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West Virginians take great pride in their heritage, and our veteran and hero farmers are no exception—in fact, they're exceptional. The Veterans and Heroes to Agriculture program was created to support veterans, law enforcement officers, and emergency response personnel who are entering or working in agriculture, enhancing their health, welfare, and contributing to our agricultural economy. Through partnerships with agencies, organizations, and farms statewide, the program provides members with education, training, scholarships, and mentorship across various agricultural skills and topics.

The program also promotes the development of agricultural industries, products, and marketing opportunities across West Virginia. Special branding options, like "Homegrown By Heroes" and "West Virginia Grown," allow these producers to place specific logos on their products, ensuring buyers that these goods were grown or processed with quality ingredients in the Mountain State by our veterans and heroes. As the demand for local food rises and consumers seek fresher, healthier options, branding products as local will be key to unlocking new market opportunities.

These programs are vital to growing and diversifying our economy while strengthening local food systems across West Virginia. West Virginians have a deep-rooted pride in their culture and always support each other and the state. We aim to embody that spirit in our West Virginia Veterans & Heroes to Agriculture Program. Agriculture has a strong history in the Mountain State, and we believe it will be essential to our future.

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Kent A. Leonhardt

West Virginia Commissioner of Agriculture

Veterans Veterans West Virginia Veterans Heroes to Agriculture Program



ABOUT THE PROGRAM

The Veterans and Heroes to Agriculture program is dedicated to the integration and support of veterans, law enforcement and emergency response personnel entering or currently working in agriculture to benefit their health and welfare, as well as the state's agricultural economy.

Through invaluable partnerships with agencies, organizations, and farmers across the state, members receive opportunities for education, training, scholarships, and mentorship spanning various topics and skill levels. The program also seeks to further promote the development of agricultural industries, products, and marketing opportunities across the state.

PROGRAM BENEFITS

- · Education, Training, Scholarships and Certifications
- · Opportunities to be featured in eNEWS, WVDA social media and the Market Bulletin
- Assistance in identifying and navigating available resources
- Mentorship and networking opportunities
- Access to state and national branding
- · On-going business development, marketing, and technical assistance
- Funding Opportunities

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

- ✓ Veterans & Military Retirees
- ✓ Active duty, National Guard and Reserve personnel
- ✓ Emergency response and law enforcement personnel, including:
 - · firefighters
 - · law enforcement officers
 - · emergency medical technicians
 - · first responders
- ✓ Gold Star Family Members
- ✓ Dependents of veterans
- ✓ Spouses of listed professions above

DIRECTORY

This directory offers essential tools and resources to help you embark on your agricultural journey, whether you're starting a small garden stand, venturing into niche industries like beekeeping, entering the meat, dairy, and poultry sectors, exploring high tunnel and field production, or repurposing post-mine land. Success in these areas requires foundational skills, such as beginner farmer education, business management, and accounting principles—all of which are available here at no cost, along with many other resources to support you.

GETTING STARTED

The Veterans & Heroes to Agriculture application provided on page 39 collects basic information to help direct members to pertinent resources and is free to join.

You can email completed applications to vetstoag@wvda.us or physical mail to:

Business Development Division ATTN: Veterans and Heroes to Agriculture 217 Gus R Douglass Lane, Building 2, Suite 204 Charleston, WV 25312



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Morgan

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The WVDA can market your farm with:

- · WVDA sponsored events
- · WVDA social media platforms and website
- · Features in the Market Bulletin
- · Email marketing Enews

· WV Grown Program · Video promos

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Logan

Wayne

Mingo

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Braxton

Nicholas

Hancock

Brooke

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WVDA Regional

Planning Coordinators

Hardy

Pendleton

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Boone

Jackson

Wood

Roane

Fayette

Greenbrier

Raleigh Summers Monroe Wyoming

Mercer McDowell

Find your planning coordinator by using the appropriate region:

(Contact the WVDA if you do not have a coordinator for your region)



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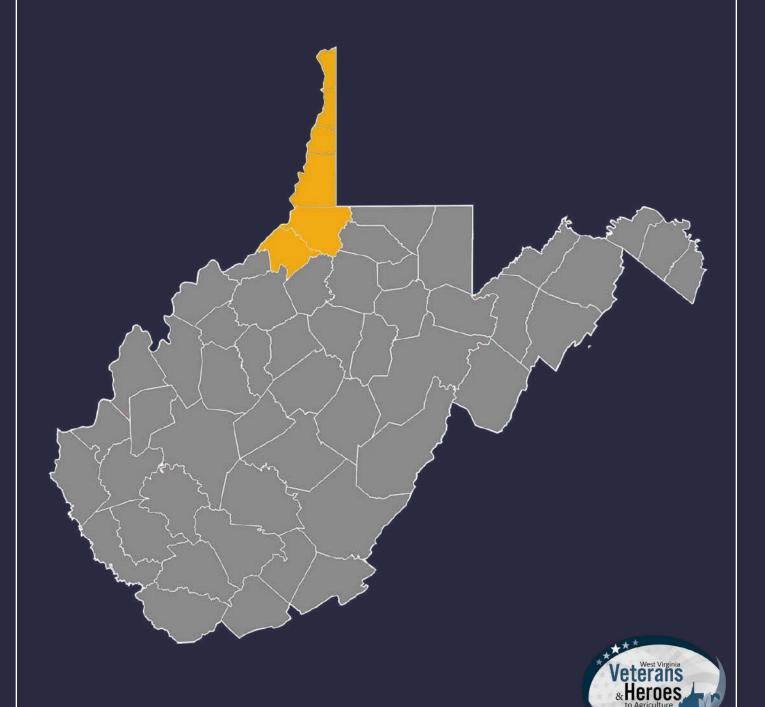
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NORTHERN PANHANDLE

BROOKE • HANCOCK • MARSHALL • OHIO • TYLER • WETZEL



Farm One-Eleven

Farm One-Eleven is a first-generation, family farm in Wheeling. They got their start in 2015 after watching a documentary on food processing. They wanted to know where their food was coming from, and they want their customers to know that, too. Farm One-Eleven focuses on forest/pasture-raised Berkshire pork, pasture non-GMO chicken, fresh eggs and seasonal scratch-bakes. They use rotational grazing to prevent parasites.

Products

Pasture-Raised Chicken • Eggs • Heritage Pork



M farmoneeleven@gmail.com www.farmoneeleven.com





Find Us

Find Farm One-Eleven products by calling, or ordering on their website and at the Public Market in Wheeling.



111 Meredith Hill Road | Wheeling, WV 26003

Fowler Farms

Fowler Farms is located on route 88 between West Liberty and Bethany and also at 48 Brady Lane in of West Liberty. Fowler Farms was established in February of 2018 starting with a small 12X16 greenhouse and has grown into a 49-acre farm with two large green houses.

Products

Strawberries - Raspberries - Tomatoes - Green Beans - Corn Peaches • Apples • Blueberries • Cherries

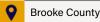


M fowlerfarmsllcwv@gmail.com



Find Us You can find their products at the Public Market, Wheeling

Farmers Market and Brooke County Farmers Market.



48 Brady Lane | West Liberty, WV 26074

Gibson Farm NC

Gibson Farm NC is a small family-owned farm specializing in pasture-raised poultry, chicken and beef, with a small real farm wedding venue.

Products

Pasture-raised Pork • Pasture-Raised Chicken • Pasture-raised Beef





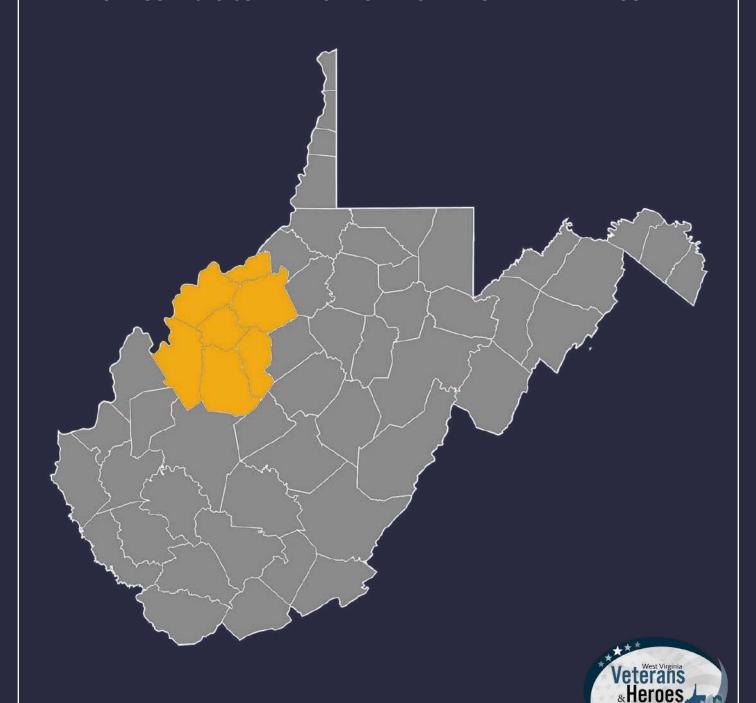
Find Us

You can find their products on Facebook or by emailing them.

9	Hancock County	1794 Tope Road New Cumberland, WV 2604
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MID-OHO VALLEY

CALHOUN • JACKSON • PLEASANTS • RITCHIE • ROANE • WIRT • WOOD



JoJo's Taco

This farm to food trailer has the best tacos anywhere. JoJo's Taco provide fresh veggies straight from their high tunnel located in Roane County. They do fairs and festivals along with weddings and corporate events.

Products

Tacos • Nachos • Taco in a bag • Vegetables



1 304-377-1074



🔀 joellen@callgreenlee.com



www. jojostaco.com

Langmaid Family Farm

Langmaid Family Farm is a small family-owned farm, expanding every year with various products.

Products

Fresh Vegetables • Eggs • Goat Milk Soap & Shampoo • Artisan Breads • Seedlings • Free Range Chicken • Heirloom Transylvania Garlic



512-318-5118



X Logandmar@gmail.com



Facebook.com/profile.php?id=100094423004423

Phoenix Farmacy

Phoenix Farmacy is a small farm continuely implementing sustainable practices in Kentucky and West Virginia. They believe everyone can do something to better themselves and their environment by growing food and medicine.

Products

Medicinal Herb Plants • Culinary Herb Plants • Native Pollinator Plants • Ethnic produce and spices



1 606-694-4100



Noenixfarmacygreenupky@outlook.com





Find Us

You can find their products by contacting them directly for pop-up locations. They also do fairs and festivals along with weddings and corporate events.



Roane County

820 Capitol Street | Spencer, WV 25276



Find Us

You can find their products directly on the farm, at Spencer Farmers Market & the Capitol Market (Johnnie's Fresh Meat Market).



Roane County

1145 Grace Road | Reedy, WV 25270



Find Us

You can find their products at The Wild Ramp in Huntington, WV and at The Greenup County Farmers Market.



Greenup County

13761 State Route 784 | Garrison, KY 41141

Valhalla Farms WV

At Valhalla Farms, we are proud to be a family-owned and operated business with a dedication to providing fresh, high-quality products. As a veteran-owned company, we believe in hard work, integrity, and commitment to our customers. Our mission is to offer a wide range of fresh vegetables, herbal products like loose leaf tea, tinctures and salves, fresh and dried herbs, and seasonally fresh eggs and poultry to meet the needs of our community. We value sustainability, transparency, and supporting local agriculture. Our goal is to provide wholesome, nourishing products that contribute to the health and well-being of our customers.

Products

Fresh Vegetables • Herbal Tea • Herbal Tinctures Herbal Salves • Fresh Eggs



📞 916 230-9456 or 916 841-7732



xalhallafarmswv@gmail.com



mww.highpriestessgoods.square.site @walhallafarmswv





Find Us

You can find their products on the farm, at pop-up farmers markets and online.



Calhoun County

4521 Nicut Road | Orma, WV 25268

Wonder Valley Farm

John, Sierra, and Izabella grow fruit and herbs, keep bees, cultivate non-timber forest products (ntfp), and care for a menagerie of animals. They love hosting folks out on their farm and look forward to integrating more agritourism activities in the future!

Products

NTFPs . Herbs . Small Fruit



304-482-2214



🔀 wondervalleyfarm@gmail.com



https://www.facebook.com/wondervalleyfarm



Find Us

You can find their products directly on the farm.



Roane County

850 Elk Fork Road | Gandeeville, WV 25243

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VETERANS AND HEROES PITCH COMPETITION

WVDA Veterans and Heroes is excited to announce the creation of the West Virginia Department of Agriculture, Agribusiness Pitch Competition. The competition will be held annually at Cedar Lakes in Ripley, West Virginia during the month of March for qualified agri-businesses located in West Virginia. You must also be a member of the WVDA Veterans and Heroes to Agriculture program to qualify.



VETERANS AND HEROES SCHOLARSHIPS

The West Virginia Department of Agriculture will reimburse up to \$600 each fiscal year, ending June 30th, for any pre-approved agricultural-related classes, workshops, conferences, and certifications. You must fill out the Scholarship Application PRIOR to registering for the training event.

Completed applications can be emailed to vetstoag@wvda.us or physically mailed to:

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Below is a sampling of approved courses. This list is not all encompassing. If you have any questions about classes, workshops, conferences, or certifications, please contact the Business Development Division at 304-558-2210 or

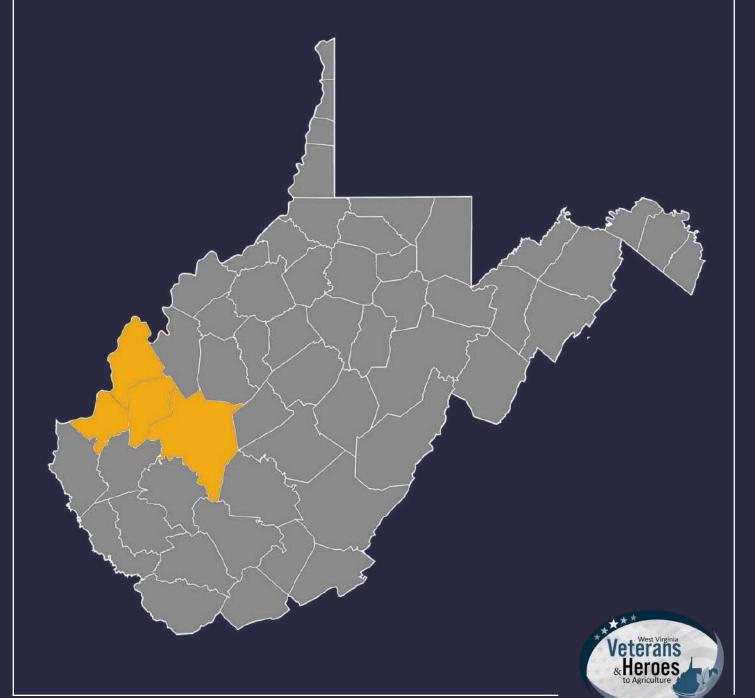
- Beef Production & Management
- Beekeeping 101
- Berry Production
- Cattleman's College
- Food for Profit
- · Future Generations University: Maple Certification
- Getting Started with Pasture Pigs
- Indoor Specialty Mushroom Cultivation
- Intro to Value-Added Dairy
- Mid-Ohio Valley Growers Conference
- Orchard Management
- Retail Farm Market School
- Soil Health
- Starting from Square One
- Unlimited Future, Inc.: Planning for Profit
- WV Beekeepers Association Spring/Fall Conference
- WV Hive Co-Starters
- WV Master Gardner Conference
- Woodland Mushroom Cultivation
- Woodland Stewardship: Management Practices for Landowners





METRO-WALLEY

CABELL • KANAWHA • MASON • PUTNAM



Tipsy Roo's

Tipsy Roo's got started when Travis Smith (nicknamed Rooster by his grandfather) was in the military. He loved to hang out with his friends on weekends and enjoy some BBQ. He'd whip up some of his own barbecue sauce, infused with alcohol, for the meal. It took 10 years to perfect that sauce. Now, Travis has branded it and is sharing it with everyone.

Products

Plastered Peach Rum BBQ Sauce • B.U.I. (Barbecuing Under the Influence) Bourbon Sauce - Brew Berry Stout BBQ Sauce



1 304-561-5465





Trillium Family Farms

Trillium Family Farms is a veteran-owned and operated farm and farmstay in southern West Virginia. They raise St. Croix hair sheep for breeding stock and sell fresh chicken and duck eggs, and whole Cornish cross chickens seasonally. Value-added products will be included shortly.

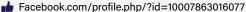
Products

St. Croix Sheep • Cornish Cross Chickens • Chicken and Duck Eggs



1 304-617-8162







Find Us

You can find their products in over 100 stores across the state (check out their Facebook page to find those retailers) and on their website.



Kanawha County | 3906 Washington Ave. SE | Charleston, WV 26160



Find Us

You can find their products on the farm. Contact directly or visit their Facebook page for more information.



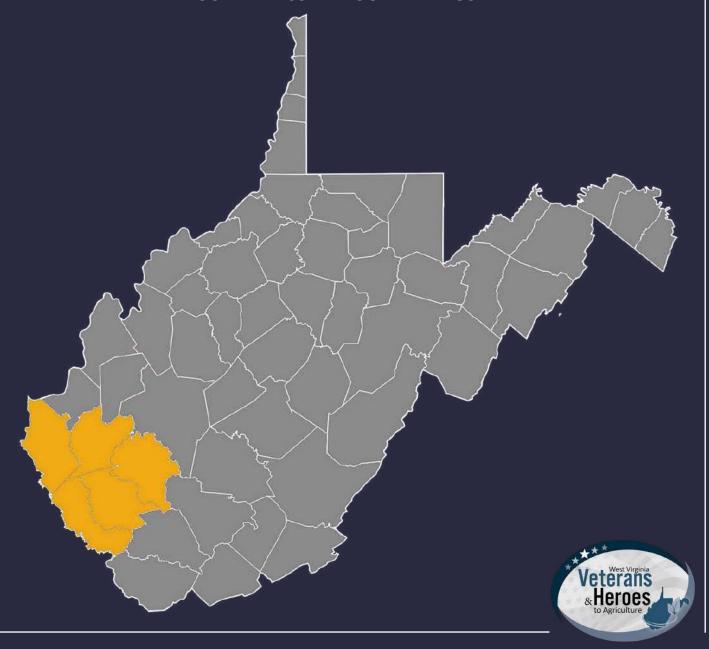
Kanawha County

199 Trillium Lane | Tornado, WV 25202



HATFIELD MCCOY MOUNTAINS

BOONE • LINCOLN • LOGAN • MINGO • WAYNE



Hill n' Hollow Family Farm and Sugarworks

Hill n' Hollow is a veteran/family-owned farm located in Lincoln County. Owners, Chad and Kristen Trent produce pure maple syrup as well as a variety of maple-infused products. Outside of maple season, they grow seasonal produce that is sold at local farmers markets. Hill n' Hollow won the 'Best of WV' (2020) for their maple syrup and was featured in the Spring 2022 edition of Taste of the South magazine.

Products

Pure WV Maple Syrup • Bourbon Barrel Aged Maple Syrup
Apple Brandy • Aged Maple Syrup • Amaretto Maple Syrup
Coffee Maple Syrup • Ginger, Cinnamon and Vanilla Maple Syrup



M hillnhollowffsw@gmail.com

facebook.com/Hillnhollowffandsugarworks

Lynn Hollow Farms

Lynn Hollow Farms is a family-owned beef cattle farm that has been in operation since 1973.

Products

Fresh and Frozen Beef



x areeves0245@gmail.com

Facebook.com/profile.php?id=61552260011159&mibextid=LQQJ4d



Find Us

You can find their products and a list of retail and restaurant partners on their Facebook page. They also sell at several local farmers markets and at local festivals.





Find Us

You can find their products on the farm or by contacting them directly.





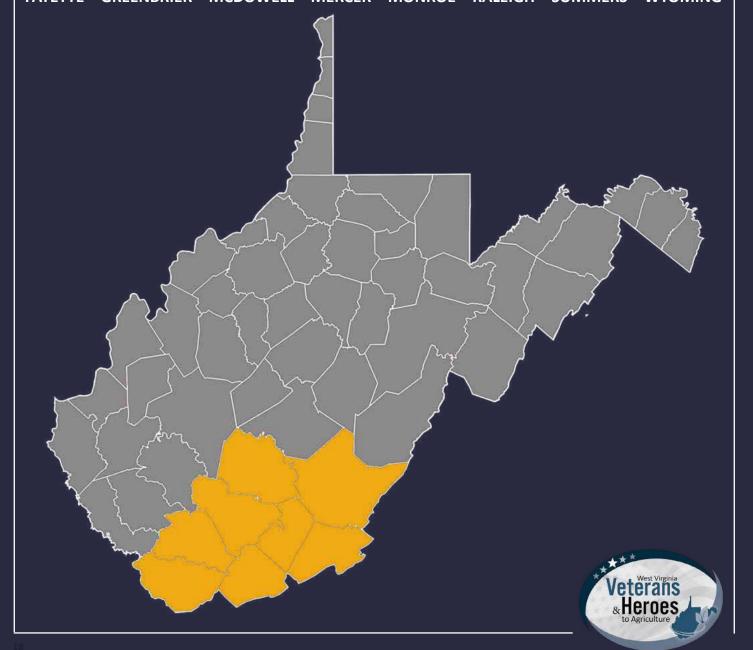
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Whether you are a seasoned exporter or new to exporting, SUSTA has programs and services to help you meet your export goals.

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NEW RIVER GREENBRIER VALLEY

FAYETTE • GREENBRIER • MCDOWELL • MERCER • MONROE • RALEIGH • SUMMERS • WYOMING



Appalachian Forest Herbs

Appalachian Forest Herbs is a small veteran-owned farm with a 28'x48' hoop greenhouse, hydroponic lettuce, vegetables, flowers, and fresh herbs. They sell to the local area, including The Wild Ramp in Huntington.

Products

Lettuce • Herbs • Flowers • Vegetables

1 304-633-1332

tom.laishley@outlook.com

Facebook.com/appalachianforest. herbs

https://www.localharvest.org/appalachian-forest-herbs

Daniel Family Farm

Daniel Family Farm is a family-owned first generation farm.

Products

Free Range Eggs • Lambs • Hogs

304-207-8311



M blessed2013@outlook.com



JarHead Farm

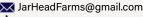
JarHead Farm is a father-daughter team. Stan was an ASA Specialist-6 during the Vietnam era maintaining listening post equipment. Natasha is a retired Marine Corps combat correspondent. Together they grow and make sustainable, healthy, American food, specializing in native and heirloom varieties, coplanting and permaculture. They source extra fruit from fellow veteran and WV farmers who follow similar practices.

Products

Fresh Fruit • Dehydrated Fruit • Freeze Dried Fruit • Jams • Jellies Fruit Butters • Fruit Syrups • Fruit Juices • Canned Fruit



304-445-5464



Facebook.com/JarHeadFarms



Find Us

You can fiind their products at The Wild Ramp in Huntington,



Monroe County

10049 Sweet Springs Valley Road | Gap Mills, WV 24941



Find Us

You can buy their products by contacting the farm directly. Eggs available at Grandview Country Store, Health Smart.



Raleigh County

Box 243 | Princewick, WV 25908



Find Us

You can find their products at a variety of different stores and markets around WV and on Facebook. Contact directly for full



Greenbrier County

635 Valley View Farm Rd. | Pence Springs, WV 24962

Spangler Family Farm

John Spangler planted his first loader bucket full of corn in 2010. The Jumpin' Johnny's Popcorn went flying off the shelves that fall and he knew he had found the perfect product. He's expanded his business several times and now sells to farmers markets, local school systems and mails it to customers all up and down the East Coast.

Products

Popcorn

**** 304-320-7406

x spanglersgreenhouse@hotmail.com

Facebook.com/Jumpin-Johnnys-Popcorn

WEST VIRESTON

Find Us

You can find their products at Tamarack, WV State Parks and Amy's Cakes and Cones in Lewisburg. You can also order by mail.



Monroe County

P.O. Box 181 | Lindside, WV 24951

Valley View Farm Hero Honey

David McMillan is a U.S. Military veteran with 26 years of service and an active member of the WV Army National Guard. He compares being a soldier to the honeybees he keeps. "Much like soldiers in a platoon, each honeybee has a very specific mission inside of the hive in order for the hive to be successful and survive, while understanding that the survival of the hive will ultimately cost each drone bee and worker bee its own life."

Products

Honey



X Troopermacc@hotmail.com



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Find Us

You can find their products at various locations throughout Greenbrier County. Contact for a full list.



Greenbrier County

986 Lon Martin Road | Rainelle, WV 25962

Wolfs Head Farm

Wolfs Head Farm is a new farm that is just getting started. They currently lease land to a neighbor for grazing and are exploring options to focus in.

Products

Coming Soon!



🔀 Jimatamelia@gmail.com



Find Us

You can find their products by contacting the farm directly.



Monroe County

901 Broad Run Road | Sinks Grove, WV 24976



MOUNTAIN LAKES

BRAXTON • CLAY • GILMER • LEWIS • NICHOLAS • UPSHUR • WEBSTER





Black Sheep Bloomery

Discover the charm of Black Sheep Bloomery, where farm-grown flowers and foraged finds come together to bring joy to your soul. We are a micro-farm, cultivating on a little over an acre, but our 33-acre property is full of natural beauty.

Products

Seasonal bouquets, Prom & Homecoming Boutonnieres & Wrist Florals • Yule Greenery & Gifts • DIY Flower Buckets • Farm Stand & Farm Events Coming 2025.

304-940-5226

🔀 Blacksheepbloomery@gmail.com

Facebook.com/profile.php?id=61561232083645

Buzz & Cluck Farm

Buzz and Cluck Farm is a small family-owned business. As the farm name implies, their primary livestock are honeybees and chickens. Their main products are honey and eggs with valueadded wax products: lotion, lip balms, candles, etc. and taste-test programs with micro greens and assorted produce items in the schools throughout the state.

Products

Honey • Eggs • Lip Balms • Lotions • Beeswax Candles



304-809-5936



x buzzncluck1@gmail.com

📥 Facebook.com/buzzncluck

Sugar Bottom Farm

Veteran Eric Grandon was looking for a way to combat stressors associated with his war deployments. He found solace in his honeybees. In 2014, Eric and his family started Sugar Bottom Farm. Eric says, "Our farm family works hard (actually, the honeybees do most of the work, but we help) to bring pure, delicious, raw honey to your family's table."

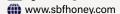
Products

Honey • Honeybee Products • Nucs and Packages (In Season) Queens • Beekeeping Equipment • On-Site Workshops Lecture and Hands-On Training Classes



1 304-545-4608









Find Us

You can find their products on the farm or online.



Upshur County

2881 Glady Fork Road | Buckhannon, WV 26201



Find Us

You can find their products at the Upshur County Farmers Market, directly on the farm and the Farmers Market and Artisan



Upshur County

763 Macedonia Road | Buckhannon, WV, 26201



Find Us

You can find their products at Tamarack, Cardinal Market in the Parkersburg Mall, Swiftwater General Store in Charleston and Lansing, Capitol Market, Shipwreck Collection in the Huntington Mall, The Wild Ramp, Witten's Farmers Market and JQ Dickinson Salt-Works They offer wholesale pricing.

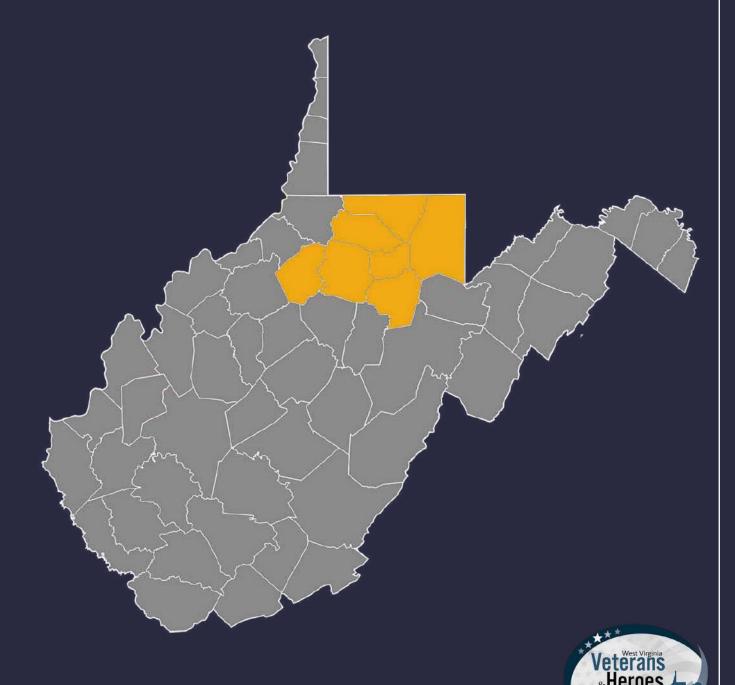


Clay County

2067 Red Bud Road | Ovapa, WV 25164

MOUNTAINEER COUNTRY

BARBOUR • DODDRIDGE • HARRISON • MARION • MONONGALIA • PRESTON • TAYLOR



3B Farm

3B Farm is a fairly new operation still in the growing stages. They plan to open a retail nursery in the next year or two in Barbour County. In the meantime, they are growing everything they can get their hands on!

Products

Nursery Plants - Seasonal Fresh Fruit - Various Vegetables



mark22152000@yahoo.com

Graystone Acres

David and Hope Fluharty operate Graystone Acres with the help and guidance of David's grandfather. The farm is located in the beautiful mountains of north-central West Virginia. Graystone Acres was established in 1968 by Tom Fluharty, David's grandfather, in the same area that his family has been farming for 10 generations. All their beef is grass-fed and pasture-raised. They believe in quality beef for their customers and the convenience of bringing it to your door.

Products

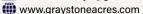
Beef Boxes • Cuts • On-The-Hoof Sales



x david.r.fluhartyii@gmail.com



Facebook.com/GrayStoneAcres @graystoneacres



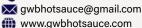
GWB Hot Sauce

GWB Hot Sauce is a Veteran-owned small business specializing in gourmet hot sauces located in Clarksburg, WV. If you have searched for the perfect combination of heat with flavor and can never find both in one sauce, your search is over. GWB Hot Sauce combines the perfect amount of heat while maintaining a delicious flavor that is sure to enhance all your future food experiences.

Products

Hot Sauce







Find Us

You can find their products at the Barbour County Fair grounds Farmers Market.



Barbour County

7605 Barbour County Highway | Belington, WV 26250



Find Us

You can find their products on their website and social media.



Marion County

487 Plum Run Road | Mannington, WV 26582



Find Us

You can find their products on their website or Facebook.



Harrison County

248 Felton Place | Clarksburg, WV 26301

Just Another Farm

Justin Elliott and his family established the farm in 2021. They took their untamed land and little experience in agriculture and turned it into a family farm. They say their hard work and ambition has paid off. Today, the farm is thriving, and they take great pride in the produce they grow and the animals they care for.

Products

Eggs (Duck And Chicken) - Produce - Honey - Maple Syrup



1 304-629-7160



iustanotherfarmwv@gmail.com



Facebook.com/people/Just-Another-Farm/100089165508363

Me & My Bees, LLC

David Shahan loves bees. His father was a beekeeper and passed that passion onto his son. Currently, Shahan has between 20 to 30 hives on his property in Preston County where he bottles honey and other honey products. He is a member of the Preston County Beekeepers Association and the West Virginia Beekeepers Association and enjoys mentoring other beekeepers. Shahan is a veteran.

Products

Honey • Lip Balm • Lotion • Beeswax



304-288-2713



x thebeeman66@gmail.com



Facebook.com/thebeeman66

Patriot Ridge Farm

Veteran owned, West Virginia family farm. No antibiotics, no added hormones, and no chemicals are ever sprayed on their pastures. They use quality feed, utilize ecologically responsible, sustainable, regenerative and humane practices in raising and processing our animals. They are building capabilities and will have a high tunnel greenhouse in the near future to grow vegetables for their consumption and to sell. They produce their own compost which provides the fertilizer for their produce.

Products

Pasture-raised Chicken • Pigs • Produce (coming 2025)



1 304-677-4989



https://www.facebook.com/share/g/18gVMGmtMF/



Find Us

You can find their products by contacting the farm directly.



Harrison County

95 Oasis Lane | Bridgeport, WV 26330



Find Us

You can find their products for sale in stores around Kingwood and Morgantown.



Preston County

205 Hartsell Dr. | Kingwood, WV 26537



Find Us

You can find their products on their Facebook or by contacting the farm directly.



Marion County

288 Patriot Ridge Road | Fairmont, WV 26554

Riffle Farms American Bison

Liz and Jimmie Riffle raise grass-fed and finished bison high up in the hills of Terra Alta. Liz, a former U.S. Navy nurse and Jimmie, current active duty, believe in progressive sustainability and honoring the animals that feed us by providing them with a natural lifestyle and dignified death. Wholesale prices are applicable for 1/4 and 1/2 animals purchased.

Products

Bison Meat





Ringer Farms

Bob and Susan started their farm in 2011 with the purchase of two beef heifers and worked hard to expand their cow/calf operation. In 2018, they changed directions and began offering beef by the cut off the farm and at local farmers markets. They pride themselves on offering antibiotic and hormone-free beef. They are proud members of the Farmer Veteran Coalition and Homegrown by Heroes.

Products

Beef By The Cut • Farm Fresh Eggs • Herd Shares For Raw Milk Products



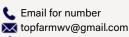
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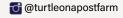
Turtle on a Post Farm

Bryan Brown, a retired firefighter, moved back to his hometown and the family farm to bring it back to life. The land has been in his family over 100 years. Turtle on a Post Farm has a roadside farm stand selling their plant starts, garlic and fresh produce. It is unmanned and runs on the honor system. They also grow produce for wholesale markets and hops for local brewing. They take pride in farming naturally, ensuring no synthetic pesticides or herbicides are used on their products.

Products

Produce • Plants • Hops • Herbs









Find Us

You can find their products at the Bridgeport and Morgantown Farmers markets through the season. Product is also available by on-the-farm pick-up where you can check out the animals.



Preston County

5160 Saltlick Road | Terra Alta, WV 26764



Find Us

You can find their products straight from the farm and at Cheat Lake Farmers Market on Mondays and Kingwood Farmers Market on Saturdays.



Preston County

301 Bolyard Road | Bruceton Mills, WV 26525



Find Us

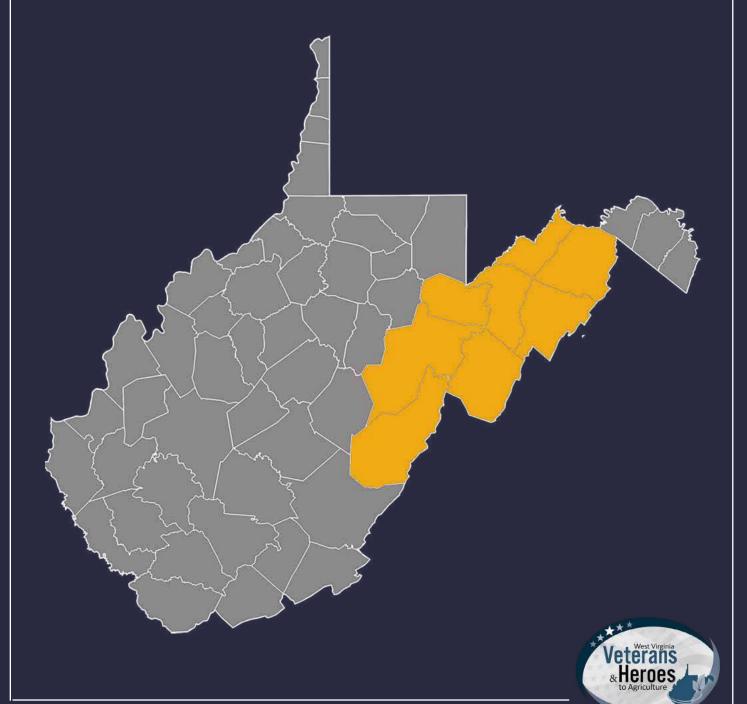
You can find their products at the farm stand and on social media.



Harrison County

157 Middletown Road | Shinnston, WV 26431

GRANT • HAMPSHIRE • HARDY • MINERAL • PENDLETON • POCAHONTAS • RANDOLPH • TUCKER



Branch & Root Forest Farm

Branch and Root Forest Farm is owned and operated by veteran, Todd and wife Marlana. Their small-scale forest farm grows atrisk forest medicinals, ramps, mushrooms and heirloom culinary plants. All of their products are made in small batches and feature botanicals they have harvested sustainably with their own hands.

Products

Medicinals - Ramps - Mushrooms - Heirloom Culinary Plants



L 304-703-6247



🔀 hello@branchandrootforestfarm.com



www.branchandrootforestfarm.com

Dry Run Spirits Distillery

Dry Run Spirits is the oldest, smallest and most traditional distillery in all of Pendleton County, WV. They are veteran-owned and are distilling 100% American, small batch, traditional Appalachian apple jack and gluten-free moonshine made from apples! They are also now distilling 100% maple moonshine made by tapping our own maple trees. They are located on the historic Ananias Pitsenbarger Homestead among 190 acres of beautiful West Virginia hills. There are miles of hiking trails, mountain tops with views for miles, and a 176 year old mountain homestead to explore. Visit for a tasting, and explore the property. Bring a picnic lunch and relax at the mountaintop pavilion. They are open 7 days a week, noon to 6 pm, but please call in advance for a personal tour and tasting.

Products

Traditional Appalachian Applejack Brandy and Apple Pie Moonshine • 100% Maple Moonshine and Maple Nectar Liquor Historic Tours of the 1845 Mountain Homestead



304-358-7034



munnjt@verizon.net



Facebook.com/DryRunSpirits/

Hops Meadow Farm

Hops Meadow Farm is an 88-acre family-owned farming enterprise. We grow hops, food security, and the next generation of producers. We specialize in family-focused farming. Our goals are to pay off the mortgage, build a financial foundation so our kids can keep the farm, contribute to community so our neighbors can keep their farms, and build the economy so our kids can live and work locally for a lifetime. Come visit us on a walking tour in downtown Romney, WV. Visit our Kids Learning Garden to learn about permaculture and edible yardscaping. Check out our Victorian Grocery Garden, redefining food security. Stroll to the local veteranowned coffeeshop for refreshments and visit the Hampshire County Artists Co-op to purchase Hops Meadow Farm products.

Products

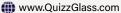
Hops • Hops Candy • Hops Tea • Backyard Foraging Workshops on Integrated Food Security, Small Farm Business Strategy and Youth Agripreneurship



📞 978-712-9237



Mopameadowfarm@quizzglass.com





Find Us

You can find their products by contacting them directly or visiting their website.



Hardy County

276 Mountain Laurel Lane | Baker, WV 26801



Find Us

You can find their products on site only, so come visit us and hike and tour the historic property too.



Pendleton County

3576 Dry Run Road | Franklin, WV 26807



You can find their products at the Hampshire County Co-op or directly on the farm.



Hampshire County

242 W Gravel Lane | Romney, WV 26757

Mountain Cajun Getaway

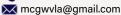
Mountain Cajun Getaway is a retreat home for combat veterans and their families. They provide the opportunity for these families to reconnect through outdoor recreation and learning all about maple syrup from identifying maple trees, collecting sap, evaporating it and putting their own label on their bottles they produce!

Products

Maple Syrup • Combat Veteran Family Retreats



Facebook.com/mountaincajungetaway



www.mountaincajungetaway.org

Tree Dragon Farm

Tree Dragon Farm is small farm owned by two disabled veterans (Army & Navy) that specializes in goat milk value-added products.

Products

Goat Milk Value-Added Products such as Goat Milk Soap and Goat Milk Lotion • Chicken Eggs are also occasionally available for sale.



1 267-683-9740





x treedragonfarm@gmail.com





Find Us

You can find their products directly on the farm.



Pendleton County

163 Upper Timber Ridge Road | Circleville, WV 26804



Find Us

You can find their products in-person or online. Current in-person locations include the Glass House (Moorefield) and Lost River Trading Post (Wardensville). You can occasionally find them at the Capon Bridge WV Farmers Market.



Hampshire County 11075 S Branch River Road | Romney, WV 26757

VETERANS AND HEROES

The Veterans and Heroes to Agriculture Grant Program was developed to provide funding to organizations around the state who work directly with or provide support to law enforcement, fire fighters, emergency medical service, first responders, veterans, active-duty military, and/or their spouses and family within an agricultural capacity. Grants may not exceed \$24,000 and are awarded through an application process.

Past Awardees

WV Gold Star Mothers Receive \$24,000 in Veterans and Heroes to Agriculture Grant : West Virginia Department of Agr Shepherd University and Patriot Guardens Receive \$12,000 in Veterans and Heroes to Agriculture Grant Funding: Wes WV Gold Star Mothers Receive \$24,000 in Veterans and Heroes to Agriculture Grant : West Virginia Department of Ag Shepherd University and Patriot Guardens Receive \$12,000 in Veterans and Heroes to Agriculture Grant Funding: West Virginia Department of Agriculture (wv.gov)



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https://agriculture.wv.gov/fieldwatch/





Spotted Lanternfly

An invasive species that poses an economic and environmental threat to West Virginia.

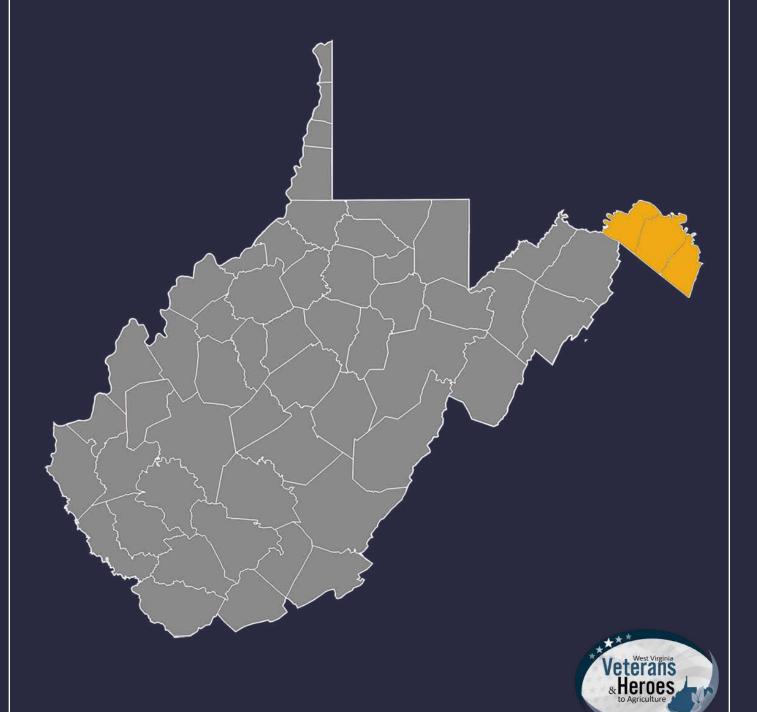
The Spotted Lanternfly (SLF) is an invasive species that can cause negative economic impact in the grape/wine industry as well as other industries such as nurseries.

If you believe you have spotted a SLF, please report it to the WVDA with a photo of the insect and details about the location, date and insect activity.

304-558-2212 | bugbusters@wvda.us

Winter Blue Farmers Market March 1, 2025 CHARLESTON COLISEUM & CONVENTION CENTER **XEXTENSION**

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Devil's Due Distillery

At Devil's Due Distillery, they mash and ferment grains utilizing local products, distill them weekly, and bottle them. Their name is a play on the term "Angel's Share". Angel's share is when whiskey gets aged in a barrel, about 3-5% evaporates every year that it ages. The old timers used to say that the angels were coming down to drink it, so what's left in the barrel is referred to as the "Devil's Due". They are open seven days a week and host private events and parties.

Products

Whiskey - Cocktails - Mocktails - Tours

1 681-252-1246

devilsduedistillery

wylie.mcdade@gmail.com

Facebook.com/DevilsDueDistillery

Harvest Trails Co.

Harvest Trails Co. is a veteran-owned, small business. They work with local farms and orchards to source the highest quality fruits and vegetables. This gives their products a long-lasting, wonderful, crisp, texture while delivering the nutrients, vitamins, and flavor from fully matured fruit. They do everything in-house, nothing is outsourced! Harvest Trails freeze-dried fruits are made without any additives, fillers, preservatives, and are free from the majority of the most common food allergens. Today's harvest for tomorrow's trails.

Products

Freeze Dried Fruits • Freeze Dried Vegetables

681-389-0070 info@harvesttrailsco.com

Facebook.com/harvesttrailsco @harvest trails co

www.harvesttrailsco.com

The Grass is Greener Farm, LLC

Owned by two cranky, disabled veterans who find peace, resiliency and happiness in farming. Owner Catherine Kemmerling believes everyone should eat as well as she does and is hell-bent on keeping their small, regenerative, family farm going to do so. "If you haven't tried a heritage turkey, you've never had real turkey! Our Kunekune pigs are delicious, too," she says.

Products

Eggs • Chicken • Turkey • Pork

1 612-703-3539

🔀 grassisgreenerfarm1@gmail.com

Facebook.com/grassisgreenerfam

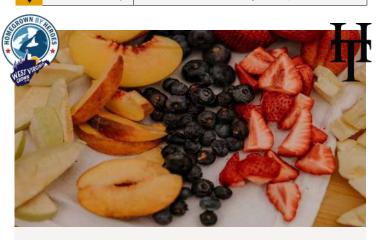


Find Us

You can find their products on their social media or by contacting them directly. No appointment necessesary.

Jefferson County

315 James Burr Boulevard | Kearneysville, WV 25430



Find Us

You can find their products at multiple area farm markets, local breweries and distilleries and several other local businesses. Shop anytime online.

Berkeley County 3790 Hedgesville Rd, Suite A1 | Hedgesville, WV 25427



Find Us

You can find their products at the Fruit and Veggie Wagon on Highway 340 in Charles Town. You can also give them a call, text or look them up on Facebook.



Jefferson County

1960 Bloomery Road | Charles Town, WV 25414

Warbirds Cattle and Farm

The farm was established in 1947 by the current owner's great-grandfather as a dairy farm. Warbirds Cattle & Farm is now a beef cattle operation run by its 4th and 5th generations. They raise registered British White cattle and Angus cattle for both commercial and local markets. The farm also has a vast hay operation. The owners believe in sustainable, diversified agriculture. The farm is veteran-owned, woman-owned, family-owned and Homegrown By Heroes certified!

Products

Grass-fed Beef - Hay - Poultry







Find Us

You can find their products on their website and on social media.



Berkeley County

3416 Sulphur Springs Road | Inwood, WV 25428





The West Virginia Farmers Market Association (WVFMA) is a statewide membership-based organization designed to strengthen farmers markets and enhance their surrounding communities. The WVFMA provides resources and technical assistance to farmers markets through our website and other communication channels. The WVFMA works with various partners across the state to provide farmers markets with relatable and relevant resources to address their needs.

The West Virginia Farmers Market Association (WVFMA) is honored to offer free membership to members of the West Virginia Department of Agriculture's Veterans and Heroes Program. This complimentary membership, courtesy of the West Virginia Department of Agriculture, provides access to a host of benefits at no cost.

Members enjoy discounted rentals of our three poultry processing trailers, membership packets funded by the Claude Worthington Benedum Foundation, eligibility for our Mini-Grant program, personalized one-on-one support, membership to the Farmers Market Coalition, and more!

In 2007, a group of farmers and farm advocates were awarded a grant through the West Virginia Department of Agriculture. Initial guidance for the group was provided by the WVU Extension Service and Davis College of Agriculture, Forestry and Consumer Sciences. Since inception, the WVFMA has been committed to strengthening the viability of farmers markets across West Virginia.

Over time the WVFMA grew to include more than 60 farmers markets across the state. In 2012, the WVFMA began a system of analytical data collection known as the annual West Virginia Farmers Market Census. This census exposed a critical need for a standardized data collection system for all farmers markets in West Virginia. The WVFMA developed the data collection toolkit to assist markets with the task. Free Membership for Veterans and Heroes Program Participants

Join the WVFMA today and discover the support and growth of your market and business! Reach out to (304) 398-5214 or coordinator@wvfarmers.org for more information.

WEST VIRGINIA GROWN BRANDING

West Virginia Grown is the official marketing and branding program for agricultural products grown or produced in West Virginia. The program's goals are (1) for consumers to easily identify and purchase agricultural products grown and/or manufactured in the state, (2) to expand the overall local foods economy to support farmers, manufacturers and other agribusinesses, and (3) to create a more robust and resilient food system in the Mountain State.

The WV Grown Partner Program seeks to broaden the brand's footprint by recognizing "Sold Here - Served Here - Supported Here" individuals and establishments. Retailers, restaurants and supporters play a critical role in our local food economy and are important ambassadors who help expand the WV Grown brand.

Program Requirements - WV Grown Producers: Products must be grown in West Virginia, or manufactured products must have at least 50 percent of their value added within the state. Other requirements may apply. WV Grown Partners: Must sell or serve at least one WV Grown product in their retail establishment or food service business. Supporting partners must explain how they further the WV Grown brand and mission. Membership is made through application to - and acceptance by - the WVDA. Simply applying does not make you a member. Members understand that they agree to have their contact and product information shared with the public. This does not include proprietary information that WVDA may be privy to.

Program Benefits - Official Certificate of Membership. Use of the "WEST VIRGINIA GROWN" logo. Use of marketing materials available for purchase from the WVDA (see promotional materials request form). Inclusion in public member listings. Promotional coverage through the WVDA's Market Bulletin, social media platforms, outreach efforts and special events. Inclusion in the printed "WEST VIRGINIA GROWN" member directory. No cost to join! Food products that are accepted by the West Virginia Department of Agriculture (WVDA) must meet the following requirements.

Criteria for "WEST VIRGINIA GROWN" Manufactured Food Products - To be accepted into the WV Grown Program, manufactured food products must meet the following requirements:

- 1. Manufactured products must have at least 50 percent of their value added within the state.
- 2. Must be properly labeled according to WVDA labeling standards. Label reviews are a free service of the WVDA, which will issue a certificate of label review for approved labels.
- Packaging for products must be of high quality and appropriate for the product. Tamper-evident sealing is recommended to ensure that products will remain of the highest quality.
- 4. Some products may require special manufacturing certifications and process approvals. See the WVDA Farmers Market Vendor Guide for details.
- Meat products must be processed and packaged in a facility that is inspected by the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) or WVDA's Meat and Poultry Inspection Division (MPID). Producers must have a valid Distributor Permit when applicable. Contact MPID at 304-558-2206 for details.
- Dairy products, eggs, hemp, animal feeds and seeds must meet additional regulatory and labeling requirements. The WVDA Regulatory and Environmental Affairs Division (READ) handles the registration and product label reviews for these specific products. Call 304-558-2227 for details. Honeybee colonies must be registered with WVDA's Animal Health Division (AHD). Call 304-558-2214 for details.

HOMEGROWN BY HEROES & WEST VIRGINIA GROWN MERGED BRANDING



The West Virginia Department of Agriculture is pleased to announce the official agreement with the Farmer Veteran Coalition's Homegrown By Heroes Mark to produce a merged mark combining WV Grown and the Homegrown By Heroes. This mark certifies farmers and ranchers of all military eras to sell their product as veteran and locally owned and produced. This is a marketing initiative that informs consumers that agricultural products donning the mark were locally produced, grown, or with 50% or greater value-added non-water ingredients within West Virginia by U.S. military veterans. The initiative allows veterans to differentiate their farm and ranch products in the marketplace.

Benefits of using the merged WV Grown and Homegrown By Heroes Mark

- The mark differentiates locally and veteran-produced products in competitive markets.
- It provides consumers with a tangible way to support veterans.
- Displaying the mark on your farmers' market stand, egg cartons, canned goods, produce boxes, etc. gives veterans the
 point-of-sale visibility needed to be successful in the marketplace.
- Displaying the mark on a farmers' market stand or anywhere you do business invites consumers to ask about the mark, providing an opportunity for the veteran to share their story and connect with their customers. In many cases, this leads to loyal, returning customers.

How do I get WV Grown Homegrown By Heroes certified?

- 1. In order to become a certified Homegrown By Heroes member, first become a member of the Farmer Veteran Coalition (membership is free). If you are not yet a member or for more information, visit https://farmvetco.org/membership/
- 2. After your membership has been approved by FVC, then you'll need to become a certified Homegrown By Heroes member. More details can be found here https://farmvetco.org/hbh/.
- 3. Finally, apply to the WV Grown program (membership is free). If you are not yet a member of WV Grown, visit West Virginia Grown: West Virginia Department of Agriculture.

AGRICULTURAL RESOURCES

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE (USDA)

Provides leadership on food, agriculture, natural resources, rural development, nutrition, and related issues based on public policy, the best available science, and effective management. They have a vision to provide economic opportunity through innovation, helping rural America to thrive; to promote agriculture production that better nourishes Americans while also helping feed others throughout the world; and to preserve our Nation's natural resources through conservation, restored forests, improved watersheds, and healthy private working lands. **Visit, https://www.usda.gov/ for more information.**

FARM SERVICE AGENCY (FSA)

Our primary mission at the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Farm Service Agency (FSA) is to assist West Virginia farmers and ranchers secure the greatest possible benefit from programs administered by FSA such as farm loans, commodity price support, disaster relief, conservation, or other available resources. The hard-working men and women of West Virginia's 23 FSA offices are at the forefront of our efforts and remain the primary contact for program participation. We encourage you to speak with the staff at your local FSA office on how we can be of service.

Visit, https://www.fsa.usda.gov/ for more information.

NATURAL RESOURCES CONSERVATION SERVICE (NRCS)

NRCS's natural resources conservation programs help people reduce soil erosion, enhance water supplies, improve water quality, increase wildlife habitat, and reduce damages caused by floods and other natural disasters.

Visit, https://www.nrcs.usda.gov/ for more information.

Agricultural Management Assistance (AMA)

The Agricultural Management Assistance (AMA) provides financial and technical assistance to agricultural producers to voluntarily address issues such as water management, water quality, and erosion control by incorporating conservation into their farming operations.

Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP)

The Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) provides financial and technical assistance to agricultural producers and non-industrial forest managers to address natural resource concerns and deliver environmental benefits such as improved water and air quality, conserved ground and surface water, increased soil health and reduced soil erosion and sedimentation, improved or created wildlife habitat, and mitigation against drought and increasing weather volatility.

WEST VIRGINIA CONSERVATION AGENCY

To provide for and promote the protection and conservation of West Virginia's soil, land, water and related resources for the health, safety and general welfare of the state's citizens. **Visit, https://www.wvca.us/ for more information.**

Agricultural Enhancement Program (AgEP)

The program offers technical and financial assistance as an incentive to implement conservation best management practices. Overall program primary objectives include the reduction of nutrients and sediment from entering the waters within the State and increasing farm profitability and sustainability.

OTHER RESOURCES AVAILABLE:

WEST VIRGINIA UNIVERSITY EXTENSION
Visit, https://extension.wvu.edu/for more information.

Veterans Crisis Line DIAL 988 then PRESS 1

WEST VIRGINIA FARM CREDIT

Visit, https://farmcredit.com/states/west-virginia/ for more information.

WEST VIRGINIA DIVISION OF FORESTRY

Visit, https://wvforestry.com/ for more information.

VETERANS RESOURCES

FARMER VETERAN COALITION (FVC)

FVC cultivates a new generation of farmers and food leaders and develop viable employment and meaningful careers through the collaboration of the farming and military communities. We believe that veterans possess the unique skills and character needed to strengthen rural communities and create sustainable food systems. We believe that agriculture offers purpose, opportunity, and physical and psychological benefits. **Visit, https://farmvetco.org/ for more information.**

FARMER VETERAN FELLOWSHIP FUND

The Farmer Veteran Fellowship Fund is a small grant program that provides direct assistance to veterans who are in their beginning years of farming or ranching. The Fellowship Fund does not give money directly to the veteran, but rather to third-party vendors for items the veteran has identified will make a crucial difference in the launch of their farm business. Awards range from \$1,000 to \$5,000, and \$3.5 million has been awarded to veterans since 2011. Visit, https://farmvetco.org/ for more information.

PATRIOT GARDENS

Patriot Guardens aligns resources to facilitate agricultural economic development and employment opportunities for WV veterans, WVNG members and citizens. Visit, https://militaryauthority.wv.gov/Resources/Pages/Patriot-Guardens.aspx for more information.

patriotguardens@gmail.com

OPERATION WELCOME HOME

Operation Welcome Home is a Veterans Job Placement Facility at Mylan Park in Morgantown, WV. They serve the North Central West Virginia population of veterans by providing services and support that cannot be found anywhere else in the region. Visit, https://welcomehomewv.com/for more information.

WVU CENTER FOR VETERAN, MILITARY AND FAMILY PROGRAMS

WVU Center is here to assist our military-connected students in achieving academic, personal, and professional success through their educational benefits and activities that promote learning and wellbeing.

Visit, https://veterans.wvu.edu/for more information.

ARMED TO FARM

Armed to Farm is a sustainable agriculture training program for military veterans. The National Center for Appropriate Technology, a national nonprofit organization based in Butte, Montana, developed Armed to Farm through a cooperative agreement with USDA-Rural Development.

Since launching in 2013, Armed to Farm has supported more than 800 veterans from 45 states with hands-on and classroom learning opportunities. Farmer veterans learn how to make a business plan and market their products, how to access USDA programs, set business goals, and develop mentorships with seasoned farmers.

Visit, https://www.armedtofarm.org/for more information.

AGRABILITY

The National AgrAbility Project is committed to helping military veterans who choose agriculture as their "Next Mission," as well as beginning farmers with disabilities or other functional limitations. **Visit, http://www.agrability.org/ for more information.**

WV DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS ASSISTANCE

The West Virginia Department of Veterans Assistance is a cabinet-level agency dedicated to providing services and benefits assistance to veterans. The department's work brings in \$200 million of federal benefits per year to West Virginia veterans. The department operates 16 field and claims offices throughout the state, with staff members conducting more than 250 benefits consultations daily. Additionally, the department operates West Virginia's State veterans cemetery, veterans-only homeless shelter and veterans nursing facility. Visit, https://veterans.wv.gov/Pages/default.aspx for more information.



West Virginia Veterans and Heroes to Agriculture Membership Application



The Veterans and Heroes to Agriculture program is dedicated to the integration and support of veterans, firefighters, law enforcement, emergency services personnel and first responders entering or currently working in agriculture to benefit their health and welfare, as well as the state's agricultural economy.

Name:		Mailing Address	s:		
City:	State: _	Zip:	County:		
Physical Address:			City:		
State:	Zip:	Primary Phone	Number:		
Secondary/Cellular Phon	e Number:	Email:			
(Please make sure ema	il is legible.)				
Farm or Business Name:					
Affiliation: □Veteran	□Active Military/	National Guard/Reserve	□Spouse/Dependent	□Gold Star Far	mily Member
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(Optional):					
Military Branch:		Rank/Rate/MOS:	Date(s	s) of Service:	
Job/Title:		Rank/Position:	Date(s) of Service:	
Preferred Method of Con	tact: □ Mail	□ Email □ Pho	ne		
How did you hear about	the program? □ So	cial Media □ Internet	☐ Referred by Current Me	ember	
☐ Event (<i>Event Name</i>)					
Do you currently receive	the following?				
WVDA Market Bulletin	□ Yes □ No	If "No", would you like to	o sign up to receive the Mai	rket Bulletin?	□ Yes □ No
WVDA E-News	□ Yes □ No	If "No", would you like to	o sign up to receive E-News	s notifications?	☐ Yes ☐ No
What experience do you	have in agriculture?				
What are your interests	in agriculture? (i.e.	bee keeping, livestock, hig	yh tunnels, gardening, etc.)		

For more detailed information, please visit https://agriculture.wv.gov/ag-business/veterans-and-heroes-to-agriculture/ or email veterans-and-heroes-to-agriculture/ or email veterans-and-heroes-to-agriculture/ or email veterans-and-heroes-to-agriculture/ or email https://agriculture/ or em

May we share your information with other agencies that can potentia \square Yes \square No	ally assist you? (i.e. growing co-ops, education services, etc.)
Are you interested in education and training opportunities in agricul	ture? 🗆 Yes 🗆 No
Do you or someone in your family desire Farm Stress and related re *Farm stress: -Experienced by farmers and their families due to the unique agricu -Fear of losing a farm is more than just closing a business; it's tied to -Challenges include unpredictable weather, crop disease, volatile material stress is associated with increased levels of anxiety and depresentations. WVDA Business Planning Coordinators provide local assistance in material stress is associated by one of our coordinators?	ultural work environment. to generational legacy and identity. arkets, heavy workloads, and social isolation. ession, and farmer suicide rates are higher than the national average. arketing, business development and technical support. Would
The Homegrown By Heroes (HBH) label is the <i>official farmer veteran branding program of America</i> . The label serves to inform consumers that agricultural products donning the logo were produced by U.S. military veterans. Additionally, farms and agricultural businesses displaying the logo denotes a Homegrown By Heroes-certified operation. Have you applied for the Homegrown By Heroes program? Yes No Are you interested in further information about the program?	West Virginia Grown is the state's premier branding program for agricultural products. The West Virginia Grown logo indicates to buyers that the product was grown or processed with quality ingredients in the Mountain State. West Virginia Grown is an important component in helping grow and diversify the state's economy, as well as expand local food systems throughout West Virginia. Have you applied for the WV Grown Program? Yes No Are you interested in further information about the program?
A merged mark combining the WV Grown By Heroes logos once the enrolled in both programs. The mark of and ranchers of all military eras to sell veteran and locally owned and product use this logo, you must first be a mem Farmers Veteran Coalition, then the W Program. Please note that a DD214 is NOT required Please do not enclose any form of with the Member Signature:	ired for admittance to the program. verification with this application. Date:
Printed Name:	<u> </u>
	INTERDEPARTMENTAL
	Membership Start Date:
	ABD Staff Initial:

West Virginia Department of Agriculture Business Development Division 1900 Kanawha Blvd. East, Charleston, WV 25305; Phone: 304-558-2210; Fax: 304-558-2270; vetstoag@wvda.us



SECTION I: APPLICANT INFORMATION

West Virginia Department of Agriculture

Kent A. Leonhardt, Commissioner Joseph L. Hatton, Deputy Commissioner



Veterans and Heroes to Agriculture Education & Training Scholarship Application

The Veterans and Heroes to Agriculture program is proud to offer education and training scholarship opportunities in support of veterans, firefighters, law enforcement, emergency services personnel and first responders entering or currently working in agriculture. In-person or online training, educational events, and conferences with an agriculture focus are eligible.

Applicant Name (as shown on your income tax	return):				
Mailing Address (Street, City, State and Zip Code):					
Francii Andrease					
Email Address:					
Phone: (Circle On	ie) Home or Cell				
SECTION II: ACTIVITY INFORMATION					
Name of training, educational event, or conference	rence:				
Institution holding the training, education ever	nt, or conference:				
	ite:				
	in-person? (City, State):				
Start Date:	Completion Date:				
Reimbursement Amount:					
How did you hear about this opportunity:					

SECTION III: QUALIFICATIONS & ELIGIBILITY

Scholarships from the West Virginia Department of Agriculture (WVDA) are paid as a reimbursement to the individual. Therefore, the applicant must:

- 1. Be a current member of the Veterans and Heroes to Agriculture program.
- 2. Be a current resident of West Virginia.
- 3. May NOT be a West Virginia Department of Agriculture employee.
- 4. Complete this Application. Training, education events, and conferences that support the development of the agricultural economy will be eligible for reimbursement. Participants are eligible to receive reimbursement for up to \$600.00 each fiscal year, ending June 30 based on funding availability.
- 5. Receive WVDA approval of this Application.
- 6. Register for the course individually and pay all applicable tuition and fees. Please note that only registration costs will be reimbursed.
- 7. Complete and return an IRS Form W-9, to be provided to the participant once their Application is approved.
- 8. **Within two weeks of completion** of the approved course or event, provide registration receipt, certificate of completion (or proof of participation), and invoice to the WVDA.

	I certify that all of the information I have provided in this application is true, accurate and complete.	
	I understand that any incomplete, inaccurate or misleading information given in this application may result in enial or revocation of reimbursement for the training or education requested.	
	I understand that participation in the West Virginia Veterans and Heroes to Agriculture scholarship program is at ne discretion of WVDA and my participation may be denied or revoked at any time and for any reason.	
	I understand that, if scholarship funds are used to pay for ineligible or unapproved expenses, I may be required to eimburse WVDA for any funds improperly spent.)
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Thanks to the support of the West Virginia Department of Agriculture Veterans and Heroes Program, members can join the WV Farmers Market Association at no cost.

BECOME A MEMBER, TODAY







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Market Characteristics Physical Address or Description of Market Location(s): (Include winter market location if applicable) Market Operational Months: Open: _____ Close: _____ Market Days: Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday Saturday Sunday Year Market Established: _____ Hours of Operation: **Facility Type** Permanent Structure or Building Parking lot or open-air market Mobilized Unit Other: **Market Policies** How does your market define "local"? (Example: 50 mile radius, within county/state, etc.) Do you allow sampling at your market? Yes No Items Available at Your Market (Check all that apply) Non-Potentially Hazardous Foods Baked Goods Pickled Products Sauces Salsas Fermented Products Acidified Foods Meat (Non-poultry) Poultry Eggs Fish Seafood Dairy Crafts/Artisan Products Herbs (fresh or dried) Mushrooms Cultivated forest products (ramps, ginseng, etc.) Honey Maple Syrup/Maple Products Tree Nuts (Walnuts, Pecans) Fresh Vegetables Fresh Fruits Alcoholic Beverages (wine, beer) Non-alcoholic Beverages (juice, water) Sour dough starter Coffee/Tea Starter Plants Ready to Eat/Prepared Foods Dried Beans Flour Soap/Hygiene Products Cut Flowers Pet food/snacks/toys Raw Milk

Contact coordinator@wvfarmers.org or call 304.398.5412

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wvgrown@wvda.us

https://agriculture.wv.gov/ag-business/west-virginia-grown/

West Virginia Department of Agriculture 1900 Kanawha Boulevard East, Charleston, WV 25305



WV GROWN PROGRAM INFORMATION

West Virginia Grown is WVDA's official marketing program for West Virginia products and the entities that sell, serve, and support. **The program's goals are:**

- For consumers to easily identify and purchase agricultural products and value-added items grown and/or manufactured in the state,
- To expand the overall local food economy to support farmers, manufacturers, and other agribusinesses, and
- To create a more robust and resilient food system in the Mountain State.

WV GROWN PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

- WV Grown Producers: Products must be grown in West Virginia, or manufactured products must have at least 50 percent of their value added within the state. Other requirements apply (See Trademark Licensing Agreement).
- Must be properly labeled according to WVDA labeling standards. Label reviews are a free service of the WVDA. A certificate of label review will be issued for approved labels.
- Some products may require special manufacturing certifications and process approvals. See the WVDA Farmers Market Vendor Guide for details. Farmers-Market-Vendor-Guide.pdf (wv.gov)
- Meat products must be processed and packaged in a facility that is inspected by the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) or WVDA's Meat and Poultry Inspection Division (MPID). Producers must have a valid Distributor Permit when applicable. Contact MPID at 304-558-2206 for details.
- Dairy products, eggs, hemp, animal feeds and seeds must meet additional regulatory and labeling requirements. The WVDA Regulatory and Environmental Affairs Division (READ) handles the registration and product label reviews for these specific products. Call 304-558-2227 for details. Honeybee colonies must be registered with WVDA's Animal Health Division (AHD). Call 304-558-2214 for details.
- WV Grown Partners: Must sell or serve at least one WV Grown product in their retail establishment or food service business. (Must explain how they further the brand and mission).
- WV Grown Supporters: (Must explain how they further the brand and mission).
- Periodic membership renewal is required to help WVDA maintain up-to-date company and product info.

WV GROWN PROGRAM BENEFITS

- Official Certificate of Membership.
- Use of the WV Grown logo.
- Use of marketing materials available for purchase from the WVDA (promotional materials request form sent seperately).
- Inclusion in public member listings.
- Promotional coverage through the WVDA's Market Bulletin, social media platforms, outreach efforts and special events.

- Inclusion in the printed and/or electronic WV Grown member directory (additional information is required-see page 2 of Membership Application).
- · No cost to join!

APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS - MANDATORY PROCEDURES!

SATISFY all registration and labeling requirements.
ENTER company name and address on Trademark Licensing Agreement that follows.
SIGN second page of Trademark Licensing Agreement.
COMPLETE Membership Application form.
SIGN Membership Application form.
RETURN to wvgrown@wvda.us.



Continue to Licensing Agreement and Member Application

WEST VIRGINIA GROWN Trademark Licensing Agreement

Authority: W. Va. Code §19-1-3a.

Mailing Address

The First Party shall be the West Virginia Department of Agriculture.

Purpose: WVDA's mission is to promote the marketing and purchase of agricultural commodities grown, produced, processed, packaged, or manufactured in West Virginia. WVDA is the exclusive owner of the trademarked "West Virginia Grown" Name and Logo (the "Name and Logo"). WVDA wishes to license the Name and Logo for the limited purpose of promoting West Virginia agricultural products. This Agreement establishes the terms and conditions of Licensee's use of the Name and Logo.

The Second Party shall b	pe:		
Company, Farm or Individual Name		 	

- 1. License. WVDA hereby grants to Licensee a limited, worldwide, non-exclusive, non-transferable, license to use the Name and Logo attached hereto on Exhibit A on, or in connection with, Licensee's product offerings in accordance with this Agreement. As used in this Agreement, the term "Name and Logo" shall include the logo affixed on Exhibit A and the term "West Virginia Grown," or either one of the foregoing.
- 2. Form of Use. Unless authorized in writing by WVDA, Licensee shall use the Name and Logo only in the form and manner as the same appears in Exhibit A of this Agreement. Licensee shall not modify the shape, color, appearance, text, font, spacing or other aspect of the Name and Logo, nor shall Licensee add images, slogans, text or other elements to, on or around the Name and Logo; provided that Licensee may use the Name and Logo in a size or sizes of its own choosing.
- 3. Use Review. Upon request by WVDA, Licensee shall submit or make available to WVDA samples of the Licensee's products, artwork, advertising copy, product packages, and depiction of all proposed uses of the Name and Logo.
- 4. Scope of Use. Licensee shall use the Name and Logo only on products, or the packaging of products, which are produced in West Virginia or have at least fifty percent (50%) value added as a result of processing the product in West Virginia. The Commissioner of Agriculture has the sole and final authority to determine the percentage of value added processing, after reasonable, documented inquiry.
- 5. Royalty. Licensee shall not be required to pay a royalty, or any other fee associated with this license agreement.
- 6. Reservation of Rights. The parties to this Agreement recognize and agree that nothing in this Agreement may be construed or argued to have any effect on the WVDA's ownership of the Name and Logo. WVDA expressly reserves the sole and exclusive ownership of the Name and Logo. The Parties agree that, except for the license granted under this Agreement, Licensee shall not have any right, title or interest in or to the Name and Logo. Licensee agrees that it will take no action inconsistent with such ownership and that its use of the Name and Logo shall inure to the benefit of WVDA. WVDA shall retain the exclusive right to apply for and obtain registrations of the Name and Logo and any variations thereof throughout the world. Licensee agrees not to use the Name and Logo, or any confusingly similar mark or name, in its corporate or trade name. Licensee therefore agrees that, except for the rights granted herein, it has no interest in or ownership of the Name and Logo, and further agrees not to register or attempt to register or apply for any trademark, in any jurisdiction, that incorporates the Name and Logo or any confusingly similar mark or name.
- 7. Website and Directory. Licensee understands that WVDA intends to publish the information Licensee provides to WVDA on the West Virginia Grown Membership Application in both print and digital directories and on WVDA approved websites and social media to further the purposes of the West Virginia Grown program. Licensee expressly agrees to such publication.
- 8. West Virginia Freedom of Information Act. Licensee understands WVDA is a public body that must comply with the West Virginia Freedom of Information Act. All information Licensee provides to WVDA is subject to public release and publication in all forms of media, for all lawful purposes.
- 9. Goodwill. Licensee shall not take any action that would tend to destroy or diminish the goodwill in the Name and Logo. Licensee further agrees that its use of the Name and Logo shall not impugn the WVDA, or any of its divisions, or

be unreasonably offensive to the general public. Licensee shall not engage, participate or otherwise become involved in any activity that diminishes or tarnishes the image or reputation of the Name and Logo.

- **10. No WVDA Endorsement.** Licensee expressly acknowledges that use of the Name and Logo does not indicate or suggest that WVDA endorses or sponsors any of Licensee's products.
- 11. Compliance with Laws. Licensee's use of the Name and Logo shall comply with all applicable federal, state and local laws, rules and regulations.
- **12. Termination.** Unless otherwise terminated by the parties, this Agreement shall remain in full force and effect until further revoked or amended. Either party may terminate this Agreement, with or without cause, by providing fifteen (15) days' written notice to the other party.
- 13. Post-Termination Rights and Obligations. Should WVDA cease to use the Name and Logo, WVDA shall provide Licensee with written notice to discontinue all use of the Name and Logo. If WVDA or Licensee provides written notice of its intent to withdraw from this Agreement, Licensee shall cease affixing the Name and Logo to promotional items and shall withdraw the Name and Logo from publication, wherever possible.
- 14. Infringement Proceedings. WVDA shall have the sole authority and right to prosecute any infringement and any unauthorized use of the Name and Logo, at its sole option. If Licensee learns of any unauthorized use of the Name and Logo, Licensee shall notify WVDA promptly, and, if requested to do so, shall cooperate with and assist, at WVDA's expense, in any infringement action that WVDA may bring.
- **15. Indemnification.** Licensee shall indemnify, defend and hold harmless the State of West Virginia and WVDA from and against all claims, liabilities or judgments arising out of or in any way connected with Licensee's activities under this Agreement or Licensee's use of the Name and Logo.
- 16. No Warranty. WVDA makes no representations or warranties with respect to the Name and Logo.
- **17. Applicable Law.** West Virginia law controls this Agreement. All disputes arising out of this Agreement shall be brought in Kanawha County, West Virginia.
- **18. Notices.** Any notices required or permitted to be sent by one party to the other under this Agreement shall be sent by certified mail to the addresses specified below, or to such other address as a party shall have furnished in writing to the other party.
 - a. To WVDA: West Virginia Department of Agriculture

Attn: Business Development Division

1900 Kanawha Blvd., East

Charleston, WV 25305-0170

- b. To Licensee: To the address shown underneath Licensee's name on page one (1) of this Agreement.
- Assignment. Licensee shall not assign or sublicense this Agreement or its rights hereunder without the written consent of WVDA.
- 20. Modification and Waiver. This agreement may not be amended or modified, except by written agreement, signed by both parties. It is agreed that no waiver by either Party hereto of any breach of any of the provisions herein set forth shall be deemed a waiver of any subsequent breach of or default under the same or any other provision of this Agreement.
- **21. Severability.** In the event any term or condition of this Agreement is found to be unenforceable by a court of competent jurisdiction, the remaining terms and conditions shall remain in full force and effect.
- **22. Integration.** This Agreement contains the entire agreement between WVDA and the Licensee, and supersedes all prior agreements, whether oral or written, between the Parties.

A typed or eSigned signature below constitutes a binding legal agreement

Applicant Signature:					
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WEST VIRGINIA GROWN Membership Application

PRODUCERS - BEFORE you submit in this application, you <u>MUST</u> complete the following requirements:

	POTENTIALLY HAZARDOUS FOOD (PHF): IF SELLING AT A FARMERS MARKET-May require Process Authority, kitchen inspection, water test, approved food safety training and have a Farmers Market Vendor Permit. Contact 304-558-2227.					
	NONPOTENTIALLY HAZARD	OUS FOOD (NPHF)	: No Permit requir	red if selling at a fa	rmers marke	et.
	DAIRY: You must obtain a Da Permit is required. Contact 3	iry Distributor Perr 04-558-2227.	nit and if selling a	t a farmers market	a Farmers M	1arket Vendor
	EGGS: You must register as	an Egg Distributor.	Contact 304-558-2	2227.		
	HEMP: You must register as a Hemp Product Distributor. Contact 304-558-2227.					
	HONEY: Your must register your apiary. Contact 304-558-2214.					
	MEAT & POULTRY: You must farmers market a Farmers M	obtain a Meat and arket Vendor Perm	Poultry Distributo nit is required. Con	r License or Exemp tact 304-558-2206	otion and if s	elling at a
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1. ME	MBER CATEGORY (Mark	all that apply):				
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3. WV GROWN "PRODUCERS" (c	heck all products that apply):	
This category is intended for farmers wh value-added food products that have at lewest Virginia.		items - as well as manufacturers of ingredients and/or processes, completed in
Adult Beverages Agritourism Aquaculture Baked Goods Bath & Body Beverages (non-alcohol) Candy, Confections & Ice Cream Christmas Trees Condiments	Dairy Products/Distributor Eggs Fiber Flours, Meals & Mixes Hemp Products Herbs & Spices Honey & Honey Products Jams, Jellies & Butters Meat & Poultry	Orchards & Fruit Pasta, Rice & Legumes Pet Products Pickled/Acidified/Preserved Produce Snack Foods Syrups Other
4. WV GROWN "PARTNERS"		
		own product. WVDA wants to help expand e more, decision-makers will support more,
Estimated yearly gross of WV Grown pro-	duct sales (optional, but helps us gai	uge effect of program).
5. WV GROWN "SUPPORTERS"		
	and synergize promotional efforts. S	ot directly involved in production or sales, a Supporters can be any organization or individ-food community.
How do you support/advance WV agricul	lture (services, financial, education, a	advocacy, etc.)?

6. WV GROWN DIRECTORY SUBMISSION:

To be included in the printed and/or electronic version of the WV Grown Directory for 2025 and beyond, you must complete the following in its entirety:

1. County where your company or business is located:
2. Description of company or business (please write description in third (3rd) person):
3. Products available for purchase and/or activities offered:
4. Where to purchase or find your products:
5. PLEASE attach your company or business logo to WVGrown@wvda.us.
6. PLEASE attach two horizontal, high-quality images of your company or business and/or products (JPEG works well) or send to WVGrown@wvda.us.

