

THE MID-ATLANTIC YOUNG GROWER ALLIANCE



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A new generation of specialty crop growers is building coalitions to develop innovative approaches for meeting future growing and marketing challenges. Participate as much or as little as you want, but get to know the people around you!

A place to learn...

YGA offers year-round educational opportunities to its members. Educational field trips to universities, grower orchards, and research facilities give direct accessibility to experts and professionals eager to share their knowledge and experiences. Exposure to new practices and technologies encourages innovation among this next generation of growers.

A place to lead...

YGA is the inside network for young growers. Young growers are given opportunities to meet with community and agriculture leaders, serve on committees, and take on leadership roles within organizations. YGA has given a voice to the youth in horticulture, and many people are eagerly awaiting to hear what we have to say.

A place to connect...

YGA is a social network bringing together the different young people who are pursuing the unique lifestyles involved with farming and horticulture. Whether sharing business ideas or swapping farmer stories there is always someone to connect with at a YGA event.

The Mid-Atlantic Young Grower Alliance (YGA) is a coalition, started in 2005, for those at the start of their horticulture careers looking to connect with others working in a similar profession and living a similar lifestyle. Activities include field trips, orchard tours, workshops, luncheons with guest speakers, and much more—limited only by our own creativity! The coalition currently includes 90 growers from Pennsylvania, Maryland, West Virginia, New Jersey, and Massachusetts. New members are always welcome!

To learn more about YGA or subscribe to the list-serve contact Tara Baugher, Penn State Tree Fruit Extension Educator at (717) 334-6271 or email: tab36@psu.edu

Scholarship Opportunity for Young Growers Training for a Career in the Fruit Industry

To invest in the future of the fruit industry, the Mid-Atlantic Young Grower Alliance committee of the State Horticultural Association of Pennsylvania established a scholarship in memory of Scott Brown, who served as a model for young growers returning to the family farm. For more information, please contact Maureen Irvin, Executive Secretary, at (717) 677-4184 or shap@supernet.com.



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