#### **IMPACT REPORT 2022-2023**

## EASTERNAG INNOVATION EST. 2019

## agricultural training

## 86

students have participated in Farm Business Management, earning marketing and entrepreneurship skills.

#### students have learned from hands-on ag technical trainings like pasture, horticulture and livestock management.

395

students have earned industry recognized certifications which directly benefit their agriculture enterprise.

77

#### stimulating the local food economy

Eastern's Potomac Highlands Producers program partners with local farmers to provide monthly local food boxes to the community to raise awareness of locally-available food products.

# 250 CUSTOMERS602 BOXES SOLD25 PARTNER FARMS

#### internship & *mentoring*

Students partner with experienced farmers and businesses to learn on the job in their field, earning invaluable lessons. 25 FARM FELLOWS & INTERNS

# supporting the *ag community*

Eastern provides valuable linkages to the farming community for networking and learning through events, free and low-cost trainings, and one on one coaching.

**139** FARMER EVENTS

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## EASTERN AG INNOVATION making an *impact*

Tiffany and Collin Waybright (right) with mentors Melanie and Jerry Ours of Grace Brooke Greenhouses in Maysville, WV

"Having mentors who have been in the field many years and have so much experience in greenhouses and high tunnels is exciting. In just two visits to their farm, we have learned so much already. We can't wait to continue with our internship. Eastern's Farm Fellowship program is an amazing opportunity." Tiffany and Collin Waybright



Aiden Riggleman (right) with farmer mentors Alex and Brad Smith of Bar S Farm in Moorefield, WV

"I really believe this experience will make me well versed in agriculture and I'm happy that I'll come out with credibility as a producer." Aiden Riggleman, Mineral County Technical Center student and Farm Fellow



For more information on Agriculture Innovation programs, or to enroll, visit: easternwv.edu/ag-innovation



Lindsay Paul (right) with farmer mentor Miriam Leatherman of Buena Vista Farm in Old Fields, WV

"The knowledge, tools, and connections that have come with the program are invaluable. All the business courses and food safety classes provided me with a wealth of knowledge... I'm looking forward to applying what I've learned from this program." Farm Fellow Lindsay Paul