

**The Livestock Conservancy
Service to Stewardship Workshop**

Friday and Saturday, April 7-8, 2017

Virginia Horse Center, 487 Maury River Road Lexington, VA 24450

FRIDAY - APRIL 7, 2017					
Time	Location				
	Appomattox Mezzanine in the Anderson Coliseum				
0730-0800	Registration				
0800-0815	Welcome, Introduction – Livestock Conservancy				
0815-0855	<p>Different Farmers—Different Farms --short farm description (why do you do this, size, species/products, sales, how long farming, end goal) --Confirmed Speakers: 1. Erica Govednik. 2. Andrea Chandler. 3. Larry Cooper. 4. Kendy Sawyer. 5. John Fant. 6. Jeremy Engh</p>				
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1200-1300	Lunch, with an ox driving demo by Ed Schultz (Big Lonely)				

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1300-1400	<p>Starting a Farm <i>Understanding your land</i> – Steve Hart (40 minutes) --how the big picture affects your farm plans --zoning, flood plains, soil, covenants, neighbors, access Farm Development – Steve Hart (40 minutes) --“Design Basis Farm” --Site master planning --Feeding, foraging, planting, and management --Fencing options --Water options --Buildings --Livestock handling facilities</p>	<p>Better herds and better breeders – Dr. Phil Sponenberg (90 minutes) -- conservation breeding vs. improvement breeding -- selection and how to use it wisely -- examples of breeding plans -- yes, but what should I do the next year</p> <p>Practical Selection - Jeremy Engh (30 minutes) Lessons learned by a long time master breeder</p>
1400-1500	<p>Fitting the Farm to the Land – Mandy Liesch --soil health, hydrology elevation, siting on property</p>	
1500-1530	Break	
1530-1630	<p>Farm Credit Farmlaunch and Knowledge Center--Matt Lohr (20 minutes) Farming on leased land – Erica Govednik (20 minutes) --special considerations: leases, permissions, infrastructure, tax issues (agricultural land use, deducting lease costs on taxes) Pig Power—Amie Herrerra (20 minutes) Using Gloucestershire Old Spot pigs to reclaim brushland for pasture</p>	<p>Biosecurity and Health – (Lynn Tobias, USDA) – 60 minutes --Transportating animals --Quarantine and introduction --Manure management --Holistic disease management --Biosecurity when managing illness</p>
1630-1700	<p>Resources and networking for veterans – John Fant, Farmer Veteran Coalition Virginia Chapter</p>	
1700-1900	<p>Farm and Animal speed networking and supper <i>The more the merrier – tell your farming friends!</i> Hock-Newberry Farm: Erica Govednik Hinesite Milking Devons and Kerry Cows: Kendy Sawyer Manor of Mixed Blessings: Andrea Chandler Hart Burn Farm: Christina and Steve Hart, with farm minions Larry Cooper: Tool Talk John Fant: Farmer Veteran Coalition Virginia Chapter Galicenos of Suwannee: Rick Blaney & Heidi Reinhardt</p>	

SATURDAY APRIL 8, 2107		
0730-0800	Meet/Coffee/Feed animals/Milk	
0800-1200	Processing and Products – Demos and Hands-On	
	The Big Lonely Barn 7	
0800-0900	Chicken Butchery. Erica Govednik. Need 3 chicken minimum, 6 or participants hands on. Chicken provider: Kendy & Erica	Sheep to Sweater (Andrea Chandler/Tom Stanley) Sheep Providers: Andrea Chandler, Steve Hart
0900-1000	Rabbit Butchery and tanning. Mandy Liesch. Rabbit provider: Andrea Chandler	<u>Shearing:</u> Tom Stanley <u>Cleaning/Carding:</u> Andrea Chandler <u>Spinning & Weaving:</u> Andrea Chandler
0900-1030	Hog Butchery, curing, smoking: Jordan Wicks and Daniel Boyer <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • kill, dress, quarter, and pack in ice • discussion of sanitation, safety, chilling • discussion: cutting the quarters into individual cuts Hog provider: Erica	
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	East Complex Schooling Area	
1200-1300	Lunch (reserve the time)	
	Be a Better Farmer – Steve Hart, moderator	
1300-1400	Work your plan (business, site, infrastructure, marketing, breeding, transitions) (coordinate for resources people: Farm Credit, extension, USDA/SWCD, grazing/foraging specialist, others) (speakers, please bring any books/resources you will be willing to let people see, but not take home, during this time)	
1400-1500	Plan reviews and critiques	
1500-1600	Pitch your Plan (prizes!)	
1600-1700	Conclusions and Goodbyes	
1700-UTC	Teardown and depart	