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Listening Session & Lunch on **Addressing Food System Resiliency in Virginia**



EVENT DESCRIPTION

What happens when a hurricane closes highways, when a processing facility shuts down, or when a season of heavy rain or drought ruins crops? These kinds of disruptions affect how food moves from fields and waters to our tables.

At this listening session, we'll talk about how people across Virginia can prepare for different challenges like these. The goal is to be proactive instead of reactive before and after these shocks to minimize immediate and lasting effects. Together, we'll explore and listen to your ideas for building a food system that is dependable, adaptable, sustainable, and fair to everyone, no matter what comes our way.

WHO SHOULD ATTEND

- FARMERS / PRODUCERS (ASPIRING & CURRENT)
- FAITH-BASED & COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS
- LOCAL GOVERNMENT & REGIONAL COMMISSIONS
- PROCESSORS, AGGREGATORS, DISTRIBUTORS, MARKETS
- FUNDERS
- EXTENSION

SCAN TO REGISTER BY DECEMBER, 1ST

TUESDAY,
DECEMBER 16TH 2025

12:00 PM - 1:30 PM

SOUTHWEST VIRGINIA HIGHER EDUCATION CENTER
ONE PARTNERSHIP CIR, ABINGDON, VA 24210

Registration link: https://tinyurl.com/4j4sfwr2

DATA FROM THESE LISTENING SESSIONS WILL BE USED TO INFORM FUTURE FOOD SYSTEM RESILIENCE PLANNING FOR THE STATE.

If you have any questions, please contact Lia Kelinsky-Jones at kelinskyjones@vt.edu. If you are an individual with a disability and desire an accommodation, please contact Lia Kelinsky-Jones at kelinskyjones@vt.edu or (540) 231-1534 during regular business hours at least 10 days prior to the event.

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