daily lives.

With gratitude,



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Join us Sept. 13th, 2023 for our Annual Scholarship Golf Tournament!

### Leaders in Agriculture Education & Literacy

### Our Students, Our Future



### 2020-2022 Annual Report

The information retained in this document reflects the Foundation's activities from July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2022. The Foundation's audited financial statements are available upon request.

## Over 100,000 Maryland youth reached!

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# MAEF 20/22 Outreach 105,500+Students Reached!

We strive to bring Ag literacy and education to as many people and students as we can. Here is a snapshot of a few of our programs over the last couple years!

> 44,000 Students reached via Mobile Science Labs 41,500 People reached via Ag Showcases

8,150 Students reached via Ag Literacy

7,000 Students reached via Lab in a box

4,600 Virtual field trip the understanding

**Promoting** and importance of agriculture in our daily lives.



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### FFA 20/22 Outreach

46 Statewide active programs

**24** FFA American degree recipients over 2 years

59 State FFA degree recipients over 2 years

19 Scholarships received over 2 years

645 Leadership development attendees over 2 years

#### , FFA Membership

2020-2021

1969 members

2021-2022

2225 members