



## ***Annual Meeting & Conference October 30, 2019***

### **Wednesday, October 30: The Market at Grelen**

15091 Yager Rd, Somerset VA 22972

#### ❖ **Event Sponsors: Farm Credit, VMDAEC, and VNLA**

- Registration & Breakfast: 8:00 am – 8:45 am
- *Industrial Hemp Update and Discussion:* 9:00 am – 9:45 am
  - Erin Williams
    - Senior Policy Analyst with VDACS
    - Oversees the agency's Industrial Hemp Grower, Dealer, and Processor Registration programs
- Welcome from Chair & sponsor recognition: 9:45
  - Easton Loving, WestRock
- *Ag Workforce and Labor Panel:* 9:50 am – 10:50 am  
Moderated by Kerry Scott, MásLabor
  - Dr. Megan Healy, The Governor's Office: Chief Workforce Development Advisor
  - Jim Saunders, Saunders Brothers, Inc.: Chief of Human Resources & Oversees the Farm Market
  - Dr. Lisa Powell, Sweet Briar College: Director, Center for Human & Environmental Sustainability

*Break: 10:50 am – 11:05 am*

- *International Trade and Economy Discussion:* 9:50 am – 10:50 am
  - Veronica Nigh
    - American Farm Bureau Federation
- Annual Meeting Luncheon & Program: 12:05 pm – 1:45 pm
  - Virginia Agribusiness Council Annual Meeting
  - Presentation of "Agribusiness of the Year" Award
  - Keynote Address
    - Kendall Tyree, Executive Director of the Virginia Association of Soil and Water Conservation Districts
- *Tour of Grelen Nursery:* 2:00 pm – 3:00 pm
- *State Policy Discussion (Members only):* 3:00 pm – 5:30 pm
- Networking Reception: 5:30 pm