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FARMERS FOR AMERICA DOCUMENTARY TO BE SHOWN AT STATE FAIRGROUNDS

Charleston, W.Va. – You’re invited! The State Fair of West Virginia, in conjunction with the West Virginia Department of Agriculture (WVDA) and Farm Credit of the Virginias, is hosting a farm to table dinner and a movie. On Thursday, January 18th, 2018, a showing of the new documentary *Farmers for America*, narrated by Mike Rowe, will be shown at the State Fair of West Virginia’s Underwood Youth Center. A dinner, featuring locally sourced foods, will accompany the showing. The will dinner begin at 6:00 p.m.

“American farmers feed the world. The bad news is the average age of these farmers is now over 60 years old. At the same time, the United States has lost half of its farmers in the last 25 years,” said Commissioner of Agriculture Kent Leonhardt. “This documentary highlights the struggles, as well as the hope for the future of farming in our country.”

Calvin Riggleman, of Bigg Riggs Farm in Augusta, WV, is featured in the documentary. Calvin is a retired United States Marine who started farming when he returned from his service overseas. He now sells various vegetables, fruits, sauces and moonshine at markets in West Virginia as well as Washington D.C. He was also the first West Virginia veteran farmer to be approved for the national Homegrown By Heroes branding.

Tickets are \$15 per person. To attend, please call the State Fair of West Virginia, 305-645-1090 or Farm Credit of the Virginias, 304-645-1575.

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