



SFOP Quarterly NEWSLETTER

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As A Note from the Director's Desk Spring Quarter

For many small farmers, adding new crops to their opSpring is a season of renewal, and this quarter I am pleased to highlight a powerful example of what dedication, hard work, and the right technical support can accomplish for small farms across our region.

When Winfield Farms, LLC was reclaimed in 2020, it represented more than the return of land to family stewardship—it marked the continuation of three family farms held in continuous ownership for over a century. Decades of monoculture production, combined with years of neglect and the absence of best management practices, left the farm's soil depleted, infrastructure compromised, and long-term viability in question. Soil pH levels had dropped as low as 4.7, organic matter was nearly absent, and satellite imagery over two decades revealed steady environmental decline. Returning to business as usual was simply not an option.

Rather than measuring success solely in yields, Winfield Farms chose a different path—one focused on restoration, resilience, and long-term sustainability. The initial year centered on stabilizing the property: restoring access to clean water, clearing debris, reclaiming stewardship of the land, and beginning the slow work of rebuilding soil health. The first planting was not a cash crop, but sunflowers and winter rye—an intentional investment in soil recovery and future productivity. Strategic lime applications corrected severe pH imbalances and laid the groundwork for renewed agricultural potential.

As the land began to heal, new opportunities emerged. What started as a soil-building practice evolved into community engagement through an annual Sunflower Festival, now entering its third year.

This event has become a vibrant agritourism and you-pick experience, demonstrating how innovation and adaptability can strengthen both farm viability and community connection.

From the outset, Winfield Farms adopted a thoughtful, long-range vision supported by SFOP technical assistance and USDA conservation programs. A comprehensive diversification strategy now includes annual vegetables and flowers, high tunnel production supported through EQIP, perennial fruits, pollinator habitat restoration, regenerative crop rotations, and long-term investments in timber, syrup production, and specialty hardwoods. Infrastructure improvements—ranging from a new well to restored access roads and community-ready farm structures—have further strengthened the operation's foundation.

In 2024, Winfield Farms was recognized by USDA NRCS as Small Farm of the Year for Conservation, a distinction that reflects both the producer's commitment and the effectiveness of coordinated conservation and technical assistance programs.

While full profitability remains a future milestone, Winfield Farms stands today as a model of modern small-farm leadership—honoring a century-old legacy while redefining success through stewardship, innovation, diversification, and resilience. It is a clear reminder of what is possible when committed producers are paired with targeted support, sound planning, and a willingness to invest in the long-term health of their land.

Stories like this are at the heart of SFOP's work. As we move into the growing season, I am proud of the role our program continues to play in helping farms not only survive, but truly thrive.



For more information about Winfield Farms please email: winfieldfarms@yahoo.com

Please take a moment to view this video to learn more about Winfield Farms. [Winfield Farms Video_PC.mp4](#)

TIM'S TIPS

AG TIPS TO HELP YOU THRIVE



By Tim Sexton

Tim's Tips for Late Spring–Early Summer

As we move into late spring and early summer, now is the time to be intentional about how you manage your land, crops, and livestock. A few thoughtful decisions now can make all the difference in productivity, profitability, and sustainability later in the season. Here are some practical tips to help guide your work:

Think Smaller

Avoid taking on too much at once. Limit crops based on the time you have to invest and avoid managing too many animals at one time.

Choose the Right Crops

Select crops suited to your soil conditions, weather patterns, and market demand. Consider current conditions—are temperatures stable? Are you experiencing drought or excessive rainfall?

Focus on Soil Management

Soil is the foundation of your entire farm—and it needs care too. Healthy soil is essential. Keep soil covered whenever possible to retain moisture, prevent erosion, and support long-term productivity.

Use Cover Crops or Green Manure

These crops absorb leftover nutrients, improve soil structure, add organic matter, and increase biological activity.

Diversify Your Products

Consider selling a variety of products at local markets or online to increase income streams and reduce risk.

PASTURE & LIVESTOCK MANAGEMENT

- Set aside areas with lush growth for hay or summer stockpiling
- Walk pastures frequently to monitor forage height and livestock health
- Be flexible with rotational grazing patterns
- Use portable fencing to create smaller paddocks and increase stock density

- Follow the rule: take half, leave half to maintain forage health
- Prepare fields for summer annuals
- Graze hay fields when appropriate to increase paddock availability
- Wait to graze warm-season forages until they reach 20–22 inches
- Consider adding temporary waterers or troughs
- Spot spray weeds as needed

Monitor Pests and Disease

Early detection is key to maintaining healthy, productive crops.

Keep Good Records

Track planting dates, fertilizer applications, herbicides, pesticides (including rates and timing), expenses, income, and labor. Good records support better decision-making.

Practice Efficient Water Management

Consider drip irrigation systems—they are up to 95% efficient, compared to 45–55% efficiency for overhead irrigation.

FARMERS MARKET & FOOD SAFETY REMINDERS

- Maintain high standards of cleanliness
- Wash all produce before displaying it for sale
- Stay informed about active bird flu cases in Virginia and follow recommended precautions
- Avoid selling raw milk and cheese
- Store eggs at proper temperatures
- Handle and store meat products safely

Nutrient Management

Apply nitrogen in smaller, multiple applications to reduce leaching and ensure crops receive nutrients when they need them most.

As the season unfolds, remember that steady, thoughtful work leads to strong results. Stay observant, stay flexible, and take pride in each step forward. Wishing you a productive and abundant growing season.

Growing New Opportunities: How Faba Beans Can Support Small Farmers in Virginia

Shahram Torabian, Ph.D. Assistant Professor and Crop Physiologist

For many small farmers, adding new crops to their operation provides an opportunity to consider potential improvements that go beyond expanded market benefits. These decisions by farmers require a multi-faceted approach by choosing new crops that are well-suited to their land, improve soil quality, and increase dependability of a steady income. Alternative crops, like pulses and specialty vegetables, can help diversify farms, reduce risk, and reach new markets. One promising option for Virginia growers is faba bean. Faba bean (*Vicia faba*), also called broad bean or horse bean, is the world's

fourth most important pulse crop. It produces high-protein seeds and improves soil by naturally fixing nitrogen, resulting in reduced fertilizer needs. Faba beans can be sold as fresh pods or dry seeds, with prices reaching \$5 per pound for fresh and \$10 per pound for dry.

To better understand how faba bean performs in Virginia,

we launched a research and outreach program at Virginia State University in the spring of 2023. Our work focuses on identifying the best planting dates, testing more than 20 varieties, and exploring seed priming techniques to improve germination and stand establishment.

We have tested three spring planting dates (late February, early March, and late March) and three fall dates (late September, mid-October, and late October). So far, our results show that late February is the best time to plant in the spring, while late September is optimal for fall planting.



Faba beans are highly nutritious, containing about 20% protein, 60% carbohydrates, and important minerals like calcium, iron, zinc, potassium, phosphorus, and magnesium. Additionally, we found that seed priming with water for 12 hours improves crop performance.

Working with Dr. Theresa Nartea, we held a faba bean workshop on May 29, 2025, where we shared practical planting and management tips. Our program also included three local farmers who each received \$3,000 from VDACS to grow faba beans on their farms. We ended the workshop with cooking demonstrations and recipes to show how this crop can be easy and healthy to use.



Through research, farmer support, and consumer education, our faba bean program is helping establish this crop in Virginia. By offering new production options and building market demand, we aim to increase farmers' access to practical information for decision making, strengthen small farms and support local food systems.

This project was supported by the Virginia Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services (VDACS) under project awa Shahram Torabian, Ph.D rd number 2024-592.

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Big Opportunities For Small Cattle Farmers

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If you're a Virginia farmer with a small cattle herd – between 20 and 49 head – there's great news for you. The Small Herd Initiative is still available, and it's designed to give your operation a major boost.

What is the Small Herd Initiative?

This program, launched by the Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation in 2022 and administered through local Soil and Water Conservation Districts, offers exclusive benefits for small cattle operations. You can receive up to 100% reimbursement, up to \$50,000, for implementing best management practices that keep cattle out of streams. Small Herd Initiative funding was originally limited to the Chesapeake Bay watershed but is now available statewide.

What's covered?

The Small Herd Initiative funds any of the livestock stream exclusion practices available in the [Virginia Agricultural BMP Cost-Share \(VACS\) Program](#). Under the initiative, you can get funding for:

- Stream exclusion with buffer and grazing land management
- Stream protection fencing with buffer
- Portable fencing

Each participant may receive Small Herd Initiative funding once, up to a maximum of \$50,000. Producers must meet VACS program eligibility requirements (three or more years of at least \$1,000 in agricultural income on five or more acres of land) and own a total of 20-49 bovines.

What are the benefits?

Keeping livestock out of streams isn't just good for the environment: It benefits your animals.

These practices:

- Reduce animal injuries and disease
- Improve weight gain in cattle
- Increase milk quality and quantity
- Prevent soil loss from streambank erosion

When you enroll, you'll also receive technical assistance from your local Soil and Water Conservation District to help you install and maintain these practices. This technical support is tailored specifically for smaller operations and aligns with your farm's goals.

Don't miss this chance to make meaningful improvements at no or very low cost. Contact your local Soil and Water Conservation District today to learn more: dcr.virginia.gov/costshare



Alternative Watering System



Cattle grazing

The Momentum of Mentorship: My Journey from the Air Force to the Apiary

Stuart Allison

As I prepared for my retirement from the Air Force, I already had my sights set on the next mission: beekeeping. It was a passion I'd first touched in high school, but picking it back up after a 40-year break while simultaneously launching a small business felt daunting. Initially, I thought I could tackle every task alone—a lone operator in a new field. I quickly realized that “going it alone” was the hardest way to achieve success in beekeeping. Instead, I discovered that establishing local relationships and lining up support was the fastest route to my goals.

Creating relationships is truly a momentum sport. That first connection is always the toughest to make, but the second, third, and fourth all come easier. Once I started reaching out, the community reached back.

My first major step was through Hives for Heroes, a support organization focused on veterans. Hives for Heroes paired me with a mentor, Sharon. As my mentor, Sharon has been a positive constant, providing a wealth of information as we text daily about every aspect of the hive. However, beekeeping was only half of the battle; I also had a business to build. I contacted the Small Business Administration's SCORE Program (<https://www.score.org/>) and was assigned to Steve. Steve didn't just help, he increased my understanding 10 fold by providing incredible insights and resources that I never would have found on my own!

As my business grew, so did the network. To manage startup expenses, I connected with the Virginia Foundation for Agriculture, Innovation and Rural Sustainability. The team there—Tony, Whitney, Heather, and Jacob—offered world-class guidance that helped me secure several vital grants. My local Chambers of Commerce in Hopewell, Prince George, and Southern Virginia provided even more opportunities, leading me to another mentor, David, whose contagious positive attitude keeps me motivated daily.

The support didn't stop there. From the knowledgeable team at Virginia State University to Roberto at AgrAbility and the crew at The Virginia Department for Aging and Rehabilitative Services (DARS), I found that experts were everywhere, ready to help a veteran succeed. Whether it was Linsey at the USDA helping me plot my journey, Marc from American Corporate Partners providing on-point advice, or Work Vessels for Veterans funding my equipment, the lesson was clear: support is always near.

The first step is the hardest, but every step after that gets easier. Take it from me, by establishing a network, your success isn't just possible—it's inevitable.



Growing Knowledge and Growing Community

By Danielle Freeman-Jefferson

At Franklin High School, Dr. Candice Artis is bringing agriculture back to life through hands-on, interdisciplinary learning rooted in community, culture, and science. Drawing on her personal agricultural legacy and her training at Virginia State University, she has transformed underused spaces—including a greenhouse and high tunnel—into dynamic learning environments. By connecting agriculture to biology, nutrition, and student engagement, Dr. Artis is helping students better understand complex concepts while fostering curiosity, pride, and self-reliance. As plants begin to grow, so does a renewed vision for what agricultural education can be—vibrant, relevant, and deeply connected to the community.

School Support: Building the Foundation for Growth

In February, nearly 1,000 pounds of compressed soil were delivered to Franklin High School—marking another step forward in the school's mission to integrate agricultural science into everyday learning. What began with a single hydroponics tower has quickly expanded into a much larger vision. Now, Dr. Candice Artis stood looking at nearly half a cubic yard of soil, packaged in 60-pound bags—an exciting and tangible sign of progress.

This delivery represents more than materials; it signals growing support across Franklin City Public Schools. As the greenhouse project evolves, more staff members are becoming part of the effort. During the delivery, John, a maintenance specialist transitioning into his first year as a groundskeeper, shared his perspective on the high tunnel project.

Responsible for maintaining nearly 180 acres of school grounds, John has developed a deep understanding of the campus landscape. He notes that any productive use of green space—whether planting crops, pollinators, or cover crops—helps reduce maintenance demands while adding educational and environmental value. After spending long days on a riding mower, even small shifts toward purposeful planting make a meaningful difference.

This shift is already visible beyond the high tunnel. In front of the school buildings, traditional ornamental plantings are being reimaged. In their place, spaces are being opened for pollinator-friendly plants, cover crops, and accessible learning gardens that students and staff can engage with daily. What began as winter planning is now taking shape as a living system that supports curriculum development, campus beautification, and stronger relationships across the school community.



Startup Support from Griffin Greenhouse

Launching a project like this requires both vision and the right materials. Key supplies for the initial phase of the high tunnel revitalization include:

- Pro-Mix soil (in abundance)
- Water-soluble fertilizer
- Seeding trays
- Heating mats
- Temperature regulation equipment (fans, coolers, controllers)
- Storage solutions
- Watering equipment (hoses, nozzles, irrigation stakes, shutoff valves)

What's Taking Shape

Alongside the soil delivery, a 10x10 plot has been cleared, leveled, and prepared to house a student-built shed for storing soil and materials. Franklin High School students have already constructed several sheds, demonstrating the strong connection between hands-on learning and real-world application. (Add class/program recognition here.)

With a clear focus on improving student mastery through hands-on engagement with complex biological systems, Dr. Artis and her collaborators are building something much larger than a greenhouse. They are creating a dynamic learning ecosystem—one that will support classrooms, student organizations, and the broader Franklin community for seasons to come.

Follow along in the Small Farm Outreach Program Newsletter for continued updates on how Franklin City Public Schools are bringing agricultural education to life.

We look forward to seeing you at the grand opening on May 15th.

Governor Spanberger Visits VSU and Randolph Farm

By Amy Carpenter-Driscoll, VSU

On Thursday, February 12, Virginia State University welcomed Governor Abigail Spanberger and Secretary of Agriculture and Forestry Katie Frazier for a campus visit highlighting the impact of the College of Agriculture (COA) and Virginia Cooperative Extension. The visit began at Randolph Farm, where university leaders and students showcased agricultural innovation, workforce development initiatives and research efforts advancing opportunities in agriculture and agribusiness across the commonwealth.

COA Interim Dean Dr. Jewel Bronaugh shared updates on key initiatives, student achievements and the College's forward-looking vision. Students had the opportunity to engage directly with the Governor and Secretary, representing the strength and promise of VSU's programs. "Virginia State University has always welcomed me, from my time in Congress to today," said Governor Spanberger. "Having served on the House Agriculture Committee and having watched Dr. Bronaugh do incredible work at USDA, I know you have extraordinary people here who are focused on the success of students."

During her time on campus, Governor Spanberger also addressed members of the VSU community, emphasizing education, leadership and public service. She took time following her remarks to engage with students and take pictures. "It's always an honor to be on a college campus and with students who are planning their next steps," she said. The visit underscored the University's ongoing commitment to academic excellence, research innovation and community engagement, while providing an important opportunity to connect with state leadership and highlight the work of Extension, research and education at VSU's College of Agriculture.



SFOP Spring Workshops: April-June 2026

Date	Workshop	Time	Location	PA	Limit
4/3/26	Rescheduled: Hands On Rabbit Processing Demonstration	10:30 a.m.- Noon	2240 Butler Branch Rd. Prince George, VA 23805	Bugg	20
4/3/26	Virginia Switchgrass Regional Conservation Partnership Program (RCPP 3031 w/ NRCS)	6-7:30 p.m.	-	Bugg/Dukes	none
4/7/26	Recordkeeping On Your Computer or Smartphone	6-8 p.m.	online	Carter Sr	none
4/8/26	How to have a Healthy Soil	9 a.m.- Noon	26230 Orange Springs Rd, Unionville, VA 22567	Sexton	20
4/8/26	Raising Chickens on your Farm	10 a.m.- Noon	5346 North Carolina Hwy 150, Browns Summit, NC 27214	Summers	25
4/8/26	Simplifying sheep management	10 a.m.- Noon	1277 Ca Ira Rd, Cumberland, VA 23040	Holler	15
4/9/26	Increasing Soil Health with Cover Crops	9-11 a.m.	332 Princess Anne Rd. Virginia Beach, VA 23457	Dukes	none
4/9/26	Forging Relationships for a Stronger Community	9:30 a.m.-4 p.m.	1 Hayden Dr. Petersburg, VA 23806	Press	100
4/9/26	Marketing Workshop	Noon-1 p.m.	virtual	Maclin	none
4/9/26	Facebook Ads 101	6-8 p.m.	Randolph Pavilion	Gibson	none
4/10/26	Harvesting Alpaca Fiber	11 a.m.-1 p.m.	670 River Ridge Rd. Dillwyn, VA 23936	Estes	20
4/11/26	Plant Propagation 101	10 a.m.- Noon	2778 Cut Bank Rd. Warfield, VA 23889	Holler	10
4/11/26	Growing Herbs for the Beginner	10 a.m.- Noon	9432 N James Madison Hwy. Rapidan, VA 22733	Terrell	none
4/11/26	Campfire Farm Talk	5-7 p.m.	2778 Cut Bank Road Warfield, VA 23889	Holler	15
4/14/26	Basic Soil Science for Farmers	9 a.m.- Noon	150 Slayton Ave Danville, VA 24592	Sexton	20
4/15/26	Herd Health and Forage Improvement	10 a.m.- Noon	9432 N James Madison Hwy, Rapidan, VA 22733	Terrell	20
4/16/26	FSA/USDA Programs	9 a.m.- Noon	VSU Randolph Farm	Maclin	none
4/16/26	Grafting 101	10 a.m.- 1 p.m.	361 Spirit Ridge Ln. Afton, VA 22920	Hobbs	20
4/16/26	Pest Management for Organic Vegetable Production	3-5 p.m.	-	Gibson	none
4/18/26	Quickbooks	8 a.m.- Noon	111 Carolina Crossroads Pkwy, Roanoke Rapids, NC 27870	Maclin	25
4/18/26	Growers Protections under the Perishable Agricultural Commodities Act (PACA) Part I	10-11:30 a.m.	-	Peralta	20
4/18/26	Producers Training - Submitting a P.A.C.A Claim Part II	Noon-1 p.m.	-	Peralta	20
4/19/26	Mushroom Cultivation	2-4 p.m.	4675 E. Princess Anne Rd Norfolk, 23502	Dukes	10
4/19/26	Mushroom Cultivation	5-7 p.m.	4675 E. Princess Anne Rd Norfolk, 23502	Dukes	10
4/19/26	Maintaining Small Engines	1-4 p.m.	-	Gibson	15
4/22/26	Tools for	9:30 a.m.- 12:30 p.m.	-	Cladd	25
4/23/26	Invasive Species Walk	1-3 p.m.	190 Rockfish School Ln, Afton, VA 22920	Hobbs	20
4/25/26	Herd & Forage Improvement- Field Day Event	9 a.m.-2 p.m.	16297 Stevensburg Rd, Brandy Station, VA 22714	Terrell	none

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4/27/26	Increasing Soil Health with Cover Crops	9-11 a.m.	16299 Savagetown Rd, Painter, VA 23420	Dukes	none
4/28/26	Small Farm Orientation	9-11 a.m.	UVA Wise Library, 1 College Avenue Wise, VA 24293	Dukes	none
4/28/26	Harvesting Hope - A Mental Health Initiative for Farmers	10-11 a.m.	-	Peralta	20
4/28/26	Improving Soil Health and Fertility with Cover Crops	10 a.m.-2 p.m.	5185 Poor Mountain Rd, Salem, VA 24153	Noell	none
4/28/26	Working the Land- Without Losing Yourself	12:30-3:30 p.m.	564 Twin Arch Dr Danville, VA 24640	Estes	20
4/29/26	Basic Soil Science for Small Farmers and Growers	10 a.m.-Noon	UVA Wise Library, 1 College Avenue Wise, VA 24293	Browning	8
4/30/26	Irrigation and Soil Moisture Management for Growers	9 a.m.-Noon	150 Slayton Ave Danville, VA 24592	Sexton	20
5/1/26	The ABC's of Farm Insurance	2-4 p.m.	Randolph Farm Pavilion	Holler	none
5/2/26	Beneath the Blueberries: A Free Community Soil Health Field Day	2-4 p.m.	6460 Showalter Rd, Mt Crawford, VA 22841	Dalke	none
5/2/26	Regenerative soil management and Pasture Lambing Challenges	10 a.m.-Noon	2778 Cut Bank Road Warfield, VA 23889	Holler	15
5/6/26	Basic Soil Fertility for Growers	9 a.m.-Noon	118 East Danville St. South Hill, Virginia, 24592	Sexton	20
5/6/26	Small Ruminant Field Day	9 a.m.-2 p.m.	4033 Brenneman Church Rd, Harrisonburg VA 22802	Dalke	none
5/7/26	Spring Farmer Market Tour 2026	7:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.	12 Agriculture St. Raleigh, NC, 27603	Cladd	30
5/7/26	FABA Bean Walk & Talk Time	1:30-4 p.m.	Randolph Farm	Gibson	none
5/7/26	VSU SFOP and USDA Information Update	3-5 p.m.	Magnolia Square, Buena Vista, VA 24416	Hobbs	None
5/7/26	Backyard Composting	6-9 p.m.	755 Roanoke St # 1A, Christiansburg, VA 24073	Noelle	20
5/7/26	VSU College of Agriculture SFOP Virtual Focus Group	7-8 p.m.	TEAMS - Virtual Meeting	Fletcher	none
5/12/26	Cattle Bus Tour: Integrating Research, Production, Processing, and Marketing	7 a.m.-6 p.m.	various (see schedule)	Dukes/Bugg	30
5/12/26	Discover the Power Behind the Brand: Tour the STIHL USA Factory	8:30-11 a.m.	536 Viking Dr, Virginia Beach, VA 23452	Dukes	40
5/12/26	Farm Tour	9 a.m.-Noon	1020 Regional Airport Rd Brodnax, VA 23920	Estes	20
5/12/26	Basic Soil Fertility for Small Farmers and Growers	10 a.m.-Noon	UVA Wise Library, 1 College Avenue Wise, VA 24293	Browning	8
5/13/26	Herd Health and Forage Improvement for Animal Production	9 a.m.-Noon	2748 Dogtown Rd, Goochland, VA 23063	Gibson	none
5/13/26	Raising Strawberries on your Farm	10 a.m.-Noon	Randolph Farm	Summers	none
5/13/26	VSU SFOP and USDA Information Update	9-11 a.m.	S Jefferson St, Lexington, VA 24450	Hobbs	none

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5/14/26	Small Ruminant Guardian Animals: Choosing a Good Protector	7 a.m.-8:30 p.m.	online	Fletcher	none
5/16/26	Quickbooks	8 a.m.-Noon	9432 N James Madison Hwy, Rapidan, VA 22733	Maclin	25
5/16/26	Growing & Harvesting Elephant Garlic	10 a.m.-Noon	26230 Orange Springs Rd, Unionville, VA 22567	Terrell	20
5/19/26	Spring Climatology of Southwestern Virginia Farms and Landscapes	6-8 p.m.	842 Park St, Jonesville, VA 24263	Browning	none
5/19/26	Small Farm Orientation	9-11 a.m.	online	Dukes	none
5/20/26	Herd Health and Forage Improvement for Animal Production	9 a.m.-Noon	150 Slayton Ave Danville, VA 24592	Sexton	30
5/20/26	Identifying Weeds on Your Farm	10 a.m.-Noon	26230 Orange Springs Rd, Unionville, VA 22567	Terrell	None
5/20/26	Community Ownership Through Cooperatives	4-7 p.m.	180 Oakwood Dr, Harrisonburg, VA 22801	Dalke	40
5/21/26	Aerial Imagery for Small Farmers	9 a.m.-Noon	17202 Richmond Turnpike Milford, VA 22514	Carter Sr	none
6/1/26	DIY Small Acreage Woodlots	10 a.m.-Noon	21300 Plank Rd, Courtland, VA 23837	Banks	15
6/2/26	Bringing Basic Solar Energy To Your Farm	6-8 p.m.	4738 Massaponax Church Rd, Fredericksburg, VA 22408	Carter Sr	none
6/3/26	Farm Tour	10 a.m.-1 p.m.	537 Frenchs Store Rd, Cumberland, VA 23040	Estes	20
6/3/26	Backyard Composting	6-9 p.m.	212 Wood Brothers Dr, Stuart, VA 24171	Noell	20
6/8/26	Risk Management	9 a.m.-Noon	21300 Plank Rd, Courtland, VA 23837	Maclin	25
6/9/26	Cut Flower Farm Tour Bouquets, and Market Prep	6-8 p.m.	4738 Massaponax Church Rd, Fredericksburg, VA 22408	Carter Sr	none
6/10/26	Risk Management	9 a.m.-1 p.m.	9432 N James Madison Hwy, Rapidan, VA 22733	James (Jimmy)	25
6/10/26	Herd Health and Forage Improvement for Animal Production	9 a.m.-Noon	118 East Danville Street South Hill, Virginia, 23226	Sexton	30
6/11/26	Basic Soil Fertility for Farmers	9 a.m.-Noon	150 Slayton Ave Danville, VA 24592	Sexton	20
6/11/26	Summer Season Growing In High Tunnels: Improving Quality, Yield, and Profit	Noon-1 p.m.	Online and 449 Agricultural Drive, Clintwood, VA 24228	Browning	none
6/17/26	How to Correctly Sample Soil and How to Apply the Resulting Data	9 a.m.-Noon	13015 Taylor Complex Ln, Ashland, VA 23005	Gibson	20
6/17/26	VSU SFOP and USDA Information Update	3-5 p.m.	1170 Celebration Ave, Moneta, VA 24121	Hobbs	none
6/18/26	Compost Facility Tour & Workshop	9-11 a.m.	152 Mcguslin Ln, Crimora, VA 24431	Dalke	35
6/25/26	Savor the Flavor - American Lamb & Goat Meat	6-7:30 p.m.	online	Fletcher	none
6/30/26	Central Virginia Produce Auction Tour	9:30 a.m.-Noon	18440 E James Anderson Hwy, Dillwyn, VA 23936	Holler	none

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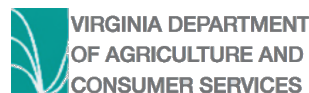
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Small Farm Outreach Program Office hours: Monday–Thursday, 8 am–5 pm, Friday, 8 am–noon. 95% of SFOP is out in the field.
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