



Virginia Ag Development Officers group

March 30, 2023

James Monroe Building – Conference Rooms **C & D**

AGENDA

- 10:00** **Welcome/Introductions**
- 10:15** **Kevin Schmidt, VDACS Office of Policy, Planning, and Research**
- Review of 2023 General Assembly session, Q&A
- 10:45** **Seth Benton, VDACS Office of Food Distribution**
- Updates on federal funding opportunities
- 11:00** **Jen Perkins, VDACS Office of Agriculture and Forestry Development**
- Introduction of Virginia Land and Energy Navigator (VaLEN) tool and update on Virginia Farm Link program
- 11:15** **Heather Wheeler, VDACS Office of Domestic Marketing and Promotions**
- Update on Virginia Grown and Virginia Finest, Food and Beverage Expo 2024
- 11:30** **Joe Guthrie, Commissioner, VDACS**
- Agency updates, introduction of priorities for 2023, Q&A
- Lunch** **Selection of soup, salad and sandwiches ~ and dessert!**
- 12:45** **Matt Lohr, Secretary of Agriculture & Forestry**
Beth Green, Deputy Secretary of Agriculture & Forestry
Parker Slaybaugh, Deputy Secretary of Agriculture & Forestry
- Overview of Administration's plans and priorities for growing and supporting Virginia's agriculture and forestry industries, Q&A.
- 1:30** **Dr. Scott Lowman, Institute for Advanced Learning and Research (IALR)**
- Presentation on the Controlled Environment Agriculture Innovation Center, Q&A
- 2:00** **Resource Share and Community Updates**
- 2:30** **Adjourn**