

Certified Local Farm
& Fish Program
Waivers for FY25

Maryland Department of
Agriculture

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**Certified Local Farm and Fish Program (CLFF)
Waiver Report for FY 2025**

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State agencies have an overall goal of purchasing 20 percent of their food from certified local farm enterprises per Agriculture Article, §2-103; State Finance and Procurement Article, §§14-701-14-707, Annotated Code of Maryland. State agencies needed to request a waiver by September 30 2025 for FY 2025.

The Maryland Department of Agriculture has identified the following state agencies that purchase food: the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services, Maryland Department of Health, Maryland Department of Juvenile Services, Maryland Department of Veteran Affairs, Department of General Services as well as 10 out of the 14 universities in the University System of Maryland. A state agency or university that has signed a food service contract before the law went into effect on March 14, 2021, does not need to request a waiver or submit a report until the contract ends or is renewed. However, some universities requested a report and waiver even though the reporting was optional.

Table 1 identifies the state agencies or universities that have requested waivers from the Certified Local Farm and Fish Program for FY 2025.

State Agency\University	Report Requirement	Report Submitted	Waiver Requested
Department of General Services	Required	No	No
Department of Health	Required	Yes	No
Dept of Public Safety & Correctional Services	Required	Yes	Yes
Dept of Juvenile Services	Required	Yes	Yes
Dept of Veteran Affairs	Required	Yes	Yes
Bowie State University	Optional	No	No
Coppin State University	Optional	Yes	Yes
Frostburg State University	Required	Yes	Yes

Morgan State University	Optional	Yes	No
Salisbury University	Optional	No	No
St. Mary's College of Maryland	Optional	No	No
Towson University	Required	Yes	Yes
Univ. of MD Baltimore County (UMBC)	Optional	Yes	No
Univ. of MD College Park (UMC)	Required	Yes	Yes
Univ. of MD Eastern Shore (UMES)	Required	Yes	Yes