

2025 EASTERN SHORE SMALL FARM WORKSHOP AGENDA

Wednesday, March 26th, 2025

Eastern Shore Agricultural Research and Extension Center, 33446 Research Drive, Painter, VA

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 26TH, 2025

8:00 am - Registration and coffee / donuts		
8:15 am-8:45am	Workshop Opening / Introductions	
8:45am-9:15am	Cut Flower on the Farm – Production and Techniques	TBD
9:15am- 10:00am	Small fruit production considerations for beginning farmers “Are you excited about the prospects of growing small fruits at your farm and providing local and flavorful fruits to your community? Let’s talk about the basics you need to consider before you transition to growing these crops and make them part of your job.”	Dr. Jayesh Samtani, Small Fruit Extension Specialist, Hampton Roads AREC
10:00am-10:30am	Small Fruit You-Pick Model and Producer’s Perspective	Roy Flanagan, Small Fruit Producer / ANR Extension Agent Virginia Beach
10:30am-10:50am	Break and Open Discussion	
10:50am-11:20am	Small Fruit Food Safety Considerations	Theresa Pittman, ANR Extension Agent, Accomack County
11:20am-12:00pm	Nourishing Blooms: Market Potential of Edible Flowers and Herbs	Dr. Theresa Nartea, Small Farm Marketing Specialist, Virginia State University
12:00pm - Lunch free of charge on-site – NRCS / ESSWCD / VSU / Farm Credit Updates		
1:00pm – 1:30pm	Poultry Basics for Layers and Meat Birds This presentation will cover breeds, layers and meat birds’ management, housing and brooding.	Hélène Doughty, ANR Extension Agent, Northampton County
1:30pm – 2:30pm	Poultry Anatomy, Nutrition, Biosecurity and Avian Influenza	Dr. Michael Persia, Poultry Nutrition and Management Specialist, Virginia Tech
2:30pm – 2:45pm	Break and Open Discussion	
2:45pm – 3:30pm	Common diseases and Health Issues (Zoom)	Dr. Hailey Quercia, Laboratory Director/Avian Diagnostician, VDACS
3-30pm – 4:00pm	Open Discussion and Q&A	

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