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Fourth Annual Ag Innovation Showcase

MOOREFIELD, W.Va. – The West Virginia Department of Agriculture (WVDA), in conjunction with Eastern West Virginia Community and Technical College (EWVCTC), the Robert C. Byrd Institute and the West Virginia Department of Education (WVDE), will host the fourth annual Ag Innovation Showcase on Wednesday, November 14th in Moorefield, WV.

“My generation had the low-hanging fruit for how to feed the world. The next will have a much harder time doing the same,” said Commissioner of Agriculture Kent Leonhardt. “An innovative, outside-the-box approach will be necessary to the future of agriculture in West Virginia, as well as the United States. These young people are bringing forth essential ideas on how we will feed the world.”

During the showcase, there will be presentations on the following: Radio frequency identification (RFID) technology, drone technology, solar and wind, simulated welding, CDL training, medical darts, 3D printing, environmental programming and water sheds, as well as presentations from WVU Extension Service and the West Virginia Division of Natural Resources.

“The Ag Innovation Showcase is a great example of local, regional, state and national partners working together to introduce and discuss agriculture innovation in West Virginia,” said President of EWVCTC Dr. Charles Terrell.

WHAT: Fourth Annual Ag Innovation Showcase

WHEN: Wednesday, November 14th 9:00 a.m.

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WHERE: West Virginia Army National Guard Armory, 157 Freedom Way,
Moorefield, WV, 26836

SCHEDULE:

- Student session will begin 9:00 a.m.
- Lunch will be provided at noon for all attendees.
- Adult breakout sessions beginning at 1:00 p.m. include information from the WVDA, United States Department of Agriculture, Poultry Industry and Innovation, USDA National Resource Conservation Services and Tourism Cluster Development.

To RSVP or for more information, contact Tina Metzger tina.metzer@easternwv.edu or Nathan Bergdoll at (304) 538-2397. Additional session ideas are still being accepted and sponsorships remain available.

All media and the public are welcome.

The West Virginia Department of Agriculture protects plant, animal and human health through a variety of scientific, regulatory and consumer protection programs. The Commissioner of Agriculture is one of six statewide elected officials who sits on the Board of Public Works.

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