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Stakeholder Meetings to Begin for WV Agriculture Strategic Plan

Charleston W.Va. -- Stakeholder meetings are set to begin October 1 for those who wish to participate in the development of a five-year strategic plan for West Virginia agriculture.

“We hope to create a blueprint for the WVDA and our partners to follow to grow West Virginia’s agricultural economy,” said Commissioner of Agriculture Kent Leonhardt. “The more folks who participate, the better the informed we will be to formulate this plan. If you want your voice to be heard, plan on attending your local stakeholder meeting.”

More than 500 people completed a survey earlier this summer narrowing down the issues that most impact West Virginia agriculture. That is the stepping off point for the community meetings. Producers and agriculture stakeholders are urged to attend one of the 14 events and offer their input.

Meetings’ Location/Date:

Barbour County: 6:00 p.m., Tuesday October 9 – Philippi Baptist Church, Philippi, WV

Braxton County: 6:00 p.m., Wednesday October 3 – Holly Gray Park, Sutton, WV

Berkeley County: 6:00 p.m., Thursday October 4 – Berkeley County Youth Fairgrounds, Martinsburg, WV

Greenbrier County: 6:00 p.m., Wednesday October 10 – State Fair of West Virginia, Fairlea, WV

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Hardy County: 6:00 p.m., Thursday October 4 – South Branch Inn, Moorefield, WV

Harrison County: 6:00 p.m., Thursday October 11 – Horizons Church, Lost Creek, WV

Kanawha County: 6:00 p.m., Monday October 1 - Camp Virgil Tate, Charleston, WV

Mason County: 6:00 p.m., Thursday October 11 – Mason County Board of Education, Point Pleasant, WV

Monongalia County: 6:00 p.m., Wednesday October 10 – Core Community Center, Core, WV

Ohio County: 6:00 p.m., Wednesday October 10 – The Highlands Event Center, Triadelphia, WV

Raleigh County: 6:00 p.m., Wednesday October 3 – Ghent Volunteer Fire Department, Ghent, WV

Wayne County: 6:00 p.m., Thursday October 11 – Wayne High School, Wayne, WV

Wetzel County: 6:00 p.m., Tuesday October 2 – Wetzel County 4-H Camp, New Martinsville, WV

Wood County: 6:00 p.m., Tuesday October 9 – WVU Parkersburg, Parkersburg, WV

To register for a meeting, log on to: <https://bit.ly/2x8xKSq>

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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