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Governor's Intergovernmental Commission on Agriculture

2023 Annual Report

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SUMMARY

The Governor's Intergovernmental Commission for Agriculture (GICA) was established by Executive Order under Governor Ehrlich on June 29, 2006, to “promote the economic profitability of agriculture in the state by ensuring that all appropriate state agencies work in a cooperative, coordinated manner with local government and industry groups in planning, implementing, overseeing, and evaluating intergovernmental initiatives related to agricultural affairs of the state.”

GICA did not meet during the 2023 calendar year. The Department met with a variety of stakeholders across the state, including:

- Maryland Farm Bureau
- Southern MD Agricultural Development Commission (SMADC)
- Cultivate and Craft
- The Maryland Agricultural Commission
- The Delmarva Chicken Association
- The Maryland Economic Development Association
- And local agritourism businesses
- Maryland Department of Health
- Maryland Department of the Environment
- Maryland Department of Natural Resources
- Maryland Energy Administration
- Maryland Department of Labor

As a result, The Department began to assess the needs of the industry moving forward and became aware that the structure of the original Executive Order that created the GICA needs to be updated. The Department plans to submit a proposal for a revised Executive Order in 2024 to meet the ever evolving needs of Maryland’s agriculture industry.