



Annual Meeting & Conference September 13-14, 2017

Wednesday, September 13, 2017

- Registration: 7:30 am
- Lobbying 101 Session: 8:30 am – 9:30 am
- Welcome & sponsor recognition: 10:00 am
- *Hot Topics In Agriculture: Food Safety & Trade* -- 10:15 am – 11:00 am
 - Brian Ronholm (Arent Fox)

Break: 11:00 am – 11:15 am

- *Diversity of Agribusiness Panel* : 11:15 am – 12:15 pm
 - A.J. Erskine (Bevans Oyster Co. & Cowart Seafood Corp.)
 - Dylan Krzywowski (Hop Havoc)
- Lunch: 12:30 pm – 1:30 pm
 - Stephen Moret (Virginia Economic Development Partnership)

Break & refreshments: 1:30 pm – 1:45 pm

- Welcome and Comments from Secretary Basil Gooden: 1:45 pm – 1:55 pm
- *New Faces of Agribusiness*: 2:00 pm – 2:50 pm
 - Mike Smetak (Shenandoah Growers, Inc.)
 - Jennifer Leech (Ingleside Dairy Farm, Inc.)
 - Clay Jackson (Senterfitt Farms & Cattle Co.)

Break & refreshments: 2:50 pm – 3:10 pm

- *Hot topics in Agriculture: Renewables & Industrial Hemp* -- 3:15 pm – 4:30 pm

Renewables –

- Karen Schaufeld (Powered by Facts)
- Andrew Vehorn (Virginia, Maryland & Delaware Association of Electric Cooperatives)



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Industrial Hemp -

- Glenn Rodes (Riverhill Farms, Rockingham County)
- Dr. Mike Renfroe (professor, James Madison University)

Conference Adjourns for the Day: 4:30 pm

*Overnight guests may check into the hotel beginning at 4:00 pm

Evening Events

- Networking Reception: 5:30 pm – 6:30 pm (pre-function area outside Henrico Ballroom)
- Annual Meeting Dinner & Program (Henrico Ballroom B): 6:30 pm – 8:30 pm
 - Virginia Agribusiness Council Annual Meeting
 - Presentation of “Agribusiness of the Year” Award
 - Keynote Address
 - Dennis Treacy (The Smithfield Foundation)
- Adjourn – 8:30 pm

Thursday, September 14, 2017

- 7:30 am – 8:15 am – Breakfast (The Glen Restaurant; Madison Building)
- 8:15 am – 8:30 am – Load Bus

Travel to James River Nurseries

- Tour James River Nurseries: 9:00 am – 10:00 am

Travel to Produce Source Partners

- Tour Produce Source Partners: 10:40 am – 11:45 am (boxed lunch provided)

Guests returned to hotel by 12:15 pm