The Maryland Cattlemen’s Association,
Beef Producer Symposium
Meet the Speakers

Cheryl Ann Fairbairn

Cheryl provides programming in all areas of livestock production however she specializes in beef cattle production including cow/calf operations, feedlots and the new Calf Fed Holstein initiative. As a member of the Animal Systems team Cheryl provides leadership to the Beef Producers Working Group. This group, consisting of extension team members and members of several beef related state wide organizations, plans and implements educational opportunities for producers both large and small across the state. Cheryl has hands on experience raising beef cattle and can relate very easily to producers in the field. She has served as Chairman of the PA Beef Council, President of the PA Angus Association, Treasurer of the PA Cattlemen Association, and Treasurer of the Center for Beef Excellence. Her commitment to education has been recognized by her peers by being awarded the Outstanding AG Educator in Chester County.

Dr. Tim Marshall

Dr. Marshall is a beef cattle technical consultant covering the Mid-Atlantic area for Purina/Land O Lakes nutrition. Tim grew-up on a Diversified Farming/Cattle operation in South Georgia where they raised Charolais and Charolais x Angus commercial cattle. He has a background in both academia and the private sector. Tim was a professor of animal science at the University of Florida where he started as an Extension beef and youth livestock specialist and livestock judging team coach. He later served as dean of agriculture and natural resources at Abraham Baldwin Agriculture College in Tipton, Georgia. He joined Purina in 2018.

Dr. Mike Odian, DVM

Dr. Odian grew up in Staten Island, NY. He attended the Agricultural College at Cornell University where he received his BS in animal science in 1991. He went on to attend veterinary school at Atlantic Veterinary College at the University of Prince Edward Island in Canada. After veterinary school Mike went directly into equine practice in western PA. After a year, he moved to Cleveland, OH where he practiced mostly at the standard-bred and thoroughbred racetracks as well on sport horses. In 2003, he moved to Maryland, developing an equine practice focusing on equine sports medicine. In 2020, Dr. Odian left private practice and joined the Maryland Department of Agriculture as the Chief State Veterinarian. In his free time Mike and his wife enjoy spending time on their 20-acre farm in Taneytown where they raise and exhibit Percheron horses.

Danielle Beck

Danielle is the Director of Government Affairs for the National Cattlemen’s Beef Association in Washington, D.C. She joined NCBA in June of 2016. As Director of Government Affairs, Danielle is the lead lobbyist on all issues pertaining to tax, credit, appropriations, nutrition, food safety/labeling, research, and energy. Danielle also serves as the staff liaison to NCBA’s Tax & Credit Policy Committee and the Key Technologies Working Group.