

VADO Summer 2024 Tour

Thursday, June 20th

10:00am – Virginia Insititute of Marine Science Davis Boardroom

1375 Greate Rd, Gloucester Point, VA 23062

Meet at VIMS for check in, a welcome from the VADO team, and an overview of the day.

10:30am - VIMS Tour

Get a better understanding of the work being done at VIMS' Acuff Center for Shellfish Aquaculture and oyster research farms.

11:45pm - Lunch

<u>Big thanks to VIMS for sponsoring lunch!</u> Take it outside to the pavilion or sit in the shade overlooking the water (we're doing a water thing today, might as well lean into it!)

12:45pm – Buses to Matheson Oyster Company

3471 Brown's Bay Rd, Hayes, VA 23072

1:00pm - Matheson Oyster Company

Visit Matheson Oyster Company for a tour of their oyster fields, learn more about their non-traditional growing practices, and how they use their environment to their advantage in production.

2:15pm – buses to VIMS

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2:30pm – Tour Wrap Up

Hear a few words from Chairman of the Board of Directors of Gloucester County, Chris Hutson, about all the great things the County has going on. Secretary of Agriculture and Forestry, Matt Lohr, will close out the day with some thoughts on Virginia agriculture and aquaculture.