



Eastern Ag Innovation Trainings

**Eastern West Virginia Community & Technical College
Agricultural Innovation Workforce Trainings & Certifications**

2024

**Training Schedule
January 1, 2024 – December 1, 2024**

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For the most current schedule, visit our website, www.easternwv.edu/workforce-education/ag-workforce-trainings-certifications. Location of training is indicated as either online or in person. Contact Mr. David Miller, Agriculture Program Coordinator, for more information about these trainings at (304) 434-8000 ext. 9606. To enroll in the below please contact Ms. Trish Halterman, the Agriculture Workforce Student Training and Farm Fellowship Coordinator at aginnovation@easternwv.edu or call (304) 434-8000 ext. 9609.

Each training is available for enrollment, even if not completing a micro credential. There are different micro credential options as outlined using the color-coding system beginning with micro credential: 1: Farm Business Management Certificate (brown); 2: Agribusiness Diversification & Value Adding Certificate (aqua); 3: Livestock Management Systems Certificate (green); and 4: Horticulture Management Systems Certificate (yellow). We are also offering additional hours that can be applied to any existing micro credential except for the Farm Business Management micro credential. These new optional hours are highlighted in pink. Completing a micro credential is not required, but is available through Eastern's Workforce Education Department.

Students interested in completing an micro credential and are willing to be a part of a 40-hour Farm Fellowship program should email the Agriculture Workforce Student Training & Farm Fellowship Coordinator (aginnovation@easternwv.edu) to complete a Farm Fellow Application. If you are accepted for a the experiential learning program, which qualifies you for no costs to enroll in any micro credential you will also receive a stipend of \$700 at the successful completion of the Fellowship and submission of all required materials. The Farm Fellow application for the annual year of 2025 is due November 4, 2024. Qualifying Farm Fellows must complete program credentials including a 40-hour assigned fellowship within the academic year. In 2025, a maximum of fifteen fellows will be selected for the opportunity. Selected students will be notified by December 15, 2025 to begin their one-year term starting January 1, 2025.

Dept. = Department; TBD = To Be Determined; Cap = Capacity

Pathway 1:
Farm Business
Management
Certificate
Recipients must complete at least 18 contact hours

Pathway 2.
Agribusiness
Diversification &
Value Adding
Certificate
Recipients must complete at least 21 contact hours

Pathway 3.
Livestock
Management
Systems
Certificate
Recipients must complete at least 23 contact hours

Pathway 4.
Horticulture
Management
Systems
Certificate
Recipients must complete at least 13 contact hours

Agribusiness Support
Hours used can be applied to any existing Pathway Certificate except Farm Business Management

Farm Fellowship
Must complete Pathway 1, at least one additional Pathway, and 40-hours of hands-on agribusiness learning

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Pathways for Micro credentials	Title	Contact Hours	Date	Time	Location	Standard Training Cost	Farm Fellow Cost	Instructor	Cap	Format
2	Agribusiness Diversification & Value Adding Certification Interest Track (2): Meat Clerk Certificate	15	Jan 1 2024- Dec 31, 2024	On Demand	Online	\$50	\$0	Range Meat Academy, Kari Underly	50	100% Virtual
2	Agribusiness Diversification & Value Adding Certification Interest Track (2): Meat Cutting Certificate	20	Jan 1, 2024- Dec. 31, 2024	On Demand	Online	\$70	\$0	Range Meat Academy, Kari Underly	50	100% Virtual
1	Farm Business Management Certificate Track (1): Managing Production Risks	3	January 10, 2024	9:00 - 12:00	Eastern Main Campus, 104B	\$20	\$0	Dr. Dee Singh-Knights/ WVUES	25	Online and In Person
1	Farm Business Management Certificate Track (1): Managing Financial Risks	3	January 10, 2024	1:00 - 4:00	Eastern Main Campus, 104B	\$20	\$0	Dr. Dee Singh-Knights/ WVUES	25	Online and In Person
1	Farm Business Management Certificate Track (1): Managing Marketing Risks	3	January 17, 2024	9:00 - 12:00	Virtual Session Online	\$20	\$0	Dr. Dee Singh-Knights/ WVUES	25	Online and In Person
1	Farm Business Management Certificate Track (1): Managing Human Resource Risks	3	January 17, 2024	1:00 - 4:00	Virtual Session Online	\$20	\$0	Dr. Dee Singh-Knights/ WVUES	25	Online and In Person
1	Farm Business Management Certificate Track (1): Managing Legal Risks	3	January 24, 2024	9:00 - 12:00	Eastern main Campus 104B	\$20	\$0	Dr. Dee Singh-Knights/ WVUES	25	Online and In Person
1	Farm Business Management Certificate Track (1): Initiating and Scaling Up Production	3	January 24, 2024	1:00 – 4:00	Eastern Main Campus, 104B	\$20	\$0	Dr. Dee Singh-Knights/ WVUES	25	Online and In Person

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2	Agribusiness Diversification & Value Adding Certification Interest Track (2): Day 1 (prerequisite) Farm & Food Safety Certificate PSA Grower Training, Produce Safety Alliance Grower Training (Food Safety Modernization Act (FSMA) Produce Safety Rules)	8	Jan 31, 2024	8:00 - 5:00	Online	\$120	\$0	Dr. Dee Singh-Knights/ WVUES	20	100% online
2	Agribusiness Diversification & Value Adding Certification Interest Track (2): Day 2 (optional) Farm & Food Safety Certificate Writing you Farm Food Safety Plan, toward GAP Certification	8	March 6, 2024	8:00 - 5:30	Online	\$105	\$0	Dr. Dee Singh-Knights/ WVUES	20	100% online
1	Farm Business Management Certificate Track (1): Three Secrets for Increasing Profit	2	January 11, 2024	5:30 – 7:30	Virtual Session Online	\$0	\$0	Dave Pratt/Ranch Management Consultants	No Cap	100% Virtual
2	Agribusiness Diversification & Value Adding Certification Interest Track (2): Day 1 (prerequisite)	8	Feb 21, 2024	8:00 – 5:00	WV Small Farm Conference, Charleston Civic Center	\$120	\$0	Dr. Dee Singh-Knights/ WVUES	20	100% in person

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4	Horticulture Management Systems Certification Interest Track (4): Irrigation Management & Trouble Shooting Bootcamp	3	February 28	1:00 – 4:00	Grace Brooke Greenhouses, Jerry & Melanie Ours	\$20	\$0	Dr. Lewis Jett/WVUES	40	
5	Agribusiness Mental Health & Support (5): Michele Payne (hours count towards any micro credential)	3	March 6, 2024	3:00 – 6:00	Misty Mountain Event Barn	\$0		Michele Payne	No Cap	100% in person
3	Livestock Management Systems Certificate Interest Track (3): Bovine Artificial Insemination Certificate	14	February 29 – March 1, 2024, Class 1 March 21 & 22, 2024, Class 2	9:00 – 4:00	South Branch Stockyards, Moorefield, WV	\$600	\$300	Dr. Darin Matlick/ WVUES & Select Sires	10 per training	100% in person
4	Horticulture Management Systems Certification Interest Track (4): Construction Set Up & Site Preparation for a High Tunnel with a focus on Cover Cropping & Soil Health	3	March 20, 2024	1:00 – 4:00	Tentative, Tucker County or Marsha Waybright	\$20	\$0	Dr. Lewis Jett/ WVUES	40	100% in person

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4	Horticulture Management Systems Certification Interest Track (4): Integrated Pest Management	3	April 16, 2024	1:00 – 4:00	Eastern WV Community Action	\$20	\$0	Dr. Carlos Quesada/ WVUES	40	100% in person
4	Horticulture Management Systems Certification Interest Track (4): Crop Management 101	4	May 22, 2024	1:00 – 5:00	Tentative, Grant County, Jerry Ours	\$20	\$0	Dr. Lewis Jett WVUES	40	100% in person
3	Livestock Management Systems Certificate Interest Track (3): Beef Quality Assurance (BQA) Certificate	2	June 14, 2024	8:00 – 10:00	Petersburg, WV - Tri County Fairgrounds	\$20	\$0	Dr. Kevin Shaffer/ WVUES	75	100% in person
3	Livestock Management Systems Certificate Interest Track (3): Stockmanship & Stewardship Training	7	June 14, 2024	10:00 – 4:00	Petersburg, WV – Tri County Fairgrounds	\$20	\$0	Dr. Ron Gill / Texas A&M Extension	75	100% in person
5	Agribusiness Mental Health & Support (5): Amanda Radke	2	September 7, 2024	4:00 – 6:00	WVU Farm	\$0	\$0	Amanda Radke	No Cap	100% in person
4	Horticulture Management Systems Certification Track (4): Harvesting & Packing Produce for Local Markets	4	September 11, 2024	1:00 – 5:00	Tentative; Hampshire County, Tim Cooper	\$20	\$0	Dr. Lewis Jett/ WVUES	40	100% in person
3	Livestock Management Systems Certificate Interest Track: Pasture Management Certificate	16	October TBD, 2024	Day 1: 8:30 – 4:30 Day 2: 8:30 – 4:30	WVU Reymann Memorial Farm, Wardensville, WV	\$20	\$0	Co-Instructed: Ben Goff, Brad Smith, and Alex Smith	24	100% in person
3	Livestock Management Systems Certificate Interest Track: Beef Quality	2	November TBD, 2024	4:00 – 6:00	WVU Reymann Memorial Farm,	\$20	\$0	Dr. Kevin Shaffer/ WVU	\$40	100% in person

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	Assurance (BQA) Level 1 + 2				Wardensville, WV					

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