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Local Workshop to Explore the Mechanics of Organic Farming

PRINCE FREDERICK, Md. – March 2, 2011 – Nationwide there is growing interest in organic farm products, fueled by a population interested in better health and farm sustainability. The Calvert County Sustainable Agriculture Workgroup is sponsoring a workshop entitled "The Mechanics of Going Organic" on Thursday, March 17, 6 p.m., at Calvert Library in Prince Frederick for regional farmers interested in capitalizing on this opportunity.

Whether they grow grain, vegetables or produce meat, farmers can find out how to earn organic certification and learn tips for the successful production and marketing of organic products.

The workshop will feature organic farmer Ed Fry, who has been farming since the 1960s and has 400 acres of land in organic production at Fair Hills Farm located in Chestertown, Md. Fry will share his successes, near misses and tips to going organic.

Those interested in attending may call Denise Cherry at 410-535-1600, ext. 2340 for further information and to reserve a spot.

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Calvert County is Maryland's smallest county in land area with 213 square miles. It is home to over 92,000 people and has one of the highest standards of living in Maryland. A labor force of at least 1.8 million resides within a one-hour drive. Major industries include defense contracting, information technology, tourism, utilities, light manufacturing and administrative services.