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GREEN BEAN GROWER MEETING LOCATION CHANGED

Charleston, W.Va. – The meeting scheduled between potential green bean growers and vegetable broker D & E Farms of Spring Grove, Pa., has been moved to the Eastern Panhandle Conservation District (EPCD) Office at 151 Aiken Center, Suite 2, in Martinsburg, according to the West Virginia Department of Agriculture (WVDA).

The time for the meeting is still Thursday, Jan. 28 at 6:30 p.m.

To get to the office from Interstate 81

- Take Exit #16 East toward N. Queen Street
- At the second traffic light, turn right onto Jennings Drive
- Sheetz will be on your left and Hoss Steak House is on your right
- Turn left into the parking lot
- The office is located in the first building on your right, identified with a green USDA Service Center sign
- Conference room is between three white pillars

For more information on the meeting location, contact Barbie Elliott at 304-767-4829.

The meeting originally was located at Blue Ridge Community & Technical College in Martinsburg, but the parking lot has not yet been cleared of snow.

The purpose of the meeting is to bring together potential farm operations in Berkeley and Jefferson counties interested in the commercial production of green beans and D & E Farms, which was identified by WVDA and has agreed to work with local farmers on the project.

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D & E will supervise the growing and harvesting of 250 acres of green beans in approximately 50-acre tracts during the 2016 season. D & E will also purchase the harvested crops in their entirety. Any interested growers should make every effort to attend this meeting.

“This is another step forward for Agriculture in West Virginia,” said Agriculture Commissioner Walt Helmick. “It is a significant commercial growing opportunity for our farmers. We are excited and pleased that we have been able to attract this private investment from D & E Farms and believe it will lead to expanded green bean production in West Virginia in the years to come.”

For additional information on the project, contact coordinator Jerry Ours with the WVDA at 304-538-2397 or via email at jours@wvda.us.

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