

# FSCAP Certified Steward

Barney Barnes  
Fairfield Farm



W. Frank "Barney" Barnes, Jr. and his wife Kaye are third generation farmers on the Eastern Shore of Maryland in Kent County, and they know the value of a well-run farm. His efforts have not only earned him recognition through FSCAP, but also as the 2009 Kent Soil Conservation District Cooperator of the Year, with recognition from Governor O'Malley and Congressman Frank Kratovil for his conservation efforts. The Barnes own and manage Fairfield Farm, 200 acres of prime farmland located outside the town of Fairlee with 9,600 feet of shoreline along the headwaters of Fairlee Creek. The farm consists of 115 acres of cropland, 73.3 acres of woodland, and 8.8 acres at the homestead.

Barney has implemented many conservation practices on his farm through federal and state cost-share programs such as the Environmental Quality Incentive Program, the Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program, the Conservation Reserve Program, and the Maryland Agricultural Water Quality Cost-share Program. With the help of these programs he has installed an agricultural waste structure, a composting facility, concrete pads at both ends of all 4 chicken houses, 34.2 acres of wildlife habitat, 29.2 acres of cool season grass conservation cover, 3 ponds, 4.5 acres of riparian herbaceous cover, 0.5 acres of filter strip, 1 grade stabilization structure, 2.6 acres of grassed waterways, 765 feet of cropland terrace, and 110 feet of underground outlet. In 1995, Barney signed on with Perdue Farms. Now, with the help of his sons Craig and Brian, he operates 4 poultry houses, turning out 600,000 chickens a year. In answer to heavier regulations on manure operations, Barney now has a Comprehensive Nutrient Management Plan to insure the safe utilization and disbursement of the chicken manure from his poultry operation. As a committed conservationist, he enrolled the farm in the Ag Land Preservation Program in 2009 to protect it for future generations.



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