



## Council Connections

Bridging Allegany, Garrett and Washington Counties  
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### WASHINGTON COUNTY ANNOUNCES 2023-2024 FARM OF THE YEAR

The **Washington County Department of Business Development** is pleased to announce the 2023-2024 Farm of the Year, **Creek Bound Farms LLC**. The Farm of the Year program recognizes a Washington County farm that showcases excellence in agriculture and promotes a greater understanding of the challenges faced by today's farmers. Production, conservation, preservation, community involvement, and dedication to farming and agriculture, are the gold standard for this award. Applications are accepted annually from August to September and after judging, the winner is announced in October.

The 2023-2024 Farm of the Year, **Creek Bound Farms LLC**, is located in Hagerstown, Maryland. The Weddle Family owns 730 acres and rents or leases over 3900 additional acres all dedicated to crop production such as corn, soybeans, wheat, grass hay and straw. Proficiencies in production methods include spraying utilizing an agricultural drone that allows for precision application and cost reduction and savings, newly added, an 11 bin Grain system provides additional storage and grain drying capacity to maintain high quality crops. These are just a few proficiencies found within the Weddle operations. "Agriculture is our passion, and we feel as though it is what we were intended to do with our resources and our lives. Our family has been blessed with opportunities in agriculture for previous and future generations and we want to pass on those opportunities.

Jeremiah and Janelle Weddle, along with their family, have dedicated their lives to agricultural preservation programs to restrict development on prime farmland. Conservation programs exist on all the **Creek Bound Farms LLC** locations to help maintain soil fertility, stability, and pest control along with nutrient management plans adhering to government regulations for land, water, and air quality. All commodity products produced by the Weddle Family are fertilized, the land is prepared, sprayed, maintained, harvested, dried, and hauled by a Weddle family member or Creek Bound Farms employee.

**Creek Bound Farms LLC** will receive a Farm of the year plaque for display on the farm, a Board of County Commissioner proclamation, an on-farm photoshoot, and **Creek Bound Farms LLC** will be used in the 2023-2024 promotions and marketing efforts by the Washington County Department of Economic and Business Development.

For more information, please contact Leslie Hart, Business Development Specialist with Washington County Department of Business Development at [lhart@washco-md.net](mailto:lhart@washco-md.net) or 240-313-2284 or cell 301-573-7039.



**Attention Delivery Business Owners: Make Sure You Are Insured No Matter What You Are Delivering**

October 24, 2023  
1:00 PM - 2:00 PM

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October 25, 2023  
1:00 PM - 2:00 AM

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