Sixth-decade Harrisville farm family recipients of 2015 Farm Heritage Award

Butch Law is passionate about his family’s farm, David Law and Sons Polled Herefords. It’s been in the family for more than six decades.

“I have five grandchildren and one on the way. I feel very fortunate to be able to raise them on the farm. I thank my father and my mother, and I thank God for giving me that opportunity.”

Law and his family are the recipients of the 2015 Farm Heritage Award sponsored by the State Fair of West Virginia and the state Farm Bureau. They were recognized during a luncheon at this year’s fair in August.

To qualify for the award, a family must “strive to maintain its rural lifestyle by contributing to the community, acting as role models, dedicating time to efficient agricultural production, and maintaining the upkeep of their farm.”

The Law family has deep roots in agriculture.

“My father grew up on a farm with his parents. It got into his blood. When he got married and started raising a family, he bought his first polled Hereford in 1954 and we’ve been in the business ever since,” says Law.

He and his brother Gary, along with their sons, run the farm. They all have full time jobs off the farm as well.

“I love to farm. I wish I could afford to do it full time and didn’t have to work off the farm. But I’ve stuck with it!”

Currently the farm is home to 120 head of registered, polled Hereford. On 700 acres, the Laws raise cattle, bail hay, and mend a lot of fences. They sell their Hereford up and down the east coast and as far west as Tennessee. They’re a close knit group with a good reputation in the cattle business. Even the Hereford are considered family.

“There’s just like people. Every single one has a distinctive mark to tell them apart, and yes, they all have names!”

Daisy, Wayne, Big Bang, and Lil are just a few of their prized Herefords.

“People know they can count on what we produce. Customers keep coming back,” stresses Law. “We sell a lot of bulls and replacement heifers.”

As for the future of the farm, Law hopes it remains in the family.

“My nine year old grandson said to me the other day while we were taking some calves to a 4-H livestock function, “Papaw I want to ask you a question. When you pass away, who’s going to run this farm?”

Law pauses for a moment as the fights pass away, who’s going to run this farm?’”

Law pauses for a moment as he fights back tears.

“I said, ‘That’s a pretty good question. He’s interested in farming and I’ve got another grandson who is too. I’ve got a nephew and a son who both work a lot of hours right now. Hopefully in the future, they’ll all step up and take over.”

Law says it was quite an honor for the family to be chosen for the Farm Heritage Award.

“There’s three generations left and we all work together!”

That’s the way Law likes it.

David Law and Sons is located near Harrisville in Ritchie County. You can learn more about the farm at http://www.lawherefords.com/.

Elementary Students Encouraged to Enter Ag Day Poster Contest

West Virginia students in grades 1-5 are being encouraged to enter the West Virginia Ag Day Poster Contest. The winning entry will be honored at Ag and Forestry Day at Legislature in Charleston January 20, 2016, and will be featured throughout the state during the year. The contest is sponsored by the WVDA.

The theme of the contest is “Agriculture: Stewards of a Healthy Planet.” Winning artwork will include themes celebrating modern agriculture in the United States and the role farmers play in protecting the environment.

Each entry will be judged on the originality of concept, presentation, adherence to the theme, and total impact. Art should be no smaller than 8” x 10” but no larger than 11” x 17”. Entries must have the artist’s name on the back and be accompanied by an entry form, which is available at agriculture.wv.gov/2016-Ag-Contest.aspx.

Deadline for entries is midnight, Nov. 30, 2015. Mail them to West Virginia Department of Agriculture, 608 Moorefield Industrial Park Road, Moorefield, WV 26836, Attn: Cindy Shreve.

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It’s been a tough year for pumpkin growers. Between June’s soggy weather and the deer population chowing down on the gourds, it may be a little more difficult to find your perfect pumpkin at the u-pick patch this fall. But not all is lost. We have some tips to make sure you get home with a worthy pumpkin.

We get the low-down from Bob Gritt, the owner of Gritt’s Farm in Putnam County. He planted his first u-pick patch 12 years ago.

“ar you a kid, do you really want to pick your pumpkin out of a box at a retail store? That’s why I started out with a small u-pick patch and it’s grown from there,” explains Gritt.

When starting your search, the pumpkin expert says you need to wait until the gourds are ripe for picking.

At the Black Walnut Festival, for example, the WVDA is arranging a hauling station so that anyone who would like to collect walnuts can have them processed. It’s really not very complicated and we’ve taken the initiative to make it happen. The Heritage Farm Museum near Huntington features monthly agricultural and cultural mini-festivals. Their October event features fiber production.

Two of the state’s biggest festivals are held in the fall. The Mountain State Apple Harvest Festival in Martinsburg celebrates one of the most popular agricultural products. Despite the loss of much of our orchard acreage, we still rank 9th in the country in apple production.

And I can’t forget to mention the Mountain State Forest Festival, which I participated in once again. Forestland is a tremendous resource for our state, just as our agricultural fields. Many landowners with traditional farm operations also manage timberlands, which will in time be harvested, just as crops are harvested each year.

We have a list of upcoming events on the homepage of the WVDA website. Check it out for an event in your area, or contact us to have your event added.

Although fairs and festivals can be considered agritourism attractions, many of West Virginia’s agritourism enterprises themselves are independent farm-based businesses with activities throughout the harvest season. They can be found throughout the state and range from the very popular corn mazes to pick-your-own-produce to school tours.

PYO pumpkins will likely be in relatively short supply this year, due to the extremely wet and then extremely dry weather this summer, which caused some pumpkins to rot on the ground. But that should be good news for orchards because dry weather close to harvest tends to concentrate the sugars in the fruit.

In a day and time when parents and children seem to be pulled apart by far-flung activities, work, school and digital devices, a trip to your local agritourism attraction is a great family friendly way to bring everyone back together and to celebrate the heritage of generations past at a West Virginia farm.

You can find a list of attractions on our website at www.agriculture.wv.gov. It’s best to also call or visit them online to make sure if and when they’re open.

Speaking of the Heritage Farm Museum, the site hosted a “Market Ready” training session sponsored by the WVDA. This training brought together farmers and large-scale buyers together to discuss what farmers can do to make their products more attractive to larger markets than they can reach by themselves.

This is part of an ongoing effort of the WVDA to build bridges between farmers and those who have the systems and infrastructure to get large volumes of WV produce into the hands (and mouths) of consumers. Meetings such as this, along with our potato demonstration project, the high tunnels we are building, and the other programs we are engaged in are creating a brighter future for West Virginia agriculture.
Severe wet and then dry weather dampen harvests

West Virginia growers faced a less than ideal harvest this fall. Ironically, the season started out with a lot of promise.

A relatively dry April allowed many farmers like Andy Crihfield, whose family works 130 produce acres in Jackson County, to get crops in a little early. By May, the rain had all but stopped. The National Weather Service out of Charleston reports just 1.9 inches of rain fell in the Kanawha Valley in May, making it one of the driest on record. That was followed by a June and early July that felt more like monsoon season.

“My father has been farming since he was 13. He’s 85. This has been one of the wettest summers he says since he’s been farming,” according to Crihfield. Just a little under 6-inches of rain fell in June. That was just too much for the ground to soak up according to Crihfield. “It wasn’t from flood waters but rather standing water. We just had too much rain. The ground was so wet. It was an unseasonable amount of rain for this area,” says Wallbrown.

Those early crops Crihfield put into the ground didn’t fare so well.

“My first batch of tomatoes I planted in three fields. One field was blighted and I didn’t get anything off of it. I lost 5,000 plants in that one field,” says Crihfield. “We planted 3,000 banana peppers. We lost every sweet banana pepper plant we had. We planted 5,000 hot banana pepper plants and lost about 95 percent of those. It wasn’t from flood waters but rather standing water. We just had too much rain. The ground was so saturated it just couldn’t drain.”

Other losses on the Crihfield Farms include half their crop of bell peppers and cucumbers and a good portion of their early sweet corn.

Other farmers were dealing with flood waters. Federal regulations prohibit farmers from selling produce from fields that have been flooded due to contamination from things like sewage, heavy metals, and chemicals. “Even hard working farmers that do a great job, they just weren’t able to keep up with the weeds. They put down herbicides in May, but there was no rain to activate it. In June, with all the rain, the weeds just sprang up. Weeds compete with the produce, and it impacts yield in the end,” says Wallbrown.

Mason County Extension Agent Chuck Talbott says with the water came limited access to the fields and an inability to cut hay. “It’s been a challenging year.”

“We've already seen fewer locally grown vegetables than normal,” says Bombardiere.

And you may see less as you head to farmers’ markets this fall. Crihfield usually plants pumpkins in June. It was too wet to even try. He says by the time the fields dried out, it was mid-July and well past pumpkin planting season.

Other farmers were able to plant their pumpkins and gourds, but after sitting in swampy soil for nearly a month, many rotted.

“We've already seen fewer locally grown vegetables than normal,” says Wallbrown. “If you're a produce raiser and you count on that being your main summer income, any reduction in yield and quality and it could impact your bottom line.”

Crihfield isn’t crying into his corn. He says the late crops they planted in July and August look good. Green beans did especially well this summer.

“We're just going to thank God for what he gives us. And hope that next year is better than this one.”

Marshall County Hands-on Ag Day

“I've never been on a farm before,” says a very excited Serenity Carpenter, a 5th grader at Central Elementary School in Marshall County.

She and 366 other 5th graders from throughout the county took a trip down on the farm September 17 and 18 as part of Marshall County’s Hands-on Ag Day. The event involves 9 schools, public and private. The goal according to Katie Fitzsimmons, the District Conservationist for the Northern Panhandle with the National Resources Conservation Service, is to give each child a chance to learn about agriculture up close and personal.

“They learn about the different layers of soil. They learn grass and what they learn with them. "Food just doesn’t come from a package at Kroger's. Th e kids can see what these animals are used for, where the products they buy in the store actually come from," says Ingram. Whether it’s making butter, getting a lesson in beekeeping or grinding corn, Fitzsimmons says the 5th graders seem to soak up the farm facts.

“It’s an age where they’re more receptive to learning and they remember coming here to Hands-on Ag Day.”

She hopes these students will want to continue learning by joining 4-H or FFA.
Pumpkin Festival Goodness!

These recipes are reprinted from the 1986 WV Pumpkin Festival Cookbook, compiled by Susan and Bob Maslowski. Each recipe is credited to the original contributor. The purpose of the festival was to encourage local pumpkin production. The 1986 cookbook was written to promote the use of fresh pumpkin and all recipes were adapted for that use.

Small pie pumpkins are ideal for making fresh puree. They are less fibrous, and are easier to process than large pumpkins. A 16-ounce can of pumpkin is equivalent to 2 cups of fresh pumpkin puree. A 15-ounce can is just shy of 2 cups. Both of the cookbooks at right are still available for purchase. If interested, call the West Virginia Pumpkin Festival at 304-638-5722 or email mtestermanhaye@gmail.com.

**Slow Cooker Pumpkin Puree**

One small pie pumpkin. Wash the pumpkin and cut in half. Scoop out the seeds, saving them to roast later. Cut the pumpkin into manageable-sized pieces.

Put enough water in the slow cooker to cover the bottom and place the pumpkin pieces on top. Cook the pumpkin on low for 5 to 6 hours or until skin is soft and can be easily pierced with a fork.

Remove the pumpkin pieces and cool. Scoop the pumpkin from the peel (if the pulp seems watery, allow it to drain in a sieve).

Puree pumpkin in a food processor until smooth. The puree can be refrigerated, but should be used within three days. It can also be frozen for later use.

**Steamed Pumpkin Pudding**

6 tablespoons butter

1/2 teaspoon baking soda

1/2 cup firmly packed brown sugar

1/2 cup granulated sugar

2 eggs

1 1/3 cups flour

1 1/2 teaspoons sugar


**WV Apple Pumpkin Pie**

Susan Maslowski, Milton, WV

Preheat oven to 400°F. In a bowl, toss apples with lemon juice, 1/3 cup sugar and flour. Add to creamed mixture alternately with dry ingredients, mixing well after each addition. Fold in nuts. Spoon into greased and floured 6 1/2 cup ring mold. Cover tightly with foil. Bake in preheated oven for 1 hour. Let stand for 10 minutes. Unmold. Serve with whipped cream.

**Pumpkin Cornbread**

Sarah Reed, Huntington, WV

1/2 teaspoon soda

1/4 cup buttermilk, or more, if needed

1 1/2 cups cornmeal

1/2 cup flour

1 teaspoon baking powder

1 teaspoon salt

1 egg, beaten

2 tablespoons vegetable oil

1 cup pumpkin puree

Preheat oven to 450°F. Combine soda and buttermilk in a mixing bowl. Add remaining ingredients, using more buttermilk, if needed, to make the batter thin enough to spread in a large iron skillet which and been greased and sprinkled with cornmeal. Bake for 40 minutes or until done.

**Pumpkin Cookies**

Shu Yuan Hsieh Chang, Lesage, WV

1 1/4 cup sugar

1/2 cup shortening

2 eggs

1 cup pumpkin puree

1/2 cup milk

1/3 teaspoon salt

1/4 teaspoon baking soda

1/2 teaspoon ginger

1 teaspoon cinnamon

1/2 teaspoon nutmeg

2 tablespoons baking powder

3 cups flour

Nuts, if desired

Preheat oven to 350°F. Combine ingredients in order given. Drop by teaspoon onto ungreased baking sheet. Bake for 12 minutes. Simple and good!
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Black Angus 4-yr. bull, vacc., Traveler JD 34, Forage Harvesters, 1, halege head blower, 205 hrs., $20,000; 1020, gas tractor, new engine, 1642 hrs., $6,000; JD 595, 7 HP tractor, 75 hp trailer, $3,500; 230 tractor, diesel, good cond., many new parts, runs good, $4,200. G. Sutton, 2726 Hansford Rd., Masel, 26330; 672-2027.

JD 64, silage blower, $600; grapple that fits on end loader with 2 piston, $1,000; feed wagon w/auger in the bottom, $750. Raymond Bays, 2305 Midland Trail, Victor, 25330; 640-3730.


Farming: ‘11, 2400 bush hay bine, 9”, $1,000; Ford, 536, 2-rotor hay tedder, $800; Ford, 536, 230 tractor, diesel, good cond., many new parts, runs good, $4,200. G. Sutton, 2726 Hansford Rd., Masel, 26330; 672-2027.

Horse draw hay rake, good cond., $75. Judy Reynolds, Rt. 3, Box 157, Elkins, 26241; 642-4387.

MF tractor, diesel, good cond., many new parts, runs good, $4,500. Harriet Patterson, 25654; 534-3538.

MF 340 round bailer, $3,000, in good condition, runs good, 400 hrs. Mike Clinton, 1098 State Rd., Keyser, 26726; 826-7262.

MF 450 round bale, $2,000. Clarence Danko, 5463 Derenich Rd., Bridgeport, 22333; 592-0697.

MFD 204, 2 WD, 4x4 tractor, w/loader, 1,200 hrs., runs good, $5,500. David Mal- tef, 2371 Dunlap Ridge Rd., Buffalo, 25030; 564-3540.

Int. 644, 6x4 grain cart, $3,500; Farmall: L345, 4WD tractor, $4,500. G. Sutton, 2726 Hansford Rd., Masel, 26330; 672-2027.

Kubota L3400, 4WD, hydraulic trans., 3-, 4-cylinder, diesel w/Kubota LA463 front load, 210 hrs., garage kept, $16,500; County Line brush hog, 5-speed, $9,000; Ford: 826, 2 rotors, $700. Guy Dilton, P.O. Box 547, Fay- gal, 25514; 417-5275.

Kubota 500, 4 WD, 4x4 John Deere, $4,750. Larry Mat- tef, 5643 Derenich Rd., Bridgeport, 22333; 592-0697.

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Mountwood Park Horse Camp
Sponsored by: Wood Co. Riding Club
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Main Park, 679-3611.

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Oct. 1-3

Sponsored by: Junior McLaughlin Quarter Horse
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Junior McLaughlin, 799-4910;
Myersapp@yahoo.com.

Catamount Series 2015-2016 Show #1
Oct. 3, 9 a.m.

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Jared.Miller@mail.wvu.edu.

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Please & Contest Show
Oct. 3, please-10 a.m.; contest-4 p.m.

Sponsored by: Fayette County Horseman’s Assoc.
Honey Stable Bales
Artsley, WV
Holly Bulley, 640-1925;
Holly_bulley@yahoo.com.

Miscellaneous Sales
No riding habits or other clothes; appliances or furniture; antiques or crafts; hand power tools or equipment; food processing or preservation items or equipment; general wood working tools; firewood. Only dogs recognized by the AKC as herding or working can be accepted.

Saddle Simon 2 sets of siminos, 16” seat w memory foam, $60. Glen Adkins, 48 Wheatley Ln., St. Marys, 26170;

German Shepherd pups, male & female, sable salt & pepper, 8 weeks old, $500. David Lins, P.O. Box 526, Coolridge, 25825;

Hay, ’15, 4x5 round bales, never wet, barn kept, $40/bale; 4x4, 80 bales, $500, all mixed grass, good quality, bales average between 55-60 lbs. ea., $4/bale; from the barn/storage, $4/bale. Patricia Johnson, 10044 Dale Dr., Rd., Charleston, 25312;

Hay, 15”, extr lg. sq. bales, never wet, excellent quality, $65/bale. Rex Reed, 482 Stormy Weather Ln., Philippi, 26416;

Platform 2-beam scale walls for 500lbs., other metal lathe, sell feed, feed, 500-1000 lbs, $15/bale. Susan 94 Dogwood Trl., Napier, 26631;

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Hay, 7’x9’ flat bed, roll over, $4,900. Shirley Farrell, 191 Kellys Crk. Rd., Branch Rd., Chapmanville, 25508;

Hay, 1910’, 4x4, 9 ft. round bales, only load out of barn storage, $4/bale; 100 bales, del. avail, for additional charge, discounts for picking up out of feed. Danny Bainbridge, 104 Kenney Dr., Fairmont, 26554;

Hay, 2015’, 4x5 round bales, never wet, barn kept, $40/bale. Bahamas, 1020 Staduim Dr., St. Marys, 26170;

Hay, Old 4x5 round bales, never wet, barn kept, $5/bale. Harold Gassaway, 3222 Volunteer Rd., Summersville, 26171;
Electronic Licensing and Game Check Comes of Age in West Virginia

Faced with an antiquated mix of electronic and paper hunting and fishing license systems, the West Virginia Division of Natural Resources has worked the last few years to come up with a state-of-the-art system that is more efficient and convenient for both the public and DNR personnel. It also saves hunters, unlike past years, they don’t have to bring the animal in with them. The process will go more quickly if hunters and trappers already have their DNR ID number.

To check game in by phone, hunters have to know their unique DNR ID number which is valid for their lifetime. The number is composed of up to six digits long. For those who buy a license each year that number will be printed on the top left of the license. Lifetime license holders already have been entered into the ELS system and assigned a DNR ID number. To obtain that number, they need to call a DNR district office, or the DNR Elkins or South Charleston office, or visit a license agent. Their information will need to be verified for accuracy.

Landowners and those who don’t need a license (such as residents under the age of 15, resident hunters who turned 65 before January 1, 2012, former POWs) may also check in their game. Those logging on for the first time can set up an account, get their DNR ID number if they don’t have it already, and then check in their game.

When hunters or trappers have completed the electronic game check process, they will be assigned a 13-digit number that confirms that the game has been checked in properly. That game check confirmation number must be written down on a field tag or a sheet of paper along with the hunter’s or trapper’s name and address.

There are several benefits to the electronic game check. Hunters can hunt later in the day without worrying about driving around to find an open check station. This will also save hunters time, gas and wear-and-tear on their vehicle. If a hunter has cell phone coverage in the woods, he or she can check the game in on the phone and immediately quarter and chill the deer, helping to preserve the freshness of the meat.

Although the main reason for the change in the system was to help hunters, electronic game check will also benefit DNR personnel. Biologists will be able to monitor big game kills each day, instead of waiting until the next morning. A Natural Resources Police Officer will be able to see if the person they are talking with has the DNR ID number if they don’t have it already, and then check in their game.

Electronic game check also means DNR personnel won’t have to spend hundreds of hours sorting and entering the check tags into the agency’s computer system for analysis. From a law enforcement perspective, a Natural Resources Police Officer will be able to see if the person they are talking with has checked in their game.

The Electronic Game Check System is designed to be more efficient than the hand-written check tag system and more convenient for all concerned. Similar systems have proven successful and popular in other states.

2016 Beef Queen Contest Deadline Approaching

The deadline is quickly approaching for the 2016 West Virginia Beef Queen’s Contest. The deadline will be November 6, 2015.

Girls ages 16-20, as of January 1, 2016, are encouraged to participate. To be eligible to apply, all contestants must either live on a farm, her parents derive part of their income from the production of beef or has a beef-related job.

The contest will be held December 4, 2015, during the West Virginia Cattlemen’s Convention at the Stonewall Resort in Roanoke, WV. Contests must submit an application and an essay before or by the deadline. Interviews will be held on December 4, 2015, and all contestants are required to be present.

The 2016 West Virginia Beef Queen will reign over the WV Beef Expo to be held next year at Jackson’s Mill, April 7-9. They will also represent the beef industry at beef functions at the State Fair in August, as well as other promotional activities throughout the state. She will be awarded a $500 college scholarship to apply to her education.

For more information and an application, contact Mida Peterson at 304-269-3877 or write to: 5881 US Highway 33 E, Homer, WV 26372 or email: rockings@shenleti.net.

Garden Calendar

October/November

October

Oct. 4. . . Divide perennials. Harvest late pumpkins before frost.
Oct. 6. . . Remove old crop residue and seed winter cover crop.
Oct. 7. . . Harvest winter squash.
Oct. 8. . . Store winter squash in cool, dry location.
Oct. 9. . . Plant muliplier or potato onions. Plant spring bulbs.
Oct. 10. . . Plant or transplant llies that flower in summer.
Oct. 13. . . Turn compost.

Nov. 7. . . . . Remove stakes and trellises.
Nov. 9. . . . . Mulch carrots for winter use.
Nov. 10. . . . . Fertilize under deciduous trees and shrubs. Turn compost.
Nov. 11. . . . . Water trees and shrubs thoroughly if fall has been dry.
Nov. 12. . . . . Remove diseased plant debris from garden.
Nov. 13. . . . . Apply lime and fertilizer according to soil test.
Nov. 14. . . . . Winterize garden tools.
Nov. 18. . . . . Mulch strawberries.
Nov. 21. . . . . Turn compost.

November

Miscellaneous Sales, cont.

Hay, good quality, mixed, 4’ round bales, never wet, shed kest, easy access, will load, 1st cut, $25; 2nd cut, $30/bale. Dave Stephenson, 134 Dogwood Lane, Keslers Cross Lanes, 26075; 619-6454.

Great for gardens! 12 crimson crossed pups, 1 female & 2 males; 1 full Great Pyrenees male, $100/ea. Dorothy Stewart, 1168 Greenbrier Crk. Rd., Moneta, 24121; 272-6422; dstewart7552@yahoo.com.

Hay, 1 cut, round bales, orchard/timothy/ red clover mix, 4x6’, store in barn, never wet, $40/bale. Matt Thornhill, Rt. 1, Box 31, Monrose, 22623; 637-0988.

Hand spinning fleece, white & natural colors. Shetland, Border Leicester, Homed Dorset/Shetland, $10/lb. +/- Linda Zinn, 2162 Skelton Run, Wallace, 26448; 782-3704.

Source: WVU Extension Service

2015 Garden Calendar

October

Oct. 15. . . Prepare landscape bed for spring planting.
Oct. 16. . . Plant or transplant deciduous trees and shrubs after leaves drop.
Oct. 17. . . Save wildflower seeds for spring planting.
Oct. 19. . . . . Mow lawn for the last time.
Oct. 24. . . . . Have garden soil tested.
Oct. 26. . . . . Fertilize lawn according to soil test.
Oct. 27. . . . . Mulch greens (chard, collards, etc.).

http://amext.wvu.edu/garden_calendar

To place advertisements in The Market Bulletin by phone, call 304-538-2225.

RABBIT & POULTRY PRODUCTS WORKSHOP

Oct. 20, 8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.

Summersville Arena & Conference Center

Registration — $15 (includes lunch)

Register at: http://events.r20.constantcontact.com/register/event?llr=obvokgab&oeidk=a07ebkzzp4q54091898&condition=SO_OVERRIDE

Did you know that you can process both rabbits & poultry on your farm and sell that meat at a farmers market? This is a new opportunity thanks to a series of exemptions passed by the state of West Virginia in the past two years.

This workshop will cover production, processing, preparation and marketing of rabbit and poultry products. Amanda Carter, General Manager of Foothills Pilot Plant in North Carolina, will lead a hands-on demonstration with a mobile slaughter unit, followed by a hands-on session in the kitchen with Master Chef Fred Raynaud of The French Goat and Chef Beth Giette of The Celtic Cook.

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