

Agricultural Community Outreach Information Session



Tuesday, July 30, 2024 · 10:30 am–12:30 pm · **FREE**

Meyera E. Oberndorf Central Library, 4100 Virginia Beach Blvd., Virginia Beach, VA

All who are interested are welcome to attend this valuable resource. Sessions will include:

- Partnerships and Education Resources for 1890s and Underserved Communities—providing information on fostering opportunity, wealth creation, and asset building in rural and underserved communities. Facilitator: **Herbert Brown Jr.**, *USDA Liaison for Office of Partnerships & Public Engagement, USDA at Virginia State University*
- Grants and Resources for Farmers, Producers, and Rural Americans—Value Added Producer Grants and Rural Energy for America Program. Facilitators will include **Perry Hickman**, *Virginia State Director, Rural Development, USDA*, **Joe Boatwright**, *Virginia Rural Business and Cooperative Services Director*, and **Tracey Krespach**, *Virginia Energy Coordinator and Loan Specialist*.
- Urban Agriculture. **Dr. Ronald M. Howell, Jr.**, *State Executive Director of the USDA Farm Service Agency*.

Local and regional partners will be on hand to provide additional information and resources, including Virginia Cooperative Extension, Soil & Water Conservation District, local Master Gardener units, Farm Bureau, Farm Credit, Department of Conservation and Recreation, USDA NRCS, and more.



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