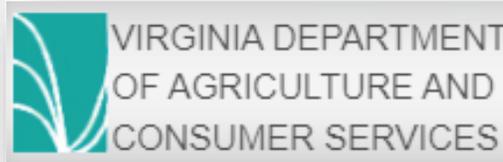


Maryland/Virginia Agricultural Marketing Professional Staff

2022 Conference

October 3 – October 6

Presented by:



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Schedule

Monday, October 3

Hotel Check-in: Residence Inn attendees will need to travel to Fine Creek via personal vehicle (unless pre-arranged with VDACS).

6:30 – 8:30pm – Cottages at The Mill at Fine Creek - Chili Cook Off– feel free to bring cornbread, fixings, or your best chili in a crockpot. There will be no place to reheat food. Network and catch up with colleagues.

Tuesday, October 4

8:00 – 9:00am Breakfast provided at hotels & loaded in bus - Residence Inn Attendees – will need to travel to Fine Creek by 9am via provided transportation or personal auto – Bus leaves Fine Creek at 9:00am

9:30 – 10:30am Manakintown Specialty Growers tour- <https://www.manakintowne.com/>

- Manakintowne is a family farm and boutique produce company in Powhatan Virginia, specializing in many varieties of salad greens, fresh culinary herbs, edible flowers and small batch seasonal specialty produce. Our hosts will provide a tour and talk about their business.

11:30am-1:30pm – Lunch & Beef Processing Discussion at Goochland’s Ag Center

- Goochland Agricultural Center is located at the renovated Central High School. Box lunch will be provided by local caterer ChicknEgg.
- Discussions will include: VADAC’s strategic plan to address the lack of processing facilities in Virginia, hear from a local Goochland business on their plans to operate a small processing facility and how Goochland’s Economic Development department has assisted through a proposed zoning amendment.

2:00 – 4:00pm - Tour State Farm Dairy & Crop/Beef production

- Powhatan State Farm Dairy and Beef operation is a VA Department of Correction farm whose workforce is comprised of inmates from adjoining prisons. The farm is one of the largest dairy operations in VA and provides milk for DOC facilities across the state as well as the Virginia Tech Campus.

5:00pm – Happy Hour/networking at Fine Creek Brewing

6:00-8:30pm – Farm to Table Dinner – enjoy local foods prepared by the Chef at Fine Creek Brewing.

8:30pm Residence Inn Attendees – return to hotel via provided or personal transportation

Wednesday, October 5

8:00 – 9:00am Breakfast provided & loaded in bus - Residence Inn Attendees – will need to travel to Fine Creek by 8:30am via provided transportation or personal auto – Bus leaves Fine Creek at 8:45am

9:30-10:30am – Greenswell Growers tour - <https://greenswellgrowers.com/>

- Greenswell Growers is an innovative large-scale indoor growing facility located in Goochland County. They provide delicious, safe, and healthy greens that give back to the community. Our hosts will provide a tour and talk about their business.

11:00am – 12:30pm – Virginia Farm Bureau Headquarters - Box Lunch provided

- Learn how Virginia Farm Bureau and VAFAIRS support local farms and the agricultural industry
- Presentation on H-2A program from Virginia Employment Commission
- Resource Sharing

1:30-2:30pm Chadwick Orchids - <https://chadwickorchids.com/>

- Chadwick & Sons Orchids grows beautiful orchids in nine greenhouses in Powhatan County and operates two retail stores in Richmond. Our hosts will provide a tour and talk about their business.

3:30-4:30pm Shalom Farms - <https://shalomfarms.org/>

- Shalom Farms is a non-profit operated farm which grows produce to bring to communities in need of access to affordable and fresh produce. The 12-acre farm provides food across the Richmond region through community volunteers and sponsorships. Our hosts will provide a tour and talk about their business.

5:00-7:30pm – Courthouse Creek Cidery – Charcuterie and Tasting and Buffet style dinner provided at Courthouse Creek <https://courthousecreek.com/>

- Courthouse Creek Cidery Creek Cider is a farm cidery in Goochland County. They grow a variety of different apples and other fruits onsite. Courthouse Creek is the only cidery in Virginia to produce all of its ciders using barrels and little to no preservatives. Our hosts will provide a tour and talk about their business.

8:00pm – Return to Residence Inn & Fine Creek via provided or personal transportation

Thursday, October 6

8:00-9:00am – Breakfast provided at respective hotels – travel to Fine Creek via personal vehicle

9:00-10:30am – Farmer’s Market Discussion & Open Information Sharing Session

- RVAg – <https://rvagriculture.org/> - Hear from Lisa Dearden, the founder and operating of RVAgriculture who operates both Goochland & Powhatan Farmers Markets
- Open Information Sharing

11:00am – end of conference.

**Thank you for visiting
Goochland and Powhatan Counties!**

