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Seventh Annual Small-Scale and Niche Market Pork Production Conference



November 1 & 2, 2018

**Eugene Giuseppe Center-
Piedmont Virginia Community College, and
Greene County Office of Virginia
Cooperative Extension,
Stanardsville, VA**





Program

Program (continued)

Thursday, November 1- Pre-conference workshops

GREENE COUNTY OFFICE OF VIRGINIA COOPERATIVE EXTENSION

- 1:00 – 4:00 pm  **Transport Quality Assurance (TQA) Training and Certification- Green County Office of VCE Conference Room** *Ms. Cynthia Gregg*
- 4:30 – 8:00 pm  **Pork Quality Assurance-Plus (PQA-Plus) Training and Certification- Green County Office of VCE Conference Room** *Mr. Timothy Mize*
(Light supper will be served)

Friday, November 2- Conference

EUGENE GIUSEPPE CENTER- PIEDMONT VIRGINIA COMMUNITY COLLEGE

- 8:30 – 8:55 am **Registration and continental breakfast**
- 8:55 – 9:00 am **Conference Welcome-** *Ms. Sarah Weaver Sharpe*
- Educational Session I: Pig Health, Well-Being, and Nutrition- Ms. Cynthia Gregg, moderator*
- 9:00 – 9:30 am **Decreasing pre-weaning death loss in pigs: Key management considerations** *Dr. Mark Estienne*
- 9:30 – 10:00 am **Addressing the feral pig issue in Virginia** *Mr. Mike Dye*
- 10:00 – 10:30 am **Designing and implementing a herd health plan for small-scale pig farms** *Dr. Sherri Clark-Deener*
- 10:30 – 10:45 am **Break**
- 10:45 – 11:15 am **Controlling external parasites in swine-** *Dr. Eric Day*
- 11:15 – 11:45 pm **Nutrition 101: Swine feeds and feeding** *Dr. David Baber*
- 11:45 – 12:15 pm **Farm Service Agency programs available to small-scale pig farmers** *Mr. Greg Wichelns*

12:15 – 1:00 pm **Lunch**

Update from the National Pork Board on issues pertinent to small-scale and niche market pork producers *Mr. Stephen Herring*

Educational Session II: The Business of Raising Pigs on Small-Scale and Niche Market Farms- Mr. Tim Mize, moderator

- 1:00 – 1:30 pm **Strategies for marketing pork** *Ms. Sarah Weaver Sharpe*
- 1:30 – 2:00 pm **Where can niche market producers have their animals slaughtered and processed?** *Mr. Gary Milton*
- 2:00 – 2:30 pm **Considerations when making label claims for niche pork** *Ms. Sarah Weaver Sharpe*
- 2:30 – 2:45 pm **Break**
- 2:45 – 3:15 pm **Heritage hog breeds in niche pork production** *Dr. Mark Estienne*
- 3:15 – 4:00 pm **A producer perspective on raising organic pigs** *Mr. Jake Grove*
- 4:00 pm **Adjourn**

Speakers and Instructors

- Dr. David Baber**, Southern States/Cargill
Dr. Sherri Clark-Deener, VMCM, Blacksburg
Dr. Eric Day, Manager Insect Identification Laboratory, Virginia Tech, Blacksburg
Dr. Mark Estienne, Swine Research Physiologist, Virginia Tech-TAREC, Suffolk
Ms. Cynthia Gregg, Extension Agent, Brunswick County, VCE
Mr. Jake Grove, Ayrshire Farms, Purcellville, VA
Mr. Stephen Herring, National Pork Board, Raleigh, NC
Mr. Gary Milton, Virginia Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services
Mr. Timothy Mize, Extension Agent, Fauquier County, VCE
Mr. Mike Dye, Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries, District Wildlife Biologist
Ms. Sarah Weaver Sharpe, Extension Agent, Greene County, VCE
Mr. Greg Wichelns, Culpeper Soil and Water Conservation District

