

# SAVE THE DATE!

## Growth Opportunities for the Local and Regional Food Economy

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| Tuesday, March 23   | 7:00-9:00 p.m. | Rockingham County Administration Bldg.,<br>Community Room, Harrisonburg, VA |
| Wednesday, March 24 | 7:00-9:00 p.m. | Augusta County Government Center,<br>South Board Room, Verona, VA           |
| Thursday, March 25  | 7:00-9:00 p.m. | Washington & Lee University,<br>Elrod Commons 214, Lexington, VA            |

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Emerging Institutional and Regional Markets

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Financing Growth for Community Farm and Food Enterprises

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A Perspective from a Local Farm and Food Entrepreneur and Business Owner

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Networking Opportunity

## Who should attend?

Farmers, producers, farmers market vendors, food co-op members, retailers, chefs, food distributors, and others interested in growth and network opportunities for the local and regional food economy and system related to production, season extension, aggregation of farmers and farm products, storage, packaging, logistics, distribution, retail farm-to-table options, community facilities, and value-adding processes.

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