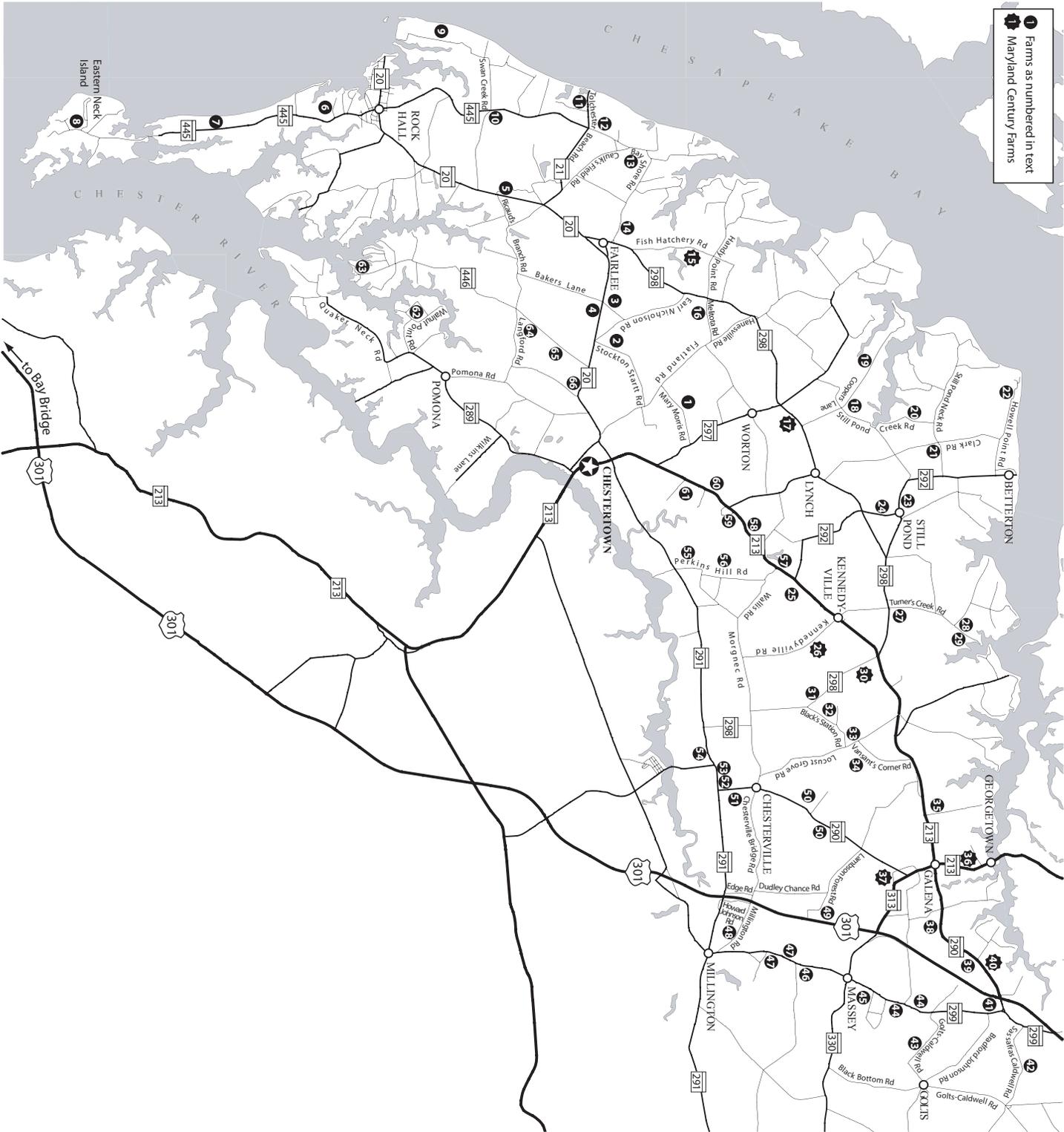


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Maryland Century Farms



FARM & COUNTRY DRIVING TOUR

- 1) The Tour begins at Chestertown by driving Rt. 213 North. Turn left on Rt. 297, drive until you come to Mary Morris Rd., turn left and continue about 1 mile, where you will see **BRICK HOUSE FARM** (Morris Farm) on the right. Since 1849, the Morris family has been producing crops and milk on the Brick House Farm. This 465 acre family dairy and grain farm has 150 Holsteins. *Private.*
- 2) Continue to the end of Mary Morris Rd., turn left onto Flatland Rd., turn right onto Stockton Startt Rd. Go to almost the end of this road, and where it intersects with Earl Nicholson Rd., turn right. **FANCY FARM** is 1/2 mile on the right and is noted for its extraordinary crop production and excellent hunting. There are 437 acres with 397 tillable, two waterfowl ponds and 40 acres of mature hardwoods. Fancy Farm has been placed under easement to the Maryland Environmental Trust. The house was built c.1780s. *Private.*
- 3) Continue on Earl Nicholson Rd., make the next left onto Baker's Lane. The **LOLLER FARM** on the right is a 200+ acre farm and was one of Kent County's first farms to enter the broiler business. The business continues today with 9 broiler houses being managed by members of the family's 4th generation. *Private.*
- 4) Continue on Baker's Lane to the stop sign/Rt. 20. Across the road, on your left is **REDMAN FARMS**, a 400 acre farm. April through October, you will find a produce stand which sells flowers, fruits and vegetables - all home grown and picked daily. 410-778-5743.
- 5) Turn right onto Rt. 20. About 4.5 miles on the right is the entrance to the self-guided tour of **CHESAPEAKE FARMS WILDLIFE HABITAT**. See more of this vast farm by turning left on Ricaud's Branch Road. 3300 acres are devoted to the development, evaluation and demonstration of advanced agricultural practices and wildlife management techniques. The farm is home to much wildlife and waterfowl, including juvenile eagles and nesting sites for indigo bunting. Tour is open sunrise to sunset, February through mid-October. 410-778-8400.
- 6) Continue on Rt. 20 into Rock Hall, turn left at the blinking light onto Rt. 445 south. The grain tanks, on the right about 1/2 mile, are part of **YEARLING'S BEGINNING FARM'S** grain drying and storage system operation. *Private.*
- 7) Continue on Rt. 445. About 4 miles on your right is **TRUMPINGTON MANOR**, a National Bicentennial Farm. c.1648. *Private.*
- 8) Continue to Eastern Neck Island. **EASTERN NECK NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE** has varied habitats including 1000 acres of brackish tidal marsh, 600 acres of cropland, 500 acres of forest, 100 acres of grassland and 40 acres of open water. Nature trails, picnic areas, public landing and pier, fishing, crabbing, book store and handicap accessible observation decks are open to visitors most of the year, sunrise to sunset. Visitor center/book store is open Mon.-Fri. 410-639-7056.
- 9) Return to Rock Hall, via Rt. 445, and cross over Rt. 20. About 3 miles, turn left on Swan Creek Rd. **ROCK HALL STUD FARM**, a thoroughbred horse farm, is located a few miles on the right. *Private.*
- 10) Turn around, return to Rt. 445 intersection. Across the road, on your left is **SPRINGFIELD FARM**, home to some 400 sheep including three breeds: Romney, Lincoln and Rambouillet. National Champions from each breed reside on the farm. E-mail MissBaa@aol.com to learn more about Springfield Farm's sheep. *Private.*
- 11) Turn left onto Rt. 445. Make another left onto Rt. 21 (Tolchester Beach Rd.) **KENT COUNTY'S AGRICULTURAL CENTER** is on the left. This is home to the Kent County Fair, held in July.
- 12) Turn around, make a left onto Bay Shore Rd., about 1/2 mile. A 400 acre grain farm, **HEART'S DESIRE FARM**, is on the left. *Private.*
- 13) About 1/2 mile more, on the right, is **SCHNELLENBERG FARM**, a 300 plus acre grain farm with 200 acres wooded. *Private.*
- 14) **FAIRFIELD FARM**, 2.5 miles on your left, is a 200 acre-family grain farm and a Perdue poultry farm grower. *Private.*
- 15) Continue to end of Bay Shore Rd., at stop sign turn left onto Rt. 298, make another left on Fish Hatchery Rd., about 1 mile. Follow Fish Hatchery Rd. until you see **COLUMBIA FARM** on your right, about 2 miles. Over 100 years old, 1851, it is designated a *Maryland Century Farm*. *Private.*
- 16) Turn right onto Handy Point Rd., cross over 298 onto 514 S. (Melitota Rd.). Continue straight on Melitota Rd. **FAWNWOOD FARM** is on the right. This 150 acre dairy farm, with 175 milking cows, is the home of Kent County's own "Eve's Cheese," which may be found in many local establishments. Open by appointment only. Call 410-778-0349.
- 17) Continue on 514 S. (Melitota Rd.), turn left on Hanesville Rd. and go to the end, turn right on Rt. 298, and go about 3 miles. Just past Kent County High School, on the right, is **RED ACRES FARM**, a *Maryland Century Farm*. A full-time, 5th generation farming operation, it still produces crops and milk as was done in the 1850s. About 165 acres are planted in corn and alfalfa and the farm is home to 150 Holsteins and 75 are milked twice a day every day. The outbuildings date from the 1930s. *Private.*
- 18) Turn left onto Coopers Lane. One mile on your right is the **LAPP FAMILY FARM**. The Lapps have 48 acres and raise cows, sheep and goats. They also operate a family Bakery, making breads, pies, cookies, sticky buns, cinnamon buns, etc. The Bakery is open on Friday evenings after 5 p.m. or by appointment. 410-778-2577. Their produce/goods are available Saturday mornings, April-December at the Chestertown Farmer's Market.
- 19) Continuing on Cooper's Lane about 2.5 miles, **SEVEN HILLS FARM** is on the left. This 100 acre horse farm has a breeding stallion and brood mare along with a 3-day event barn. *Private.*
- 20) Turn around, turn left onto Still Pond Creek Rd. 2 miles on the left is **JACOBUS CREEK FARM**, 1743. This 120 acre grain farm has a 'forever farming' easement from the Eastern Shore Land Conservancy. *Private.*
- 21) At stop sign, turn right onto Still Pond Neck Rd., follow to Clark Rd., about 1/2 mile. Looking across Clark Rd. is **PINECROFT**, a 310 acre grain and dairy, family run, farm with 30 Heifers, 30 Calves and 60 milk cows. The farm has a 'forever farming' easement from the Eastern Shore Land Conservancy. *Private.*

- 22) Turn left onto Clark Rd., make another left at the stop sign, about 1/2 mile, onto Howell Point Rd. **FAIR PROMISE FARM** is on your left and right. This 700 acre farm is family owned and operated by 3rd generation family members. *Private.*
- 23) Turn around and follow Howell Point Rd. back towards Betterton. Turn right at the stop sign, about 1 mile, onto Rt. 292 (Main St.). A 180 acre grain farm, **WILMIL FARM** is 2 miles on the left. *Private.*
- 24) Proceed through Still Pond, turn right onto Rt. 292 S. **SPEAKMAN NURSERIES** is on the right, growing 150 acres of shade trees, ornamental trees and evergreens. They sell wholesale and retail, and offer full service design-build landscaping. Open to the public. 410-778-5838.
- 25) Continue on Rt. 292 S., crossing over Rt. 298. Turn left at the intersection with Rt. 213. **HORIZON ORGANIC DAIRY MARYLAND FARM, INC.** is on the right. 169 acres, and adjacent to 277 more acres, this certified organic operation milks as many as 525 cows four (4) times a day. *Private.*
- 26) Continue on Rt. 213 N., until you reach Kennedyville. If you turn right onto Kennedyville Rd. (old Rt. 448), the first farm on the left is **ROCKY MOUNT FARM**. Look for "Hill's Dairy" sign. A *Maryland Century Farm*, this 300 acre, 5th generation family farm was established in 1879 and has 150 holsteins. *Private.*
- 27) Turn around, cross over Rt. 213, continue on Kennedyville Rd. Cross Rt. 298 intersection and the road changes into Turner's Creek Rd. **HOPKINS GAME FARM** is on your right. This 600 acre farm is used both for grain farming and for public upland game hunting. Hunting at Hopkins includes whitetail deer, Canada goose, pheasant, quail, chukar and dove. Hopkins sporting clay ranges include NSCA 5-stand. Open to the public. 410-348-5287.
- 28) **SASSAFRAS RIVER NATURAL RESOURCE MANAGEMENT AREA** (formerly **BLOOMFIELD FARM**) is on the left. This area is maintained and managed through a cooperative effort of the Maryland Department of Natural Resources, State Forest and Park Service and the Kent County Department of Recreation and Parks. The area abounds with a variety of wildlife and many species of song birds. It has three miles of shoreline and 990 acres of croplands, marshes and woods. Open to the public from 8:00 a.m. to sunset. Access is limited to foot, horse or bicycle. 410-778-1948.
- 29) Continuing on Turner's Creek Rd., **KENT MUSEUM**, founded in 1968, is on the right. A variety of farm equipment including antique wagons, tractors, reapers, threshers and more may be found, along with artifacts of rural life. Museum and walking trails are open to the public Saturdays, May through October, 12 p.m. to 3 p.m. or by special arrangements. Admission is free - donations are appreciated. 410-348-5239.
- 30) Turn around, follow Turner's Creek Rd. back to Rt. 298, turn left onto Rt. 298, continue on Rt. 298 across Rt. 213. On your left is **PROSPECT HILL**, a 180 acre grain farm and *Maryland Century Farm*. *Private.*
- 31) On your right is **GREENWOOD ACRE FARM**, a 3rd generation, 165 acre hay and grain farm with Holsteins. *Private.*
- 32) Turn left onto Black's Station Rd. **GRAND VIEW FARM** is on the left. This 500 acre grain and swine farm is home to over 2500 swine. *Private.*
- 33) At the end of Black's Station Rd., turn left onto Rt. 444, which is Locust Grove Rd. **ST. BRIGID'S FARM** is on your left and is home to approximately 100 head of Registered Jersey cows. St. Brigid's was founded in 1996 and is named after the compassionate patron saint of dairymaids! *Private.*
- 34) Turn right after St. Brigid's Farm onto Vansant's Corner Rd. **CAW-CROFT FARM**, a 350 acre beef and grain farm, is on your right. *Private.*
- 35) Turn right onto Rt. 213. **STARKEY FARMS** is on your left. In addition to raising sheep, spinach, sweet corn, peas and grains are grown on some 1600 acres. *Private.*
- 36) Follow Rt. 213 to Galena. Make left continuing on Rt. 213. Before reaching the Sassafras River Bridge, **COLCHESTER FARM** is on the left. Although this 345 acre farm is tucked behind tall evergreens, it is important to include, since it is a *Maryland Century Farm*. Established in 1875, the land has been in the family since the original land grant from Lord Baltimore. *Private.*
- 37) Turn around and follow Rt. 313 S. through Galena, turn right onto Rt. 290 S., make left onto Ireland's Corner Rd. **WINDY CURVE FARM**, a *Maryland Century Farm*, is on your right. It comprises 107 acres. The house is an unusual Greek Revival style frame structure and is the only house in the County to use three-part windows on an entire facade. *Private.*
- 38) Turn left onto Rt. 313 N., heading back to Galena. Turn right onto Rt. 290 N. **ASGROW SEED CO.** is on your right. Asgrow is a brand of seed marketed by Monsanto. Monsanto conducts agricultural research, developing new soybean varieties and new corn varieties on this 190 acre farm. *Private.*
- 39) **ANCHOR NURSERY**, also on the right, is a 200 plus acre grain farm and nursery, offering wholesale and retail trees, shrubbery, perennials and annuals. 410-648-6968.
- 40) **FEDERAL HILL**, a *Maryland Century Farm*, is on the left. In earlier times, peaches and tobacco sustained the farm; it now grows grain. Its 130 foot barn is the longest of its kind in Kent County. *Private.*
- 41) Continue on Rt. 290 N., go under the Rt. 301 overpass and **ROSELAND NURSERIES, INC.** is on your right. This 150 acre farm offers wholesale shade trees and is open by appointment only. 410-438-3848.
- 42) Continue on Rt. 290 N., which turns into Rt. 299 N., turn right on Sassafras-Caldwell Rd. About 1.5 miles on the left is **RICH LEVELS FARM**. This 6th generation grain and poultry farm has a total acreage of about 600 tillable acres. *Private.*
- 43) Turn right onto Caldwell Corner Rd., which becomes Golts-Caldwell Rd. **BRIGHT HELMSTONE FARM**, about 3 miles on your left, is a 300 plus acre grain farm, where 66,000 chickens are raised as growers for Perdue. *Private.*
- 44) Continue to the end of the road, turn left on Rt. 299 towards Massey. **JONES FAMILY FARM**, on both sides of the road, consists of 1300 plus acres with a fully automated and computerized, state of the art dairy operation that is the second largest dairy farm in the State of Maryland. With 1200 cows, the farm ships two full tractor trailer loads of milk every day. Open to the public by appointment. 410-928-3951.

- 45) **MASSEY MILL** is on your left. (Owned by ISE AMERICA, INC.) This mill, situated on 100 acres, is used to make layer feed for chickens. It uses 50,000 bushels of corn from 26,000 acres every week. *Private.*
- 46) Continue through Massey. **HICKORY RIDGE FARM**, about 1 mile on the left, is a 277 acre potato and grain farm that has been in the family for over 150 years. 7th generation family members are currently residing there. *Private.*
- 47) **QUAIL RUN NURSERY**, on both sides of the road, is a 700 acre wholesale nursery, offering a mix of shade trees, ornamentals, flowering trees, evergreens and deciduous shrubs. *Private.*
- 48) Before entering the town of Millington, turn right on Millington Rd. **FELLOWSHIP FARM**, a 37 acre Percheron horse farm, is on the left. English and Western riding, showing, breeding, training, boarding, hauling, sales and lessons. Open to the public by appointment. 410-928-3276.
- 49) Continue on Millington Rd., turn left onto Howard Johnson Rd., just before reaching Rt. 301. At its end, bear right onto Rt. 291 W. Turn right after the overpass onto Edge Rd. Turn left at the end of Edge Rd. onto Chesterville Bridge Rd. Turn right on Dudley Chance Rd. Continue to its end. Turn right on Lambson-Forest Rd., (the road is a dead end) **WARRINGTON STABLES** is on the left. A 130 acre horse farm, it trains standard bred racehorses, many of which race at Dover Downs in Delaware. Open by appointment. 410-648-5850.
- 50) Turn around and continue on Lambson-Forest Rd. At end of road, turn left onto Rt. 290. **ANGELICA NURSERIES** is on both sides of the road. They grow select landscape material for the professional, wholesale trade. Open to the wholesale public only. 410-928-3111.
- 51) Continue through Chesterville. **THE WALTER CAHALL AND SON FAMILY FARM** is on your left and consists of 201 acres. In the family for over 30 years, the farm owner was honored as the 1997 Cooperator of the Year by the Kent Soil & Water Conservation District. *Private.*
- 52) **OPEN ACRES FARM**, on the right, is a 220 acre dairy/grain farm with two dairy herds farmed by 3rd and 4th generation family members. *Private.*
- 53) Turn right onto Rt. 291 W. **FELICITY II**, a 124 acre crop farm, is on the right. *Private.*
- 54) Travel farther and **TRAVILLA FARM**, a 320 acre grain farm, is on the left. *Private.*
- 55) Continue about 3 miles. Turn right onto Perkins Hill Rd. About 1/2 mile on your left is **HAREFIELD FARM** and **TIDELAND GARDENS, INC.** This 450 acre wholesale plant and tree farm also grows corn, wheat, soybeans and alfalfa. *Private.*
- 56) **THORNTON FARMS**, patented 1664, is also on the left. *Private.*
- 57) Continue on Perkins Hill Rd., which ends at Rt. 213. **WHITE HOUSE FARM** is immediately across the road. Built by Daniel Perkins in 1721, it is now a certified working organic farm. Call 410-348-5554 for purchasing organic eggs.
- 58) Turn left onto Rt. 213. **BITTERSWEET FARM** is on the right about 1 mile. With 300 tillable acres, this dairy and grain farm is operated by third generation family members who have been designated "Master Farmers" by Pennsylvania Farm Magazine, and who were Maryland Farm Family of the Year in 1996. *Private.*
- 59) On the left is **THORNMAR FARM**, patented 1666 - main house was built in 1780. One of Maryland's leading thoroughbred breeding farms for 35 years, this 253 acre horse farm is home of stallion, Horatius, sire of Breeder's Cup winner, Safely Kept. *Private.*
- 60) **FAIR HILL FARM**, on the right, consists of 585 acres, of which 400 acres are "Certified Organic" (all the field along Rt. 213 beginning at the Rt. 297 intersection, are part of the organic program). This family owned and operated farm has a 270 cow milking herd of predominately Holsteins with a select group of Brown Swiss. *Private.*
- 61) On the left is **ELLERSLIE**, a 480 acre, 3rd generation family farm with 100 head of black angus cattle. *Private.*
- 62) Continue into Chestertown on Rt. 213 S., turning right onto Rt. 289. On your right is the Kent County Visitor Center. Follow Rt. 289 (Quaker Neck Rd.) through Pomona, bear left. Turn right, about 1 mile, onto Walnut Point Rd., **THE REWARD**, on your left, is part of a land grant dating from 1668. *Private.*
- 63) Turn around, returning to Rt. 289, turn right. Many of the farms on the right and left sides border Langford Creek and the Chester River. Continue to the end of the road until you reach Cliff's City Public Landing. Turn around, return on Rt. 289 to Pomona, bear left at fork onto Pomona Road. Turn left, about 1 mile, onto Langford Rd. (road is not marked well.) Make a left at the crossroads, which is Rt. 446 (no sign). Continue until the road ends. **CACAWAY FARM**, on the right, is a well known landmark, situated on the west and east point of Langford Bay. *Private.*
- 64) Turn around at public landing. Continue on Rt. 446 about 5 miles. Just past the crossroads on the right is **CLENSTEAD**, dated 1662. It is a 135 acre grain farm. *Private.*
- 65) **MOUNT PLEASANT FARM**, on the right about 1 mile more, is a 293 acre farm where 50 cows are milked, 30 heifers and dry cows are cared for and 20 beef cows are kept and crops are raised. *Private.*
- 66) Follow to the end of road, turn right onto Rt. 20. **ALFALFA DELL**, a 233 acre grain and horse farm, is on the right. *Private.*

Continue into Chestertown to end your tour.