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ORGANIC TRANSITION PRODUCER SYMPOSIUM TO BE HELD APRIL 1ST

Charleston, W.Va. – The West Virginia Department of Agriculture (WVDA) will be holding an Organic Transition Producer Symposium April 1, 2017. The event will take place at the Bridgeport Conference Center and will cost \$20 to attend.

“Organic is a growing niche that more and more buyers are looking for when doing their food shopping. This is a great opportunity for West Virginia producers to learn how to become USDA certified,” said Agriculture Commissioner Kent Leonhardt. “The department is here to provide any tools we can to our West Virginia farmers, so if you are interested in attending, please contact us as soon as possible.”

This is a workshop designed for farmers that want to start the transition to become United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Certified Organic in produce. Sponsors of the workshop include: Ohio Ecological Food and Farm Association (OEFFA), Appalachian Harvest, Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), Farm Service Agency (FSA), WVU Extension Services Small Farms Center and the WVDA. Eric Pawlowski of the OEFFA will be the keynote speaker.

“Being USDA-certified is an essential if you want to start growing organic products commercially,” stated Cindy Martel, WVDA Marketing Specialist. “We do have a limited number of spaces available, but we hope people take advantage of this opportunity.”

What: Organic Transition Producer Symposium

When: April 1, 2017, 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Where: Bridgeport Conference Center 300 Conference Center Way, Bridgeport, WV 26330

Cost: \$20

It is advised that you bring a laptop to fill out the electronic transition audit application in the afternoon. If you are interested in attending, please sign up here: <http://epay.wvsto.com/WVU/WVUANREvents/Default.aspx>

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