

# Central VCE

January 2016

Join 400 Farmers, Gardeners and Eaters at the

## VIRGINIA BIOLOGICAL FARMING CONFERENCE

January 29-30, 2016

at the Skelton 4H Center near Roanoke



### 17th Annual Conference Highlights

- 5 Pre-conference Workshops
- 25 Concurrent Sessions
- New! Thursday Dinner
- 35+ Tradeshow Exhibits
- Youth Program for 4-14 years
- Student and Volunteer Rates
- Locally, Biologically Grown at Every Meal
- Friday Night "Taste of Virginia" Social
- Seed Swap



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Virginia Association for Biological Farming

THE VIRGINIA BIOLOGICAL FARMING CONFERENCE IS CO-HOSTED BY VIRGINIA COOPERATIVE EXTENSION, VIRGINIA STATE UNIVERSITY AND THE VIRGINIA ASSOCIATION FOR BIOLOGICAL FARMING.

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Mollie Klein at (804) 524-5960 / TDD: (800) 828-1120 during business hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. to discuss accommodations 10 days prior to the event.

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Learn more at [www.vabf.org](http://www.vabf.org)

### EQUINE DEMO AND WORKSHOP

Join us on January 23rd from 8:30-4:30p.m. at the B.A.R.N. Facility in Buckingham at 11851 W. James Anderson Hwy. for an Equine Demo and Workshop. This workshop will provide information on how to start or restart a horse properly through balance, riding fundamentals, and biometrics of horse and riders (Theresa McManus). There will also be information on Insurance and risk management (David Wise), income tax applications and maximizing tax benefits (Thomas Hill) creating a business entity (James Seidl), and estate and tax planning (James Seidl). The cost to attend is \$10.00 and lunch is included. Please register by January 18th to the Buckingham Office at (434) 969-4261 or [rclaboug@vt.edu](mailto:rclaboug@vt.edu). Please make checks payable to VCE-Buckingham and send to P.O. Box 227, Buckingham, VA 23921-0227.

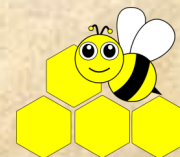
### BEEKEEPING WORKSHOP SERIES

Join us for an Introduction to Beekeeping Workshop Series by the Buckingham Bee Club at the Buckingham Extension Office. Kickoff is January 20th (Intro to Beekeeping), with class also taking place February 17th (Building a Hive), March 16th (Environmental & Seasonal Changes for Beehives), and April TBD (Hands-On Working a Hive). The class is \$25; register to the Buckingham Extension Office by January 8th at (434) 969-4261.



## PRACTICAL BEEKEEPING FOR BEGINNERS

Join the Piedmont Beekeepers Association for Practical Beekeepers for Beginners in Lynchburg on weeknights from 7:00– 9:00 p.m.. These will be held on February 4, March 3, March 10, March 24, March 31, April 7, and April 14 in the meeting room at Old City Cemetery on Taylor Street. Tuition will be \$90.00 and this includes classroom instruction, 3 textbooks, CD and course notebook with printouts, one years membership to the Piedmont Beekeeper Association, and field day with a demo. You will learn about the history of beekeeping, biology and life cycle of honeybees, seasonal colony management, assembly of hive components and much more! Space is limited so register early at 434-660-6063 or email [annzee@aol.com](mailto:annzee@aol.com).



### VA CATTLEMEN'S ASSOCIATION 2016 WINTER PRODUCER MEETINGS

Join producers and industry experts at supper meetings to hear and discuss of the impending Veterinary Feed Directive rule and a presentation on Genomic Testing in a commercial herd. These meetings will be held January 18-21st. January 18th will be held in Barboursville– please RSVP to (540) 672-1361 or [hoppy@vt.edu](mailto:hoppy@vt.edu). January 19th will be held in Weyers Cave– please RSVP to (540) 245-5750 or [benner89@vt.edu](mailto:benner89@vt.edu). January 20th will be held in Chatham– please RSVP to (434) 432-7770 or [jnstowe@vt.edu](mailto:jnstowe@vt.edu). January 21st will be held in Abingdon– Please RSVP to (276) 676-6309 or [phblevins@vt.edu](mailto:phblevins@vt.edu). Dinner is provided but your must RSVP.

### PRIVATE PESTICIDE RECERTIFICATION'S

- January 5** Amelia Extension Office; Amelia County Administration Bldg., 16360 Dunn Street; Amelia, VA; Contact Laura Siegle; 804-561-2481 or [laurab08@vt.edu](mailto:laurab08@vt.edu) (6-9 pm)
- January 7** Buckingham/Cumberland/Prince Edward Extension offices @ the Prince Edward Extension Office; contact Kathryn Overby; 434-392-4246 (2-5 pm)
- January 26** Appomattox Community Center; 220 Community Lane; Appomattox, VA; contact Bruce Jones; 434-352-8244 (2-5pm)
- February 2** Brunswick County Government Annex Auditorium; contact Cynthia Gregg or Virgie Dow; 434-848-2151

**Commercial recertification** meetings will be held on March 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>, 2016 at Lynchburg College. Please call the Lynchburg Extension Office for more information at (434) 455-3740.

### BEEF CATTLE HEALTH CONFERENCE

Join us from 8-2:30 p.m. on January 30th at Virginia Tech in the Litton Reaves Auditorium. Registration is required and the cost is \$8 per person and includes lunch. This program offers BQA recertification credit. Topics include low-stress handling and preparing calves for the feedlot (Dr. Tom Noffsinger), effects of temperament on performance (Dr. Sherrie Clark), sick cow treatment (Dr. Sierra Guynn), and feeder calf health (Jeannie Dudding). For more program information contact Ralph Roop at (540) 231-9041 or [reroop@vt.edu](mailto:reroop@vt.edu).

### VA PORK INDUSTRY CONFERENCE

Join us for the 59th VA Pork Industry Conference on February 4th beginning at 8:30 a.m. in Franklin, VA. Please register by January 28th to (757) 657-6450 or [mestienn@vt.edu](mailto:mestienn@vt.edu). Topics include New Developments in Breeding Herd Management (Dr. Robert Knox), update from the National Pork Board, PQA Training and Certification (Dr. Mark Estienne and Cynthia Gregg), and much more.

## 2016 DAIRY CONFERENCE

The 2016 Dairy Conference will be held for Southside VA in Amelia County on March 7th beginning at 9:00 a.m.. This will be held at Amelia Presbyterian Church at 16401 Dunn St, Amelia Courthouse, VA 23002. Lunch will be provided and the cost to attend is \$5.00. Please RSVP to Laura Siegle at (804)561-2481. Topics covered will be Dairy Calves and Heifers: Tips for Measuring, Monitoring, and Managing, Key Components to Making Baleage, Update on summer Annual Forages, Risks and benefits of milk replacers vs. milk for cows, and margin protection programs; Beyond the Margin and the Coverage. Speakers include Dave Winston, Dr. Wayne Coblenz, Chris Tuetsch, Dr. Bob James, and Dr. Gonzalo Ferreira. Other locations for this conference will be Culpeper (March 8), Dayton (March 9), Wytheville (March 10), and Rocky Mount (March 11). Contact your local Extension office for more information.



**SAVE THE DATE for the 70th Annual Convention Virginia State Feed Association Nutritional Management “Cow” College on February 17-19th in Roanoke at the Hotel Roanoke. Contact your local Extension office for more information.**

### NEWSLETTER UPDATES

Check out our blogs at: <http://blogs.ext.vt.edu/ag-connection/> or <http://blogs.ext.vt.edu/central-virginia-ag-spotlight/> Check out the google drive with information to all programs at: <https://docs.google.com/document/d/1XKezpKoPA9Mk6qjlf7dy3RUXHHpP189w9LvLxUlaC7o/edit?usp=sharing>

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# January 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 Offices Closed– Happy New Year!	2
3	4	5 Private Pesticide Recertification- Amelia	6	7 Private Pesticide Recertification- Prince Edward	8	9
10	11 Winter Calf Meeting-Dayton  Tobacco Work- ers Conference	12 Greensville County Casual Ag supper  -----	13  -----	14  -----	15 Backyard Poultry Workshop– Chesterfield	16
17	18	19 Pesticide Recertification- Emporia	20 Kick-off Beekeep- ing Series- Buckingham Holistic Financial Man- agement and Risk Assessment Workshop – Amelia VA Cattle Meeting – Chatham	21 Tri-County Ag Sup- per Meeting-South Hill	22	23 Equine Demo & Workshop- Buckingham
24	25 Virginia Forest Health Confer- ence– Blacksburg	26 ----- VA Forage & Grassland Winter Conference- Blackstone Pesticide Recertification– Appomattox	27	28	29 VA Biological Farming Conference---	30 Spring to Green -Danville  ----- Beef Cattle Workshop– Blacksburg
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