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Eastern Shore Agricultural
Research & Extension Center

2023 Eastern Shore Agricultural Conference & Trade Show

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Mark your calendars for January 25th & 26th, 2023 for the 33rd Annual Eastern Shore Agricultural Conference & Trade Show. We extend heartfelt thanks to our vendors and sponsors as their contributions make this event possible each year. We have a great lineup of exhibitors and vendors. If you would like to be “in” on our trade show, sponsor a meal for attendees, add your company logo to our program, or would like to purchase oyster roast tickets, please contact the Accomack or Northampton County Extension Office.



This year’s program will include educational sessions on agronomic crops, vegetables, potatoes and soybeans. We have some special guests including Virginia’s Secretary of Agriculture Matt Lohr, Veronica Nigh with American Farm Bureau Federation, Robert Harper from VA Farm Bureau, and many others. We encourage you to attend our educational sessions during the day, visit vendors and network with agribusiness-men and women from all over the region.

An exciting new addition to the program this year is a cash bar “Ag Conference Meet and Greet” at the Exmore Moose Lodge on January 25th from 3:30pm-5:45pm. Please come and enjoy the camaraderie among vendors and conference attendees while waiting for the Oyster Roast to begin. Extension Specialists from the Eastern Shore AREC will be in attendance and we encourage you to introduce yourself and learn a little more about them.

While we were planning to have a Young Farmers Consignment Auction this year, we recently learned that a large farm equipment auction was held on the Shore in early January. Therefore, we have postponed our consignment auction to next year. Patrick Long will be point of contact for that event and we hope to have some items available for you to bid on in support of Agriculture in the Classroom and your local Cooperative Extension agriculture programs.



33rd Annual

January 25 & 26, 2023
Exmore Moose Lodge, Belle Haven, VA



EASTERN SHORE AGRICULTURAL CONFERENCE AND TRADE SHOW



EDUCATIONAL SESSIONS

AGRONOMIC/SOYBEAN SESSIONS

Wheat Diseases, Cover Crops, Fertilizer Costs, Corn Earworm Traps, Weed Science, Stink Bugs and Soybean Production

POTATO/VEGETABLE SESSIONS

Potatoes USA Representative, Bonnie Johnson, 2023 Market Update, Cost/Benefit Analysis of Fumigation and updates from Entomology and Diseases

KEYNOTE SPEAKER

Veronica Nigh, Senior Economist with the American Farm Bureau Federation will be on hand to speak on international trade and resource issues.

COVER CROPS FROM A FELLOW FARMER

Come and listen to Bob Waring tell his success story about the use of cover crops on his farm on the Northern Neck. Take the opportunity to ask specific questions that pertain to your farming operation.

TRADE SHOW

26+ vendors from the region will be present to demonstrate or provide more information on their products. Come out and see what's new this year!

Special thanks to our Combine Sponsors!!!



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If you are a person with a disability and desire any assistive devices, services or other accommodations to participate in this activity, please contact Rachel Barnes at 757-787-1361 during business hours of 8:30 a.m. and 5 p.m. to discuss accommodations 5 days prior to the event.

Careers at Virginia Tech

Associate Extension Agent, 4-H Youth Development - Accomack County (Job no. 524109)

The 4-H Youth Development Agent is a professional educator who provides leadership to the local 4-H program and manages its day-to-day operation. Responsibilities include: Identifies, assesses, and prioritizes needs for the development of objective, research-based educational programs for urban, new, and nontraditional audiences with a focus on 4-H and Youth Development; specifies program goals and objectives, and identifies resources needed; provides leadership for 4-H Youth Development programs that meet the needs of all youth; identifies, recruits, trains, supports, and manages volunteers to implement and carry out the 4-H educational programming; determines local program needs by monitoring trends and issues, and conducting local assessments involving the unit Extension Leadership Council and other leadership committees; networks and builds coalitions with other agencies, organizations and institutions to address the complex youth and family issues and the needs of the 4-H program; coordinates day-to-day activities and events associated with the unit 4-H program. Must have a minimum of a Bachelor's Degree. A master's degree and promotion to Extension Agent are required no later than the sixth year of employment. Shortlisting of candidates will start after January 30, 2023 and continue until the position is filled. Interested candidates please visit this link and apply online: <https://careers.pageuppeople.com/968/cw/en-us/job/524109/associate-extension-agent-4h-youth-development-accomack-county>

Administrative and Office Specialist (Job no. 522715); work type: Staff

Eastern Shore AREC, Virginia Tech, in Painter, VA is searching for an Administrative and Office Specialist. This position will work within our main office and facilitate expenditures of grant and operational funds, reconcile payroll, serve as our human resources liaison, and generally support operations within the Eastern Shore AREC. Excellent bookkeeping and clerical skills, strong written and oral communication skills, and knowledge of the Microsoft Office Suite are required. Shortlisting of candidates will start after December 15, 2022 and continue until the position is filled. Interested candidates please visit this link and apply online: <https://careers.pageuppeople.com/968/cw/en-us/job/522715/administrative-and-office-specialist>

Research Specialist Senior (Job no. 522566); work type: Staff

Eastern Shore AREC, Virginia Tech, Plant Pathology research group in Painter, VA, is searching for a Research Specialist Senior. The position will be primarily field based (establishment and maintenance of field trials, application of pesticides, collection of data and plant samples from field plots and grower fields) with a focus on vegetable (potatoes, green beans, sweet corn, and watermelon) and row (corn, soybean, and small grains) crops. There will also be lab (assist in the preparation of inoculum for field trials and isolation of pathogens from the field samples), office (preparation of field trial reports, organization and maintenance of inventory, budget and compliance records), and supervision (oversee part-time employees, assist on graduate student projects) responsibilities. A Bachelor's degree in a plant science related field (Agricultural Sciences, Crop and Soil Science, Horticulture, Plant Biology, Plant Pathology, Entomology, Weed Science) or a combination of education and extensive experience in a related field is required. Shortlisting of candidates will start after November 30, 2022 and continue until the position is filled. Interested candidates please visit this link and apply online: <https://careers.pageuppeople.com/968/cw/en-us/job/522566/research-specialist-senior>

SURPLUS SALE

EASTERN SHORE AREC SURPLUS INVENTORY SALE!

Items include vehicles, tractors, equipment and more! Bidding ends January 18th and 19th.

Please use this link to see what's available and to bid on items:

<https://www.govdeals.com/index.cfm>



SQUIRREL HUNTING TOURNAMENT



EASTERN SHORE SHOOTING SPORTS 4-H CLUB

JOIN US IN SUPPORTING YOUTH SHOOTING SPORTS ON THE
EASTERN SHORE BY PARTICIPATING IN THE 1ST EVER SQUIRREL
HUNTING TOURNAMENT

\$100 per team of two.
Each participant will
receive a t-shirt, dinner
at the weigh-in, and be
entered into a door prize
drawing at the awards
presentation



FEB 18, 2023

Weigh-in 4:30pm-

6:30 pm

Exmore Moose

Lodge Seafood

Building

The event will consist of teams of two hunters with an adult division and youth division. The youth division will be any youth 15 and under, they will have to be accompanied by an adult 18 and older. The adult cannot participate for that team. Adult and youth combined teams can compete but will be scored in the adult class. Scoring will consist of the highest score being the heaviest weight of harvested squirrels, each division will have 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place winners. You are allowed 6 squirrels per person with the maximum being 12 squirrels for the team. The hunt must take place on the day of the tournament, you can use any legal method to harvest the squirrel and on any legal hunting land (private, public lands). Weigh-in will start at 4:30pm the day of the event at the Exmore Moose Lodge in the Seafood Building around back. Cutoff time will be 6:30.

Contact Taylor Dukes (843)276-3208, Cindy Maynard
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with any questions

Online registration:

<https://forms.gle/ux8UrRYfCfmUak1k8>



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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.

<https://www.arec.vaes.vt.edu/arec/eastern-shore.html>



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