

Virginia Berry School

MARCH 12-13, 2020 | **8am - 4pm**

Registration March 12th at 7:30am

VSU Randolph Farm Pavilion
4415 River Road, Petersburg, VA

The two-day school will provide experienced and beginning Virginia berry growers with the latest research and information about starting a berry enterprise and production management of berry crops, including blueberries and blackberries.

VSU and VCE have sponsored berry production conferences for more than 10 years, as interest in the berry industry in Virginia continues to grow and markets expand. Growing berries can be profitable, however it is labor intensive and having a sustainable management plan can reduce risks considerably.

Berry experts will teach classroom sessions and hands-on demonstrations on how to successfully grow berries in Virginia.

\$50

PER PERSON

Lunch is included both days.

A limited number of rooms are available for \$96 per night for participants who need hotel accommodations. Rooms must be reserved by Feb. 17.

TOPICS INCLUDE:

- Blackberry production, soil preparation, planting, varieties, trellises, pruning, etc.
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- Berry health benefits
- Berry pest and disease management
- Organic blueberry production
- Post harvest management of berries
- Hands-on pruning of both blackberry and blueberry plants ... **AND MORE!**

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Founded in 1882, Virginia State University is one of Virginia's two land-grant institutions and is located 20 minutes south of Richmond in the village of Ettrick. VSU's College of Agriculture consists of three academic departments: Agriculture, Hospitality Management, and Family and Consumer Sciences. Integrated within the College are an Agricultural Research Station; Randolph Farm, a 417-acre research and educational facility; and Virginia Cooperative Extension.

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