

FIND A WORKSHOP NEAR YOU!

Workshops from the Small Farm Outreach Program are offered to registered attendees. Some workshops have limited space or require a fee. Additional information will be available 2 weeks prior to the event, and early registrants will be notified of cancellations within 5-7 days if necessary. Learn more about the workshops or register online at www.ext.vsu.edu or contact the Small Farm Outreach Program office by email at smallfarm@vsu.edu; phone (804) 524-5626.

NOTE: WORKSHOP DATES AND LOCATIONS ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE.

CENTRAL VIRGINIA

Workshops/Courses below are held at Virginia State University's Randolph Farm Pavilion, 4415 River Road, Petersburg VA, except as noted.

DATE	WORKSHOP	LOCATION
June 15	VSU/USDA Field Day: Ag Innovation for Small Farms (8am-1pm)	Petersburg
July 6	Vogue Flowers, Floral Arrange & Design (Limit 30. 1pm-6pm)	Richmond
July 13	Community Garden Field Day (6pm-8pm)	Friendship Memorial Baptist Church, N. Chesterfield
July 18	Community Garden Field Day (6pm-8pm)	Salvation Army, S. West St., Petersburg
July 20	Small Engine Repair (Limit 20. 9am-4pm)	VSU Campus, Ag Engineering Bldg.
July 27-28	Agriculture Production & Financial Management (Limit 20. 2-day course, 8am - 4pm, \$50 fee)	VSU Campus, L. Douglas Wilder Bldg.
August 5	USDA Field Day (9am-12pm)	Seeds of Faith Farm, Brookneal
August 22	Organic and Sustainable Agriculture Production (8:30-12:30)	Petersburg
September 7	Land Transition & Estate Planning (1pm-4pm)	Petersburg
September 19	Farm Equipment Safety (1pm-4pm)	Small Farm Outreach Plot, Randolph Farm, Petersburg
September 29 - October 8	State Fair of Virginia (October 4 Small Farm Day)	Doswell
October 10	Tax Planning & Preparation (9am-1pm)	Petersburg
October 11	Evergreen Swags & Wreaths: A Value-Added Enterprise (9am-12pm. Space is limited.)	Petersburg
October 20	Introduction to Marketing (9am-12pm)	Petersburg
October 13	Ag Squared Software Training (Limit 5. Recommended for those with basic computer skills and internet access. 1pm-4pm)	Johnston Memorial Library, VSU Campus, Petersburg
October 24	Food Safety Modernization Act Training (8:00am-5pm. Includes lunch. Space is limited.)	Petersburg
November 7	Drone Technology Use on the Farm (9am-11am. Nutrient Management CE credit offered.)	Petersburg
November 14	Agroforestry (9am-4pm)	New Kent Forestry Center
November 17	Marketing for One Acre of Production (1pm-3pm)	Petersburg



NORTHERN VIRGINIA

DATE	WORKSHOP	LOCATION
June 29	Diversified Farming Operation Tour (6pm-8pm)	Elda Garden, Fauquier County
August 17	Irish Potato Workshop (5pm-8pm)	Bates Farm, Woodford
August 19	Small Engine Repair (Limit 20. 9am-4pm. Bilingual)	Orange County HS Ag Bldg.
August 23	Farm Safety (1pm-4pm)	Upper Caroline Fire Department
October 27	Hispanic Outreach Workshop (5pm-8pm)	Culpeper County

SOUTHSIDE/SOUTHEASTERN VIRGINIA

DATE	WORKSHOP	LOCATION
June 6	Drip Irrigation Demonstration (6pm-8pm)	New Hope Community Garden, South Hill
June 17	Small Engine Repair (Limit 20. 9am-4pm)	Wedgewood Golf Center, Halifax
July 6	Cover Crop and Vegetable Garden Demonstration (9am-12pm)	Abbot Farm, Rocky Mount
July 25	Community Garden Field Day (6pm-8pm)	New Hope Community Garden, South Hill
August 24	Farm Equipment Safety (1pm-4pm)	Halifax, Wedgewood Golf Center
September 22	Hispanic Outreach: USDA Resource and Health Fair (5pm-8pm)	Southside Community College, Keysville Campus
October 11	Tax Planning & Preparation (9am-1pm)	Institute for Advanced Learning & Research, Danville
November 1	Improving Profits by Implementing Nutrient Management Practices (10am-12pm, Nutrient Management CE credit offered.)	Slade Farm, Surry
November 13	Agroforestry (9am-4pm)	Pittsylvania County
November 14	Land Transition & Estate Planning (1pm-4pm)	Emporia Extension Office
November 16	Land Transition & Estate Planning (1pm-4pm)	Campbell County
November 28	Beginning Computer Training (9pm-12pm)	John H. Daniel SVCC, Keysville

NEW FOR 2017! USDA NRCS Strikeforce Counties Workshop Series

DATE	LOCATION
July 21	Lunenburg County , Willow Land Farm (9am-12pm)
August 31	Southampton County , Barnes Farm (9am-12pm)
September 7	Prince Edward County , Bolden Farm (9am-12pm)
September 11	Dinwiddie County , King's Farm (10am-12pm)

EASTERN VIRGINIA

DATE	WORKSHOP	LOCATION
July 21	Cut-Flower Growing with Lisa Zeigler (9am-4pm. Includes lunch. Bilingual)	Eastern Shore Barrier Reef Center, Machipongo
September 19	Beginning Farmer Whole Farm Planning (10am-1pm)	Eastern Shore Barrier Reef Center, Machipongo
November 15	Agroforestry (9am-4pm)	Callao, Northern Neck

OCTOBER 16-20, 2017 BUS TOUR

Travel with VSU's Small Farm Outreach Program team with stops at the **SC State Farmers Market, Sunbelt Ag Expo, and Bare Foot Farm on St Helena's Island**. Fee includes transportation, meals, overnight accommodations and 2-day admission to the Sunbelt Ag Expo, an agricultural-based trade show held at Spence Field in Moultrie, Ga. Known as "North America's Premier Farm Show" the annual event has more than 1,200 exhibitors showcasing the latest in farming technology. **Limited to 30. \$150 per person.**



2107 SMALL FARM ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Mark Your Calendar!

**Friday & Saturday
NOVEMBER 10-11
CHARLOTTESVILLE, VA**

Featuring a Pre-Conference Session and Keynote by Jean-Martin Fortier, author of *The Market Gardener*.

Join Virginia farmers, landowners and supporters of agriculture to connect with experts in agricultural practices and marketing. Learn about new opportunities and strategies that promote small farm profitability and sustainability.

REGISTRATION IS FREE.

LOOK FOR FULL DETAILS COMING SOON!



SMALL FARMER ORIENTATION

Each month, the Small Farm Outreach team offers **Small Farmer Orientation** for a limited number of new and beginning farmers. This half-day workshop at VSU's Randolph Farm Pavilion introduces the available training programs, technical assistance and financial resources designed to support farm operations. To find out more about the training and schedule, contact the Small Farm Outreach Program office at (804) 524-5626.



Get Hands-on, Practical Knowledge You Can Use Today!

During prime planting, growing and harvesting season, Virginia State University's Small Farm Outreach Program offers farm tours, on-site demonstrations and workshops to help you develop new skills, preview new farming tools and equipment, and learn from experienced farmers.

Find out what you need to know about soil management and testing, small plot gardens, livestock and poultry operations, cut-flower growing and more, including assistance to help you apply for available loans or grants from state and federal agencies—all *designed to help you grow and sustain a successful farm business.*

FARM TOURS & DEMONSTRATIONS From community gardens to rural family farms, demonstration workshops and field days highlight both new and traditional farming techniques for irrigation, growing, harvesting and marketing. Learn directly from experienced growers about the decisions they are making to improve productivity and meet their goals.

ESTATE PLANNING AND FARM TRANSITION If a farm or ranch family business has not adequately planned for changes in ownership, it is more likely to go out of business, be absorbed into ever-larger farming neighbors, or be converted to non-farm uses. This workshop will provide information and guidance on the decisions you can make today to help you plan and achieve financial and personal goals for the future!

SMALL ENGINE REPAIR Get hands-on experience in small engine maintenance and repair in a workshop setting. Training is designed to help you save time and money and keep your small engines running year after year!

AGRIBUSINESS & FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT Especially for limited resource farmers, this six-part course is designed to meet the mandatory USDA/FSA financial and production management borrower training requirements, assist in boosting farm profitability and income for farm families and local communities, and offer hands-on training to develop valuable skills in financial management and crop production. (2-Day Course, \$50 fee. Continuing Education Credit Available.) **More information about future course dates/schedules will be available after September 2017.**

NEW FOR 2017! USDA NRCS STRIKEFORCE COUNTIES WORKSHOPS Workshops in select Virginia counties provide information on NRCS programs and opportunities as well as a variety of on-site educational demonstrations on topics including drip irrigation, high tunnel production, no-till vs. conventional farming, pasture grazing, and more.

TAX PLANNING & RURAL DEVELOPMENT USDA GRANT PROGRAMS Important information on farm-related tax topics will be presented by a CPA and tax expert. Stay up-to-date with new tax regulations and requirements that may impact your farm business. In addition, you will learn about the application process for USDA programs including Rural Energy for America and the Value Added Producer Grant.

HISPANIC OUTREACH AND BILINGUAL WORKSHOPS VSU's Small Farm Program Hispanic Outreach Coordinator offers workshops especially for Spanish-speaking farmers and farm families. In addition, there are workshops where instruction is offered in both English and Spanish. **Para más información en español, favor llamar a Mery Caldwell al número (804) 481-0425.**

COMING SOON! Find ALL of the latest online information/resources/news for Virginia's small and beginning farmers and ranchers for loans, classes, expert advice and more in one convenient place. Or call and talk directly with a person who will point you in the right direction for answers. The **VIRGINIA STATE UNIVERSITY SMALL FARM RESOURCE CENTER**, is being created right now for one purpose... **YOU!** Stay tuned.



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