TUESDAY, JANUARY 7, 2014
Morning General Session (Great Hall)

**GENERAL SESSION (GREAT HALL)**

Presiding – Bruce Richardson, President, Association of Virginia Potato and Vegetable Growers, Inc.

8:00 to 4:00 Visit with Exhibitors, Registration, Coffee, and Donuts

8:30 Welcome & Opening Remarks – Mr. Bruce Richardson, President, Association of Virginia Potato and Vegetable Growers, Inc.

8:35 Welcome from the Eastern Shore Community College – Dr. Linda Thomas-Glover, President, Eastern Shore Community College

8:45 Pesticide Safety Updates – Mr. Gary Young, VA Dept. of Agriculture & Consumer Services

9:05 Agrotorment – Special Agent A.R. Ashby, Virginia State Police and Special Agent Ben Hicks, FBI

9:30 Market Outlook for 2014 – Mr. Jonah Bowles, III, Ag Risk Coordinator, Virginia Farm Bureau Fed.

9:50 Ag in the Classroom – Mr. Parke Sterling, Farm Bureau

10:00 4-H – Ms. Christina Rusczyk-Murray and Ms. Jackie Haymaker, 4-H Youth Development Agents

10:05 Issues Facing Delmarva’s Chicken Industry - Mr. Bill Satterfield, Executive Director, Delmarva Poultry Industry, Inc.

10:25 Break – Visit with Exhibitors

10:40 History of Vegetable Production on the Delmarva Peninsula – Secretary Ed Kee, Cabinet Secretary of Agriculture, Delaware Department of Agriculture

11:15 Working with the Chesapeake Bay Foundation – Ms. Libby Norris, Watershed Restoration Scientist, Chesapeake Bay Foundation

11:25 Virginia Tech College of Agriculture & Life Sciences Update – Dr. Alan Grant, Dean, Virginia Tech

11:50 Virginia Tech Eastern Shore AREC Update – Dr. Steve Rideout, Director, Virginia Tech Eastern Shore Agricultural Research and Extension Center (ESAREC)

12:00 Lunch and Visit with Exhibitors

Afternoon Concurrent Sessions

**SOYBEAN SECTION (GREAT HALL)**

Presiding – Ms. Theresa Long, Extension Agent, Virginia Cooperative Extension, Accomack County

1:30 Commercial Spot – Mr. David Pieczarka, Gowans Company

1:40 Updated on Soybean Diseases – Dr. Steve Rideout, Associate Professor, Plant Pathology, ESAREC

1:55 Potassium Fertility in Soybean – Ms. Anna-Beth Stewart and Drs. Mark Reiter and David Holzhauer, Graduate Student, and Associate Professors, Tidewater AREC and ESAREC

2:15 Control Spot – Mr. Matt Lewis, Bayer Crop Science

2:25 Yield Increases with Multiple Inputs – Mr. Kevin Dillon, Doctoral Graduate Student, Tidewater AREC

2:45 Insect Control in Soybeans – Dr. Sean Malone, Entomologist, Tidewater AREC

3:15 Grower Survey on Stink Bugs – Mr. John Aigner, Graduate Student, Entomology, Virginia Tech

3:25 Commercial Spot – Virginia Soybean Association

3:35 Soybean Varieties and Production – Dr. David Holzhauer, Agronomist, Tidewater AREC

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**POTATO SECTION (CLASSROOM)**

Presiding – Ms. Ursula Delitch, Extension Agent, Virginia Cooperative Extension, Northampton County

1:30 Commercial Spot – Second spot assigned.

1:40 Insect Control Update – Dr. Tom Kuwah, Professor, Entomology, Virginia Tech

2:10 Disease Control Update – Dr. Steve Rideout, Associate Professor, Plant Pathology, ESAREC

2:30 Commercial Spot – Syngenta

2:40 Potato Varieties – Ms. Ursula Delitch, Extension Agent, Northampton County VCE

2:50 Market Outlook – Mr. Brett Freas, Marketing Specialist, SVACS

3:20 Potential Methods to Improve Produce Food Safety in Pre-harvest Stage – Dr. Ganu Yu, Food Safety, ESAREC

3:35 Commercial Spot – Third spot assigned

3:45 Team Survey – Ms. Theresa Long and Ms. Ursula Delitch, Accomack and Northampton County Agents, VCE

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 8, 2014
Morning Concurrent Sessions

**AGRONOMIC CROP AND ISSUE SESSION (GREAT HALL)**

Presiding – Ms. Ursula Delitch, Extension Agent, Virginia Cooperative Extension, Northampton County

8:00 to 3:30 Visit with Exhibitors, Registration, Coffee, and Donuts

8:30 Commercial Spot – Second spot assigned.

8:40 NRCS Conservation Programs Update – Ms. Tina Jerome, District Conservationist, USDA-NRCS

8:50 Farm Service Agency Programs for 2014/Farm Bill – Mr. H.L. Kellam, Jr., Executive Director, USDA-FSA

9:00 Soil and Water Conservation District Cost Share Programs for 2014 – Ms. Carmie Savage, District Manager, Eastern Shore Soil and Water Conservation District

9:10 Palmer Amaranth and Ryegrass Control – Mr. Kurt Vollmer, Graduate Student, ESAREC; Mr. Bill Shockley, Farmer/Retired ANR VCE Agent, Northampton County; Dr. Henry Wilson, Professor, Weed Science, ESAREC

9:35 Disease Control of Agronomic Crops – Ms. Christine Waldenmaier, Lab & Research Technician and Dr. Steve Rideout, Associate Professor, Plant Pathology, ESAREC

9:50 Kill Permits for Agronomic Crops – Mr. Todd Engelmeier, VA Department of Game & Inland Fisheries Biologist

10:10 Commercial Spot – Murphy Brown, LLC

10:20 Sorghum Management – Dr. Maria Balota, Assistant Professor, Plant Physiology, Tidewater AREC

10:50 Corn, Wheat, and Barley Varieties for the Eastern Shore – Dr. Wade Thomason, Small Grains Specialist, Virginia Tech

11:30 Commercial Spot – Third spot assigned.

11:40 Update on Slug Management and Pest Problems in Corn Related to Brown Marmorated Stink Bug – Dr. Tom Kuwah, Professor, Entomology, Virginia Tech

12:00 Lunch and Visit with Exhibitors – Drawing of Door Prizes

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**VEGETABLE SECTION (CLASSROOM)**

Presiding – Ms. Theresa Long, Extension Agent, Virginia Cooperative Extension, Accomack County

8:00 to 3:30 Visit with Exhibitors, Registration, Coffee, and Donuts

8:30 Commercial Spot – Mid-Atlantic Farm Credit

8:40 USDA-NRCS Conservation Programs Update – Ms. Jenny Templeton, Soil Conservationist, USDA-NRCS

8:50 Kill Permits for Vegetable Crops – Mr. Todd Engelmeier, VA Department of Game & Inland Fisheries Biologist

9:10 Insect Control Update – Dr. Tom Kuwah, Professor, Entomology, Virginia Tech

9:35 Fertility Management in Vegetables – Dr. Mark Reiter, Assistant Professor, Soil Fertility, ESAREC

9:50 Commercial Spot – Mr. David Pieczarka, Gowans Company

10:00 GAP and the Food Modernization Acts Programs – Dr. Ganu Yu, Food Safety, ESAREC

10:25 Strawberry Production – Dr. Jayesh Samant, Horticulture, Hampton Roads AREC

10:50 Fertilizer Restrictions Explained – Special Agent A.R. Ashby, VA State Police and Special Agent Ben Hicks, FBI

11:00 Palmetto Crop Update – Ms. Christine Waldenmaier, Lab & Research Technician, and Dr. Steve Rideout, Associate Professor, Plant Pathology, ESAREC

11:30 USDA-Farm Service Agency Programs for 2014/Farm Bill – Mr. H.L. Kellam, Jr., Executive Director, USDA-FSA

11:40 Commercial Spot – incorrectly filled

11:50 Annual Meeting of the Association of Virginia Potato and Vegetable Growers – Mr. Butch Notting, Advisor, Association of Virginia Potato and Vegetable Growers, Inc.

12:00 Lunch and Visit with Exhibitors – Drawing of Door Prizes

Afternoon Session

**SMALL FARMS (GREAT HALL)**

Presiding – Ms. Ursula Delitch, Extension Agent, Virginia Cooperative Extension, Northampton County

1:30 The Science: How Can We Help? – Drs. Mark Reiter and Steve Rideout, Eastern Shore AREC

1:45 Where Do I Sell My Products? – Ms. Bev Sell, Five Points Community Farm Market

2:10 Northampton Community Kitchen – Mr. Charles McSwain, Northampton County Planning Department

2:25 Farmer Markets Do’s and Don’ts – Ms. Theresa Nartea, Assistant Professor, Local Food Systems Development, ESAREC

2:30 Cost-Share to Help You Succeed – Ms. Tina Jerome, ESAREC

2:45 Food Safety Concerns for Direct Marketers – Mr. Bret Freas, Marketing Specialist, SVACS

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3:20 The Benefits of Bees – Ms. Bev Sell, Five Points Community Farm Market

4:05 Farmer Panel and Open Discussion: How to Succeed – Led by the Pest-Foust-Heyler, Virginia Tech; Panel Members: Ms. Bev Sell, Five points Community Farm Market, Mr. Rick Felker, Mattawoman Creek Farms, Mr. Butch Notting, VDACS, and Mr. Mike Cullipher, Cullipher Farm Market
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