

2020 REMOTE SETTING AQUACULTURE PROGRAM

The Remote Setting Aquaculture (RSA) program is intended to offer new and active Maryland lease holders with the necessary training, equipment and materials to produce their own oysters. Program participants will have access to remote setting equipment, larvae, shell and other supporting services at a discount. The program is not intended to enable a leaseholder to produce all the oysters for their given lease(s) as required by the State.

The oyster production portion of the program will operate from June to August in two week increments at seven sites around the Bay. Priority will be given to new participants. The RSA program is privately funded and being administered by the Maryland Seafood Cooperative. To sign up for the program or get more information about participation guidelines and pricing, contact Steven Weschler at 301-704-0737 / sweschler@umces.edu or visit <http://www.mdseafood.coop>.

NEW PARTICIPANTS

- This program is open to all new leaseholders for a maximum of two (2) years
- A leaseholder and their immediate family (with an oyster harvesters license) may only be in the program for a combined total of three (3) years
- One participant per lease (e.g. two or more individuals cannot plant on the same area)
- Available to purchase discounted larvae and shell (*see pricing below*)

QUALIFIED RSA PARTICIPANTS

Once the participant is no longer considered a new participant, qualified leaseholders may be able to access RSA program facilities on a first come, first serve basis

- This program is available to all approved individuals for a maximum of four (4) years
- A leaseholder and their immediate family (with an oyster harvesters license) may be in the program for a combined total of four (4) years
- One participant per lease (e.g. two or more individuals cannot plant on the same area)
- New participants have priority over returning participants
- Available to purchase discounted shell (*see pricing below*)

MARYLAND SEAFOOD COOPERATIVE PARTICIPANTS

Maryland Seafood Cooperative (MDSC) may access RSA program facilities on a first come, first serve basis. Shell, larvae and tank rental would be available at discount rates.

- New participants have priority over MDSC participants
- Available to purchase discounted larvae and shell (*see pricing below*)

ALL OTHER LEASEHOLDERS

All leaseholders may have access the RSA program facilities on a first come, first serve basis

- New participants have priority over Other Leaseholders
- Available to purchase larvae and shell (*see pricing below*)

PRICING

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Product	List Price (Per Million)	New Participant Price (2)	Qualified RSA Participant Price (2)	MDSC Member Price (3)	All Other Leaseholders Price
Larvae (diploid)	\$ 275	\$ 125	\$ 275	\$ 200	\$ 275
Larvae (triploid) (Note 1)	\$ 350	\$ 175	\$ 350	\$ 250	\$ 350
Larvae (DR) (Note 1)	\$ 325	\$ 175	\$ 325	\$ 250	\$ 325

Note (1): Limited availability; 25% deposit required if purchasing from UMCES HPL

Note (2): Pay discounted price at time of purchase; applies to larvae purchased from MD hatcheries only

Note (3): Pay list price at time of purchase; will receive reimbursement at a later date

SHELL

All new, qualified RST and MDSC participants may purchase a total of 2,000 bags per year at the discounted rate from ORP at Horn Point or MDNR at Piney Point. No more than 4,000 bags may be purchased in any given year. All purchased shell may NOT be used for bottom hardening, only setting.

Product	List Price	New Participant Price (2)	Qualified RSA Participant Price (2)	MDSC Member Price (3)	All Other Leaseholders Price
Shell bag (~1/2 bu.) (1)	\$ 3.50 / bag	\$ 2.00	\$ 2.75	\$ 2.75	\$ 3.50
Clean, Aged Shell (1 bu.) (1)	\$ 5.50 / bu.	\$ 3.50	\$ 4.50	\$ 4.50	\$ 5.50
Shell Exchange (1 bu. for 2 shell bags) (1)	\$ 2.25 / bag	\$ 1.00 / bag	\$ 1.50 / bag	\$ 1.50 / bag	\$ 2.25 / bag

Note (1): Purchase shell directly from Oyster Recovery Partnership or MDNR Piney Point

Note (2): Pay discounted price at time of purchase

Note (3): Pay list price at time of purchase; will receive reimbursement at a later date

TANK RENTAL

There is a cost to maintain and operate the remote setting tanks. Tank rental will be waived for new participants, qualified RST participants and MDSC members. All other leaseholders will be charged \$50 per tank per set. Checks should be made out to MD Seafood Cooperative.