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WEST VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE RELEASES 2017 STATE FAIR GUIDE

Charleston, W.Va. – The West Virginia Department of Agriculture (WVDA) released their 2017 State Fair of West Virginia Guide. During the 10-day event, which takes place August 10th through the 19th, the WVDA will be hosting wine tastings, honey extraction demos, stakeholder meetings and feature daily products in the West Virginia Country Store. The Country Store, which will feature West Virginia Grown products, will be open from 9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. each day.

"Our theme for the State Fair this year is 'Local Food and Why It Matters'. We want to highlight the huge opportunity we have before us to grow agriculture in the state through local food production," stated Commissioner of Agriculture Kent Leonhardt. "By showcasing West Virginia grown products, we hope to help expand our existing agriculture-based businesses and inspire new ones."



Join Us! Sample and Buy WV Grown Products

- Kirkwood Winery
- Stone Road Winery
- Chestnut Ridge Winery
- WV Maple Syrup Producers Association
- Indian Water Maple Company
- Family Roots Farm
- Frostmore Farm
- M & S Maple Farm LLC
- Dry Fork Maple Works LLC
- Flanigan Family Maple
- Appalachian Mountain Specialty Foods
- Grassy Creek Farm
- J.Q. Dickinson Salt Works
- Blackwell's Catering
- Taste of Heaven Bakery & Cheese Shop
- Uncle Bunk's (Pickles, Relish, Pepper Sauce)
- Custard Stand Food Products
- Leavitt Farm
- Bluestone Mountain Farm
- Candies by Linda
- Out of this World Salsa

- Sassy Gals Gourmet Treats
- Plain Jane's Country Cookin'
- Good Times (Dry Mixes)
- The Black Dog Coffee Co.
- Sweeteez (Cookies & Candy)
- Rimfire's Apiary
- Appalachian Milk Soap LLC
- Brookstone Soap
- Mountain State Honey

Agriculture Annex Activities:

- Daily wine tastings
- Honey extraction demos featuring honey from West Virginia Veterans Fridays and Saturdays, 1:00 p.m. and 4:00 p.m. and Sunday at 3:00 p.m.
- West Virginia maple cotton candy sampling
- West Virginia Grown products daily showing
- Veterans and Warriors to Agriculture Informational Table
- West Virginia Maple Syrup Association Table
- "Ask the Expert" - WVDA Staff on site to answer all agricultural questions

Meetings:

- West Virginia Farmers' Markets Stake Holder Lunch and Meeting - Friday, August 11th 12:00 p.m. - 4pm
- Women in Agriculture Reception - Sunday, August 13th 2:00 p.m.
- West Virginia Veterans and Warriors to Agriculture Meeting - Wednesday, August 16th 10am - 12:00 p.m.
- Governor's Day - Thursday, August 17th insert list of events that day
- The Farm Heritage Award Luncheon - Thursday, August 17th 12:00 p.m.

Barn Policies:

WVDA Animal Health staff are available, throughout the State Fair of West Virginia, to inspect all animals that enter the grounds for signs of contagious or communicable diseases. Staff will ensure proper testing and paperwork procedures are met as well. If you have questions or wish to speak to WVDA Animal Health staff, they will be available at their command post located at the livestock gate entrance.

[2017 WVDA Fairs/Festivals regulations concerning livestock health requirements](#)

Commissioner of Agriculture for a Day Contest:

Each day, a student will serve as Honorary Commissioner of Agriculture for a day. These students will be given an all-encompassing tour of the State Fair of West Virginia. They will meet with Commissioner Kent Leonhardt, take part in events during the fair and meet staff from every division of the West Virginia Department of Agriculture. Winners will be announced Monday, August 7th. For an application or more information [click here](#).

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