

Dr. Jennifer Trout, DVM

Dr. Jennifer Trout is the State Veterinarian for the Maryland Department of Agriculture and a lifelong advocate for animal agriculture. A Maryland native, she was raised on her family's dairy farm in Harford County, where she developed a deep-rooted passion for the agricultural industry. As an active member of 4-H and FFA, she exhibited dairy cattle at the county, state, and national levels - experiences that continue to shape her commitment to youth development and agricultural education. She remains an engaged volunteer with her local 4-H program and FFA chapter.

Dr. Trout earned her undergraduate degree from the Pennsylvania State University and her Doctor of Veterinary Medicine from the University of Florida College of Veterinary Medicine. She began her career with a focus on dairy medicine and later expanded her practice to include all livestock and the occasional small animal. Her professional experience spans multiple states, including owning a dairy-focused veterinary practice in the western United States and consulting for Cargill Animal Nutrition.

In October 2024, Dr. Trout was appointed Maryland State Veterinarian, where she oversees the Animal Health Program and works closely with producers, industry partners, and policymakers to protect the state's livestock industry and food supply. She is particularly passionate about outreach and education, especially engaging youth in understanding the importance of animal health and biosecurity.

Outside of her professional role, Dr. Trout enjoys spending time with her family and their menagerie of cattle and horses, as well as their three corgis—Chavez, Kate, and Meatball. She also serves on her local county fair board, further demonstrating her ongoing commitment to Maryland's agricultural community.

Dr. Trout's lifelong connection to agriculture continues to guide her work in supporting producers, safeguarding animal health, and advancing the future of Maryland's agricultural industry.