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# The Stalk

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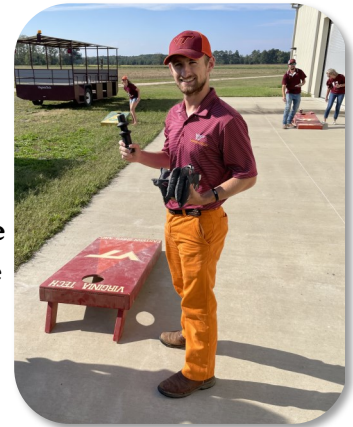


## From The Director

**A**lthough not a win for the Hokies, we had a great time visiting with everyone at the Virginia Tech vs. Pitt tailgate on October 16, 2021. Thank you again to the Eastern Shore Virginia Tech Alumni Association for helping to organize such a great event. Speaking of team, we are looking for two people to join our team at the Eastern Shore AREC! Please pass this newsletter along to people that may be searching for positions that directly impact Virginia agriculture.



Tommy Hines comes out of retirement to grill over 250 hamburgers & hotdogs!



Beau Badon, ESAREC graduate student, shows off his Hokie Spirit!

• ***Research Specialist, Sr. in Weed Science:***

This person will be responsible for assisting the Weed Science program within the Eastern Shore AREC with applied field and laboratory research and Extension trials. The search committee will convene soon after November 15, 2021 to invite the top candidates to visit the Eastern Shore. To view the position or apply, please visit: <https://careers.pageuppeople.com/968/cw/en-us/job/517944/research-specialist-sr>

• ***Plant Pathology Assistant Professor and Extension Specialist:***

The search committee will meet soon after November 15, 2021 and invite the top candidates to visit the Eastern Shore soon thereafter. Make sure you visit with the candidates while they are investigating what the Eastern Shore and Virginia Tech has to offer. View the position description and apply here if you or someone you know is interested: <https://careers.pageuppeople.com/968/cw/en-us/job/517580/assistant-professor-of-plant-pathology>

We hope your fall is progressing along nicely. As always, let us know if you have any questions!

— Mark



# Agents Corner

The fall is flying by quickly and Thanksgiving will be here before you know it! We are ramping up and planning several educational opportunities for growers on the Eastern Shore! We are hosting a **Private Pesticide Recertification** at the Eastern Shore AREC on December 6<sup>th</sup> 2021. Due to COVID based space limitations a RSVP is required to attend. See the attached flyer for the details. Additionally, mark your calendars for January 26<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup> 2022 for the **Eastern Shore Ag Conference**. As long as COVID restrictions don't change, we plan to host it at the Eastern Shore Community College in Melfa, VA again this year. Look for more information on the Eastern Shore Ag Conference in the December issue of The Stalk.



*Wanda & Theresa*



Long time VDACS Marketing Specialist Butch Nottingham retired on September 1, 2021. Butch has been a staple for the last 20 years in Eastern Shore Agriculture. We wish Butch well in his retirement, he will be missed!!

The Northampton Cooperative Extension Office has hired a new Unit Support Staff! Amanda Hurley comes to us with over 10 year's experience in a support staff position. Originally from Snow Hill, Maryland, Amanda relocated to the Eastern Shore of Virginia in 2010. She graduated from Wor-Wic Community College with a Business Management degree and has worked in various roles of administrative positions over the years. Amanda has a passion for baking, reading, creative writing, acrylic and watercolor painting, and enjoys being outdoors. Please stop by the Northampton office and meet Amanda.



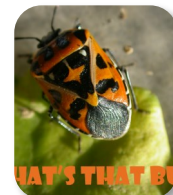
## WHAT'S THAT BUG?

**Bonus Question:** Can you forecast the winter based on our November bug of the month?

The Entomology Department at the Eastern Shore AREC invites you enter November's "What's That Bug?" contest. Email responses to [hdougherty@vt.edu](mailto:hdougherty@vt.edu) for your chance to win a prize!

October Correction: The answer to "What's That Bug" was a Pickleworm not a Picklebug.

## OCTOBER'S BUG



Did you guess a Harlequin Bug? Click [here](#) to learn more!



# Virginia Women in Agriculture Gathering

The Virginia Women in Agriculture Gathering, an initiative by Virginia Cooperative Extension Agents, will take place on Friday, November 12th, 2021 at the Northern Piedmont Center in Orange and on Saturday, November 13th, 2021 in Wytheville from 9 am till 4 pm. The Gathering is designed to give women the opportunity to network with other women in agriculture and to learn valuable skills that they can implement in their own operations. The Gathering will have sessions on electric fencing, understanding pesticides, floral design basics, small ruminant health, pasture assessment, ag myths, value-added products and regulations, and ag photography. Please note, masks indoors and social distancing will be required and applicable COVID-19 guidelines will be followed.

The cost is \$35 and includes t-shirt, swag bag, materials, and lunch. Thanks to a generous donor, we have a limited number of \$20 scholarships to offer for first time attendees. Registration and payment due by November 10th. To register, visit: <https://sites.google.com/view/virginiawomeninagriculture/wia-gathering/registration> or contact your local extension office. If you have any questions or problems registering, please contact Sarah Sharpe at the Greene County Extension Office at (434)985-5236 or [seweaver@vt.edu](mailto:seweaver@vt.edu).

If you are a person with a disability and desire any assistive devices, services, or other accommodations to participate in these activities, please contact Sarah Sharpe (434-985-5236) from 8 am to 5:00 pm to discuss accommodations at least 5 days prior to the event. TDD number is (800) 828-1120. Virginia Cooperative Extension programs and employment are open to all, regardless of race, color, national origin, sex, religion, age, disability, political beliefs, sexual orientation, or marital or family status. An equal opportunity/affirmative action employer.

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Women in  
AGRICULTURE  
GATHERING  
*learn, listen, network, grow*

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 12- ORANGE  
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 13- WYTHEVILLE

\$35 TO ATTEND. MASKS REQUIRED. COVID-19 GUIDELINES  
WILL BE FOLLOWED.

FOR MORE INFORMATION, VISIT OUR WEBSITE -

[HTTPS://SITES.GOOGLE.COM/VIEW/  
VIRGINIAWOMENINAGRICULTURE/WIA-GATHERING](https://sites.google.com/view/virginiawomeninagriculture/wia-gathering)



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## Mid-Atlantic Crop Management School is Virtual: Register Now!

Due to circumstances beyond our control, we are unable to host the event in-person in 2021. The full program will be offered virtually, with access to programming available to attendees on-demand starting November 15, 2021 through December 10, 2021. The program features speakers from North Carolina State University, Purdue University, University of Arkansas, University of Delaware, University of Maryland, University of Nebraska - Lincoln, University of Wisconsin, USDA-ARS, USDA-NRCS, Virginia Tech, Washington State University, and more.

**Registration** (<https://go.umd.edu/crop21reg>) is \$150 for all programming and credits. Registration will close on December 10, 2021, but leave enough time to watch the videos! The 2021 Mid-Atlantic Crop Management School will offer *CCA continuing education units (CEUs)* approved by the Certified Crop Adviser Program in the following categories:

Crop Management (5)

Soil & Water Management (5)

Pest Management (5)

Nutrient Management (5)

State level pesticide and nutrient management credits will be available based on approval of each talk by agency personnel or representatives. The following state credits are available: nutrient management – DE, MD, VA, PA; state pesticide – DE, MD, VA (*private and public*), PA. Eligibility for CEU's will be contingent on completion of the provided online verification form by December 10, 2021.

Thank you for your continued support of the Mid-Atlantic Crop Management School and we hope to see everyone safely, in-person in 2022! Registration link:

<https://go.umd.edu/crop21reg>.





# Private Pesticide Recertification

Categories 90 & 91

## When:

December 6th, 2021  
8:30am - 1:00pm

CATERED  
LUNCH  
INCLUDED!

## Where:

Eastern Shore Agricultural  
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*If you cannot attend this program, recertification will be offered at the 2022 Eastern Shore Ag Conference on January 26th & 27th*

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# Let's Talk Turkey!

## Fun Virginia Thanksgiving facts that might surprise you!

- Archaeological evidence has revealed that the first Thanksgiving occurred in 1619 at Berkeley Plantation in Virginia (two years before the Plymouth, Massachusetts Thanksgiving)
- Hayman potatoes were brought to Virginia in the 1800's from the West Indies. Only a small number of localized growers produce the Hayman, but it remains a unique staple on the Eastern Shore of Virginia.
- Beauregard and Covington are the two main commercial sweet potato varieties in Virginia
- Virginia is ranked 6th in the U.S. for states with the most turkey production
- An average of 5-6 million bushels of apples are produced annually in Virginia
- Apple pie and pumpkin pie are ranked most popular for Thanksgiving. It takes about eight apples to make an apple pie.
- Canned pumpkin is a variety of squash called Dickinson pumpkin. Elijah Dickinson, who was born in Spotsylvania, Virginia, took these pumpkin seeds with him when he moved to Illinois where the Dickinson family began operating canning facilities, which were eventually purchased by Libby's. It is believed that the recipe for pumpkin pie on the can's label was created by Hazel Dickinson. The recipe has continuously remained on the label since 1950.
- Colonists relied on corn from Native Americans and corn eventually became a staple crop in Virginia. A few of the corn-based dishes that have evolved over time and regions include cornbread, johnny cakes or hoe-cakes and cornpone and are often made throughout the year, but are also a Thanksgiving tradition.





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The Virginia Tech, Eastern Shore AREC is committed to supporting commercial vegetable, grain, oilseed, and fiber production throughout the Commonwealth of Virginia. Centrally located on Virginia's Eastern Shore, the center conducts basic and applied research on more than 25 agricultural crops.

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