



# SFOP Quarterly NEWSLETTER

FALL 2022

## Dear Small-Scale Farmers, Ranchers and Veterans,

I trust that you had a productive growing season during the spring and summer. As you begin to move into the harvest season, please be careful. Farming is a high-risk job with hazards that can lead to accidents. Remember, safety first.

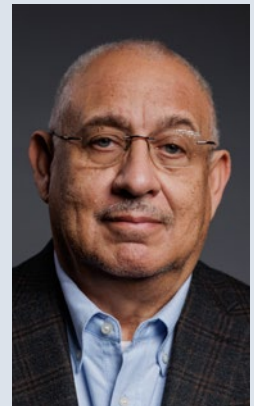
To help ensure you stay safe and successful, I invite you to attend some of the many upcoming workshops and other events. Mark your calendars now for the SFOP Annual Conference, November 3-4. Details are available on the VCE calendar at <https://www.ext.vsu.edu/events>.

With the reliable information SFOP provides, and your consistent action and professional ag networking, you can take your farm to the next level. I encourage you to reach out to the program assistant for your area:

- To visit your farm.
- To provide you with one-on-one farm-related technical and educational assistance.
- To direct you to resources that will help your enterprise thrive.

If you don't already know your program assistant, see the color-coded map on page 11.

For more resources visit our Small Farm Resource Center at [vasmallfarmers.com](http://vasmallfarmers.com).



VCE/VSU-SFOP keeping you informed,  
William Crutchfield, SFOP Director

## Michael J. Carter Sr. and Roland Terrell to receive national FFA organization's highest honor

**Michael J. Carter Sr.** of Woodford, Va., and **Roland Terrell**, of Orange County, Va., VSU-SFOP regional program assistants, were selected to receive Honorary American FFA Degrees. This is FFA's highest honor, which is being awarded for their outstanding personal commitment to the advance of agricultural education, and extraordinary long-term positive impact on the lives of students.

Formerly known as Future Farmers of America, the organization will recognize both Carter Sr. and Terrell on October 28, 2022 during the 95th National FFA Convention & Expo, in Indianapolis, Ind. Their names will be permanently recorded as recipients of the awards.

"This is wonderful. These are two outstanding men who are deserving of this honor," said William Crutchfield, director of the Virginia Cooperative Extension Small Farm Outreach Program at Virginia State University.

FFA is a dynamic youth organization and school curriculum that prepares youths for premier leadership, personal growth and career success through agricultural education. Youths develop their potentials, discover their talents, gain experience, and acquire tools to achieve real-world success.



Michael Carter Sr.

Toward these ends, **Michael Carter Sr.** has contributed much. Born and raised on a farm in Orange County, Carter Sr. was hired on the spot as an agriculture teacher for Fauquier County. He later taught in Caroline County public schools for 30 years before retiring in 2014.

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For 36 years, he took students to the State FFA Convention at Virginia Tech, where they competed. He also took students to the FFA National Convention, state fairs and career-development events. Carter Sr. later became known as the teacher of teachers because his tremendous influence on his students resulted in several becoming agriculture teachers themselves. He attributes his success to labs, outside work and creating memorable experiences that helped students “learn without realizing they were learning.” Perhaps the student of which he is most proud is his son, Michael Carter Jr., who was in his class for a year. Carter Jr. now operates an ethnic-vegetable, afrotourism education center on Carter Farms, the 100-year-old family farm in Orange County.

“Mike’s long career in Virginia’s FFA education program allowed him the opportunity to influence many young minds through a respect and love of our land,” said Rev. Dr. Valdrie N. Walker, former Fauquier County Public Schools principal. “His service to the Commonwealth of Virginia is recognized and greatly appreciated.”

Shortly after retiring from secondary education, Carter Sr. accepted a position as an program assistant with VSU Small Farm Outreach Program, serving the counties of Caroline, Culpeper, Fairfax, Fauquier, Loudoun, Madison, Prince William, Rappahannock, Stafford, and Warren. “Follow your dreams. Stay positive. Stay focused, said Carter Sr. “And go global.”

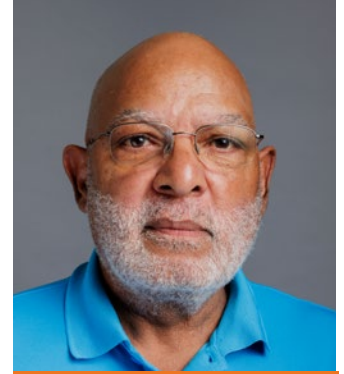
**Roland Terrell** taught middle school for 30 years before retiring from Locust Grove Middle School in 2006. Like Carter, Terrell took his students to many events and gave them outside experiences and learning opportunities. He recalls with fondness taking three students to the

national FFA convention. His former students, now adults with children of their own, often stop him in public places, to share a memory, express their gratitude or expound upon how his class helped them as youths and well into adulthood.

Few people know Terrell’s commitment to youths as well as William Lewis, who serves as adjunct faculty at the VSU College of Agriculture. Their friendship began in the agriculture-education program their freshman year of college. Both were in FFA as youths and served youths as FFA mentors during college. “Terrell devoted his entire life to agriculture—its joys and discomforts—and he loves it. He loves teaching about it,” said Lewis. “He never misses an opportunity to share what he knows about agriculture.” Lewis volunteered with Terrell at VSU’s Randolph Farm and witnessed firsthand how he interacts with youths. “I love the way he relates with youths—especially with small children—to draw them in and get them excited about growing food. It is amazing to see their eyes light up and their smiles beam.”

Lewis explained that since his youth, Terrell looked up to the FFA members who held State or American FFA Degrees and aspired to be like them—to receive this honorary degree is truly and honor for him.

Both Terrell and Carter were surprised by and grateful for this national recognition, and plan on attending the National FFA Convention in Indianapolis, Ind., to accept the award in person.



**Roland Terrell**

## Don't be late: save the date!

More thrills await. Plan to attend the N.C. State Fair during its run from Thursday, Oct. 13 through Sunday, Oct. 23, at 4285 Trinity Rd, Raleigh, N.C. 27607. For more information, visit 2022 N.C. State Fair—So Happy Together ([ncstatefair.org](https://ncstatefair.org))



## Happily Natural addresses food deserts

How can urban agriculture address food deserts? Until now two efforts—growing produce for food pantries and planting community gardens—scratched the surface. To address this issue more holistically, Happily Natural was formed.



Aerial view of Happily Natural

This Virginia-based nonprofit organization advances practices that cultivate food justice. The organization manages multiple urban green spaces across Greater Richmond, offers minority and low-income community members training on how to grow food, and collaborates with other nonprofits for greater impact.

Young farmers encounter other challenges, the biggest being access to land. They often don't have the capital or credit necessary to purchase large parcels of land. Nor do they have the experience needed to be good stewards of larger farm enterprises.

To help remedy that problem, Happily Natural works with community land trusts to acquire land for community control of urban green space. One such partner is Agrarian Trust, which is currently raising funds to acquire five acres of land in Petersburg, Va.

This land will serve as an urban-ag-education and incubator farm for Black, indigenous, and people of color, or BIPOC, farmers in Central Virginia. The center will enable beginning farmers to plant and grow their businesses. As their businesses expand, the center will connect them with larger plots in rural areas.

Center participants can build their farm practice on 0.25-acre plots and establish their clientele. They will have access to community tools and farm equipment for use in their enterprises. These community assets include high

tunnels, a greenhouse for seedlings, walk-behind tractors, drip irrigation and cold storage for their harvests.

As farmers outgrow the 0.25-acre parcel, they'll have access to larger parcels managed by Central Virginia Agrarian Commons. CVAC is a new land trust designed specifically to provide land to BIPOC farmers and food-system stakeholders. An anonymous donor gave CVAC 80 acres toward that purpose.

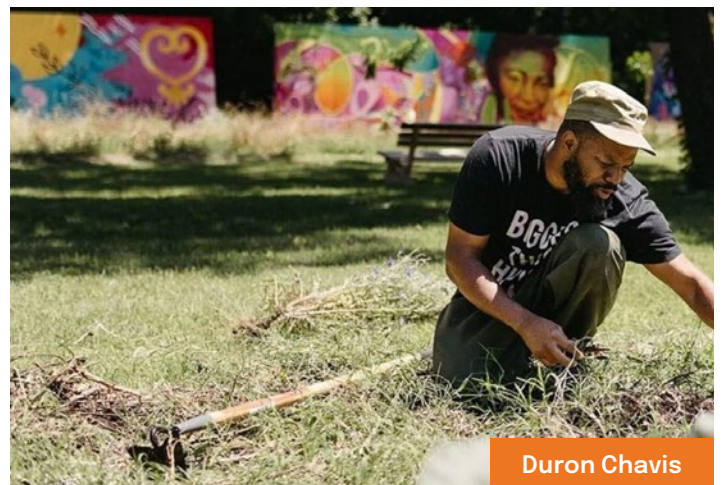
"It's a model that can be applied across the country," says Duron Chavis, founder and director of Happily Natural. "Our collaboration with the Agrarian Trust can be replicated by any community."

For ultimate success of BIPOC farmers and the communities they serve, Happily Natural seeks to connect rural and urban food systems more intimately and intentionally and deepen the relationship between rural and urban farming.

"Urban agriculture can't function without rural agriculture," said Chavis.

Happily Natural sees incubator farms as a community amenity among lower-cost housing communities. The nonprofit recently received a USDA planning grant for the project and is seeking strategic partnerships and collaborations to implement the project.

For more information, visit: <https://www.agrariantrust.org/initiatives/agrarian-commons>, or contact Duron Chavis at <https://duronchavis.com> or 804-852-6961.



Duron Chavis

## Fall ag tips from our SFOP program assistants

### Soil Health

- Fall is the best time to take soil samples, since your soil is its weakest at the end of harvest. Knowing your macro and micronutrient and soil pH status in autumn provides sufficient time to amend the soil prior to spring planting.
- Maintaining soil pH at 6.2–6.8 enables most small fruit and vegetable crops to acquire the macro- and micronutrients needed to thrive. If the pH is too low, apply lime to the acidic soil.
- Plan next year's fertilizer needs now for all production (not just cash crops). Booking now will normally save you big bucks next spring.

- For fall nitrogen applications, it is best to wait until soil temperatures are below 50° F. This prevents nitrogen loss through leaching, and slows its conversion to nitrate.
- Plant a fall cover crop to address your soil needs. Fall cover crops can address soil compaction and improve soil tilth, increase organic matter, suppress cool season weeds, prevent soil erosion, help absorb nutrients from lower soil levels and help prevent nutrient leaching. Consider a blend of winter hardy cover crops.

### Field & Crop Health

- Scout pastures and hay fields now to inventory current and emerging weeds. Most are easier to control in the fall than in spring.

- Avoid overgrazing in the winter. Forages need a good rest period to revitalize and prepare for next year.

### Maintenance

- Winterize your bee hives before the first frost.
- If frost is forecasted for your locality, lay Agribond or another frost-protection cover over your crops to help protect them from frost kill.
- Calibrate your spreaders and sprayers for more uniform applications resulting in a more uniform yield.
- Gather and winterize your drip irrigation lines to prevent damage.



## Beyond the cost-share check

By Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation

A farmer who implements practices that protect water quality may receive up to \$300,000 this year.

Yet, the Virginia Agricultural Best Management Practices Cost-Share Program (VACS) boosts the farmer's bottom line far beyond direct payments.

For example, a producer can receive \$40/acre for a small grain cover crop planted for nutrient and residue management. Participating farmers can qualify for an additional \$30/acre for early planting and \$20/acre for rye cultivars.

As an added bonus, by using cover crops, farmers:

- Improve soil-health.
- Reduce soil erosion.
- Increase the soil's ability to hold moisture.
- Decrease weeds, pests and compaction.
- Stimulate higher-yielding and more nutrient-dense crops that enable higher profits.

To learn more, visit <https://www.dcr.virginia.gov/insights/beyond-the-cost-share-check>.



## Farming in Challenging Times

### 2022 Annual Small Farm Conference to be held Nov. 3-4

Mark your calendars! You won't want to miss this event.

Join Virginia farmers, landowners and agriculture professionals to learn about available resources, smart business strategies, and successful production practices. Discover how to farm more profitably and sustainably. New and prospective farmers are welcome.

For more information, watch for updates on the VCE calendar at <https://www.ext.vsu.edu/events> or contact Nadine Jackson at 804-895-0198 or [njackson@vsu.edu](mailto:njackson@vsu.edu).

## Do you need equipment? We can help!

By Roland Terrell, Regional Program Assistant

SFOP has assisted many farmers by allowing them to borrow farm equipment that might be too expensive for them to purchase. We have provided tillers, potato diggers, water tanks, and other farm tools and equipment to assist participants with prepping their land or harvesting their produce. The implement in this photo is a 3-point hitch attachment that comes with preloaded black plastic, and has the capability to install drip irrigation tape (tape not included). It is currently housed in Piedmont Virginia and is available for pickup or delivery to small farmers in the surrounding areas. If you are a small-scale, socially disadvantaged farmer in Piedmont, Va. who would like more information about the use of this equipment, contact Roland Terrell at 804-892-4612 or [rterrell@vsu.edu](mailto:rterrell@vsu.edu).

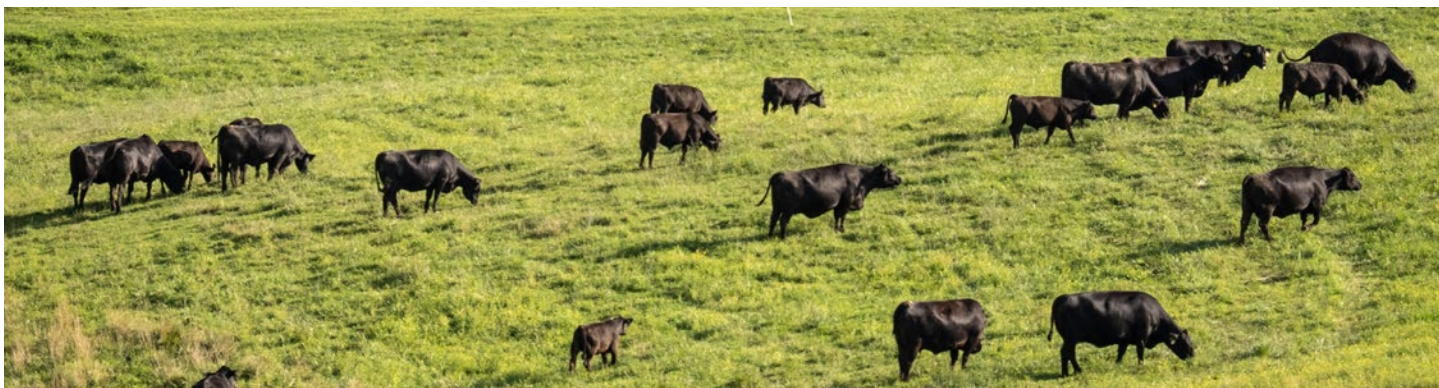
Also, as you prepare your land for fall cover crop planting, please note that we have a seed drill that can assist with the planting of small grain, pollinator habitats and cover crop. To find out more on the seed drill, contact Alston Hilliard at 804-731-5175 or [ahilliard@vsu.edu](mailto:ahilliard@vsu.edu).

If you would like more information on cover crop programs and cost share opportunities, contact your local Soil and Water Conservation District. For further supplemental financial assistance to cover additional cost that State and Federal cost share don't cover, contact Herbert Brown at 804-691-3263 or [hbrown@vsu.edu](mailto:hbrown@vsu.edu).

For more details about other equipment from our inventory that could assist your farm operation, call 804-524-3292.



Top: A 3-foot plastic mulch layer. Bottom: a seed drill.



## Extending grazing season fattens producers' profits SFOP program assistants teach farmers how

Small-scale farmers in Virginia can increase their profits by about \$42 a cow per month (or 2-3 ewes) by implementing Graze 300 project concepts.

"With intensive management, the net increase in profits will be even more," said Tim Sexton, SFOP specialist.

Research scientists confirmed in multiple studies that this evidence-based approach to forage and livestock management maximizes net returns. A key component is to extend

grazing to 300 days, the optimal time to significantly increase profits.

"Hay is the largest cost of any grazing operation. Economists report that hay is 50-75% of total cost. Therefore, reducing hay consumption is the first place to start to improve profitability," said Carl Stafford, senior Extension agent.

Some farmers and ranchers may not be able to graze their stock 300 days per year; however, they can make other improvements in forage quality, stocking rates, and

feed-paddock rest days to increase profits. At Virginia State University, 24 Extension agents are prepared to help small-scale farmers learn and implement these best practices. They participated in training for four months with eight hours of formal instruction, plus hands-on training.

Contact your local Extension agent today to learn more. For a list of agents by locality, visit <https://ext.vt.edu/offices.html>.

**Hay Feeding Cost = \$1.73/cow/day**  
**Stockpiled Fescue = \$.36/cow/day**

**Total Savings = \$1.37/cow/day for each day grazed**



The Small Farm Outreach team

## Small-farm diversification done right: Riverside Produce Farm is the first in Virginia to grow king of superfruits

By Tracy Porter, Regional Program Assistant

Savvy small-farm owners Luke and Stacey Hallman recognize the value of growing muscadines and are the first in Virginia to do so. Some consider muscadine grapes the king of superfruits because they contain the highest levels of resveratrol of any fruit on the market. Resveratrol is a powerful polyphenol that not only gives red wine its color, but also provides significant health benefits. It has antioxidant properties that reduce oxidative stress by eliminating destructive free radicals. These free radicals can break down cell tissues and damage DNA. This damage may contribute to the development of Parkinson's, Alzheimer's, Lafora, cancer, sickle-cell, and heart diseases, as well as diabetes, ADHD, autism, vitiligo, chronic fatigue syndrome and depression.

Muscadines are native to the Southern U.S. but are rarely available in the Greater Richmond and Northern Virginia markets. Yet, they adapt well to the hot, humid Virginia climate. In fact, some people are nostalgic about walking the Eastern Virginia marsh and stream banks in autumn and picking the small, sour, wild grapes.

### “Muscadine grapes are the most versatile grapes nobody has ever heard of”

Unlike the wild varieties, cultivated hybrids are exceptionally sweet. Containing 16–22 percent sugar, they are much sweeter than the sweetest watermelon. The edible skins, with a similar taste and texture to a plum, are rich in antioxidants. At present, only seeded muscadines are available, but seedless varieties are on the horizon.

The Hallmans operate Riverside Produce Farm in King William County, Va. Their thriving farm had humble beginnings in 2008 in Southern Maryland where they grew watermelons and sold them at a modest roadside stand. To pollinate their crops, they began managing honeybees in 2009. As their farm grew, so did their apiary which now consists of 35 hives that produce 1,000 pounds of honey each year.

The next year, they sold their operation for \$100. Luke borrowed land and a tractor and planted an acre of watermelon. After selling his entire yield, he began experimenting with plant spacings and varieties to maximize yields.



Watermelons grown on Riverside Farm

During the first four years, Luke invested every penny of sales back into his business.

To accommodate further expansion and diversification, in 2015, the family took a calculated risk: Luke quit his stable, full-time job, invested their life savings into the purchase of acreage in King William County and moved his farm and family 2½ hours away to the Middle Peninsula. The big move paid off. Riverside Produce Farm now ships approximately

500,000 pounds of watermelon, 200,000 pounds of cantaloupe, honeydew, and canary melons and 1,000 cases of tomatoes every year to regional wholesale and retail customers in Richmond, Charlottesville, Southern Maryland, and the D.C. area.

With proven farming experience, and a bachelor's degree in horticulture from Pennsylvania State University, Luke conducted research to determine the viability of growing and marketing muscadine grapes on the Middle Peninsula.

Luke's enterprise, Crooked Creek Muscadines, consists of 400 vines that grow bronze, black and red-skinned varieties. The grapes ripen mid-August, are in full production in September, and are fully harvested by October.

The Hallmans will sell Crooked Creek Muscadines wholesale to grocery stores and farm stands, and direct to consumers at their farm after each harvest. They will also offer a pick-your-own experience to customers each September.



Muscadine grapes

## 2022 State Fair of Virginia

There's sure to be lights, cameras and plenty of action at this year's State Fair of Virginia held from Friday, Sept. 23 through Sunday, Oct. 2, 10 a.m.-9 p.m., at the Meadow Event Park, 113191 Dawn Blvd., Doswell, VA 23047. Rides open at 11 a.m.

Fairgoers can educate themselves about Virginia agriculture and forestry through numerous attractions. From live animal competitions and exhibits to creative art

and culinary contests, the State Fair has agricultural connections for all ages.

"At the State Fair of Virginia, visitors have the opportunity to experience agriculture in a fun setting and discover how it impacts their daily lives," said Marlene Jolliffe, the fair's executive director. "In between feasting on fair food and taking a spin on rides, we hope people will stop by the many agricultural attractions and talk to a farmer or two."



VSU College of Ag's display at last year's State Fair

Gate admission for guest 5 years of age and older: \$16.00. General Parking is free.

Discounts are available for those who order online by Sept. 22, and at the gate for active military, veterans and Virginia Farm Bureau members who meet qualifications. For discount details, visit <https://www.statefairva.org/p/about/2021-ticket-info-and-hours>.

## The Virginia Agriculture Mobile Education Unit is now accepting reservations for March 2023 and beyond

The Virginia Agriculture Mobile Education Unit is an interactive educational tool that showcases the Commonwealth's largest private industry—agriculture and forestry—while demonstrating the valuable role it plays in our daily lives.

Ideal for K-12 students, and adults across the Commonwealth, this agriculture classroom will be a welcome addition to your school, business or community event.

Reservations are currently free and must be made six months prior to the scheduled event. To reserve the unit for March 2023 and beyond, call 804-524-2551 or email [coamobileedu@vsu.edu](mailto:coamobileedu@vsu.edu).





## SFOP Workshops: October–December 2022\*

Date	Workshop	Time	Location	Program Assistant	Limit
10/4/22	Learn the Basics of Seed Saving	2–4 pm	Mineral, Virginia	Roland Terrell	25
10/4/22	Farming with Disabilities	10 am–12 pm	Warfield, Virginia	Marilyn Estes	20
10/5/22	Baby Steps to Building Risk-Ready Markets	10 am–12 pm	Virtual	Roland Terrell	25
10/5/22	Success with Sheep in the Southside	10 am–12 pm	Meet at the Dollar General, 8255 Patrick Henry Hwy, Green Bay, VA 23942	Leonard Elam	10
10/8/22	Improving Rotational Pastures and Pasture Walk	10:30 am–12 pm	Abingdon, Virginia	Mandy Fletcher	20
10/10/22	Mapping with Drones for Precision Agriculture	10:30 am–12 pm	VCE Mecklenburg Office, 311 Washington St., Boydton, VA 23917	Leonard Elam	12
10/12/22	Recordkeeping on your Computer or Smart Phone	10 am–12 pm	Virtual	Michael Carter Sr	20
10/12/22	Farm Equipment Safety	6–8 pm	Fredericksburg, Virginia	Michael Carter Sr	20
10/12/22	Using Precision Agricultural Drones in Planning & Developing your Small Farm	1–4 pm	Yanceyville, North Carolina	Clifford Somerville	40
10/13/22	Small Farm Orientation	9–11 am	Virtual	Herbert Brown	
10/13/22	Agricultural Drone Use Demonstration	4–5 pm	Joe Paulette Park, 16451 Five Forks Rd Amelia, VA	Stacy Taylor	
10/15/22	Small Ruminants: Preparing for Lambing/Kidding	2–4 pm	Catawba Community Center, 4965 Catawba Creek Road, Catawba, VA 24070	Mandy Fletcher	25
10/17/22	Grants to Fund Trees and Orchards	10 am–12 pm	Kinsale, Virginia	Tracy Porter	30
10/18/22	Prince Edward Cannery Tour	11 am–12 pm	Prince Edward Cannery, 7916 Abilene Rd, Farmville, VA 23901	Stacy Taylor	30
10/18/22	Farm Fresh Dairy Products	10 am–12 pm	Alberta, Virginia	Marilyn Estes	20
10/20/22	USDA Rural Development Value-Added Grants	10 am–12 pm	VCE Prince Edward Office, 100 Dominion Drive, Farmville, VA 23901	Leonard Elam	20
10/22/22	Farmers Fireside Gathering	5:30–7:30 pm	Watauga Farm Stand, 25678 Watauga Rd, Abingdon, VA 24211	Mandy Fletcher	20
10/24/22	Estate Planning and Land Transition	1–3 pm	Wedgewood Golf Center, 2131 Mountain Rd. Halifax, VA 24558	Clifford Somerville	
10/25/22	Timber Management for Landowners	10 am–12:30 pm	VCE Greenville Office, 105 Oak St, Emporia, VA 23847	Marilyn Estes	20
10/25/22	Small Ruminants: Preparing for Winter	7:30–9 pm	Virtual	Mandy Fletcher	
10/25/22	Hispanic Hoop House Fall Tour	10 am–12 pm	Lawrenceville, Virginia	Leonel Castillo	10
10/26/22	Catch Your Cattle the Right Way	1–3 pm	Crewe, Virginia	Leonard Elam	20
10/26/22	Using Precision Agriculture Drones in Lavender Production	1–4 pm	Chatham, Virginia	Clifford Somerville	20
10/26/22	How to Dig, Cure and Store Sweet Potatoes	5–6 pm	VSU Randolph Farm Pavilion, 4415 River Rd, Petersburg, VA 23803	Tracy Porter	40
10/27/22	Baby Steps to Building Risk-Ready Markets	10 am–12 pm	Virtual	Derrick Cladd	25

For more information and to register, visit [www.ext.vsu.edu/calendar](http://www.ext.vsu.edu/calendar).

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10/27/22	DCR Information Session	1–3 pm	Virtual	Derrick Cladd	
10/27/22	Sustainable Forestry & Small Wood Lot Management	1–4 pm	Wedgewood Golf Center, 2131 Mountain Rd. Halifax, VA 24558	Clifford Somerville	20
11/2/22	Let's get ready for your 2023 Farmers Market Display!	10 am–12 pm	Virtual	Roland Terrell	25
11/5/22	Controlled Environmental Agriculture Production	9 am–1 pm	Commonwealth Center for Advanced Manufacturing, 5520 West Quaker Road, Prince George, VA	Derrick Cladd	30
11/7/22	How to Plant Onions and Garlic for Spring Harvest	5–6 pm	VSU Randolph Farm Pavilion, 4415 River Rd, Petersburg, VA 23803	Tracy Porter	30
11/8/22	Improving the Soil Health on Your Farm	10 am–2:30 pm	Floyd EcoVillage Event Center, 188 Eco Village Trail, Floyd, VA 24091	Brent Noell	25
11/9/22	Vegetable Marketing Information Session	9 am–12 pm	Wedgewood Golf Center, 2131 Mountain Rd. Halifax, VA 24558	Clifford Somerville	20
11/9/22	Black Angus Cattle Operation Tour	5–7 pm	West Point, Virginia	Tracy Porter	30
11/10/22	Small Farm Orientation	9–11 am	Virtual	Herbert Brown	
11/12/22	Beekeeping for the Beginner	10 am–12 pm	Unionville, Virginia	Roland Terrell	25
11/12/22	Salute to Agriculture Breakfast	9–11 am	Sugar Hollow Park, Waldo Miles Pavilion, 23261 Sugar Hollow Rd, Bristol, VA 24202	Mandy Fletcher	50
11/15/22	Composting 101	2–4 pm	Appomattox Regional Library, Prince George Branch, 6605 Courts Drive, Prince George, VA 23875	Stacy Taylor	30
11/16/22	Winterizing Beehives	9–11:30 am	VSU Randolph Farm Pavilion, 4415 River Rd, Petersburg, VA 23803	Tracy Porter	30
11/16/22	Preparing Soils For Spring Planting	10 am–12 pm	VCE Prince Edward Office, 100 Dominion Drive, Farmville, VA 23901	Leonard Elam	20
11/16/22	Using Precision Agriculture Drones in Berry Production	1–4 pm	Wedgewood Golf Center, 2131 Mountain Rd. Halifax, VA	Clifford Somerville	20
11/16/22	Starting a Hydroponic Growing System	1–4 pm	VSU Randolph Farm Pavilion, 4415 River Rd, Petersburg, VA 23803	Marilyn Estes	20
11/17/22	USDA Information Session	10 am–12 pm	Virtual	Derrick Cladd	
11/18/22	Farm Equipment Safety	5:30–9 pm	Wytheville Meeting Center, 333 Community Blvd, Wytheville, VA 24382	Brent Noell	25
11/22/22	Backyard Rabbit Marketing	10 am–12 pm	Emporia, Virginia	Tammy Holler	25
12/1/22	USDA Information Session	1–3 pm	Virtual	Tracy Porter	
12/7/22	Managing Cattle in Today's World	3–5 pm	VCE Greensville Office, 105 Oak St, Emporia, VA 23847	Marilyn Estes	20
12/8/22	Whole Farm Planning	10 am–3 pm	VSU Randolph Farm Pavilion, 4415 River Rd, Petersburg, VA 23803	Derrick Cladd	20
12/8/22	DCR and Soil & Water Conservation District Information Session	11:30 am–1:30 pm	Virtual	Tracy Porter	

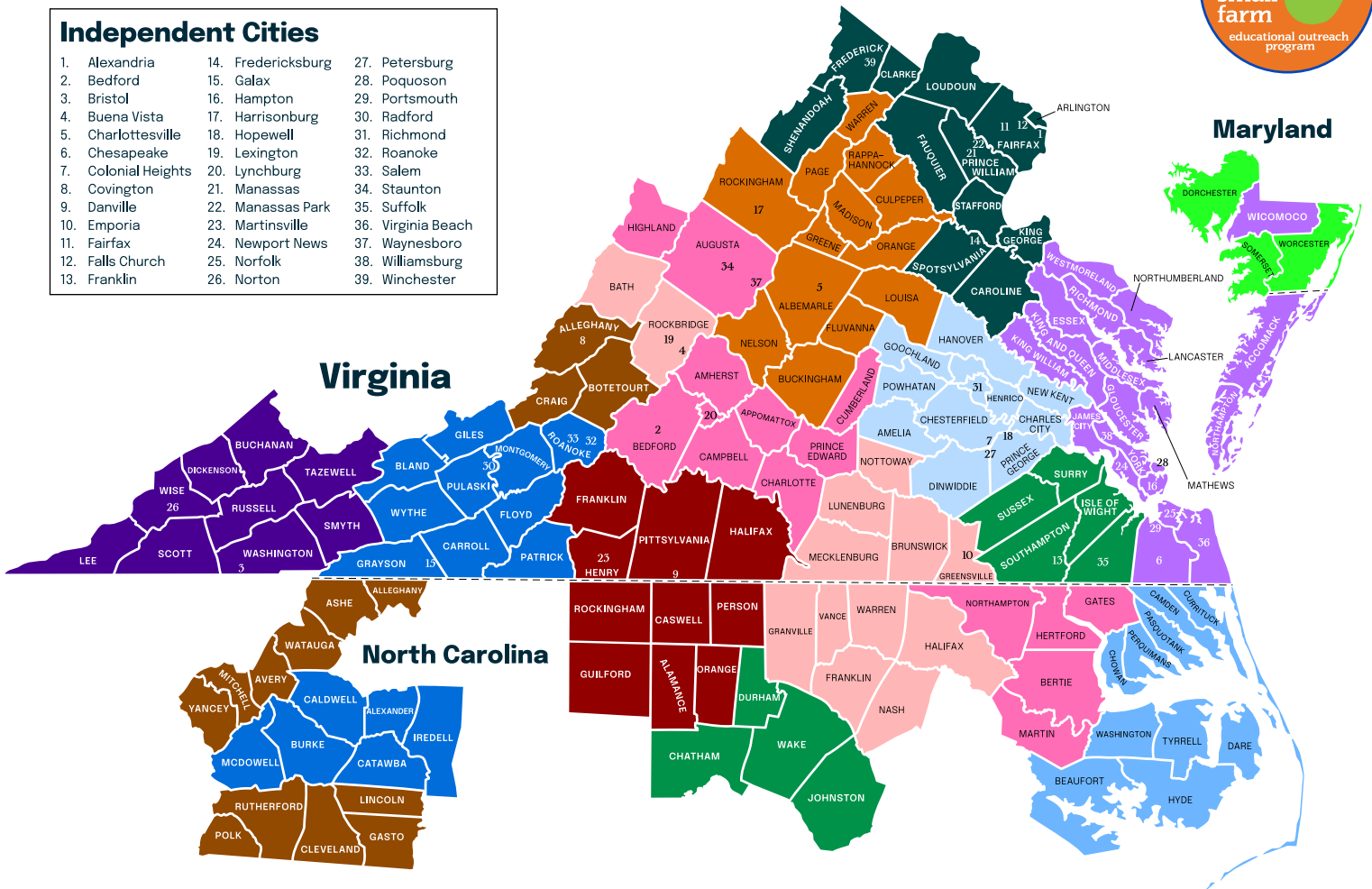
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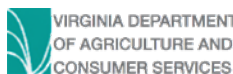
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