



Season 2 *A Taste of Farming*

October 2022–March 2023

Are you aspiring to farm or just starting out with farming? If so, this “learn as you go” online series is for you! It is designed to help you get a taste of different farming practices and concepts so you can explore your interests, gain a basic understanding of different farming topics, avoid common pitfalls, and get to know the Extension professionals in Virginia here to assist you.

Season 2 runs from October 2022 to March 2023. Each month, we will release two new Taste of Farming videos for you to watch! A few weeks after a moderated Q & A session will be held with the presenters where you can hear more from them and have your questions answered. Our schedule is listed below and videos and registration links are available on our website:

vabeginningfarmer.alce.vt.edu/TasteofFarming.html

Please reach out to Sarah Sharpe at seweaver@vt.edu or Katie Trozzo ketrozzo@vt.edu if you have questions.

NOVEMBER Q& A SESSION: NOV 10 FROM 7-8PM ET

- Nicole Shuman, Goochland County VCE Ag Agent on "How to Interpret a Soils Test"
- Mike Parrish, Dinwiddie County VCE Ag Agent on "Information for New Pesticide Applicators"

DECEMBER Q& A SESSION: DEC 8 FROM 7-8PM ET

- Erin Small, Prince Edward VCE Ag Agent on "Floriculture"
- Beth Sastre, Loudoun VCE Ag Agent, on "Vineyard Establishment"

JANUARY Q& A SESSION: DATE TBD

- Kevin Spurlin, Grayson County VCE Ag Agent, and Ashley Edwards, Carroll County VCE Ag Agent on "Christmas Tree Farming"
- Speaker TBD on "Tree Fruit Production"

FEBRUARY Q& A SESSION: FEB 23 FROM 7-8PM ET

- Mandy Fletcher, VSU Small Farm Outreach Program Assistant SW VA Region on "Sheep and Goat Production"
- Sarah Sharpe, Greene VCE Ag Agent, on "Direct Marketing Meat"

MARCH Q& A SESSION: DATE TBD

- Tracy Porter, VSU Small Farm Outreach Program Assistant, Northern Neck, Middle Peninsula, Eastern Shore Region on "Poultry Production"
- Jeremy Daubert, Rockingham County VCE Ag Agent, and Cynthia Martel, Franklin County VCE Ag Agent on "Starting a Small Dairy (Cows and Goats)"

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