

Annual AME Program Team In-Service Training
Nelson County, VA
August 21, 2024 – August 22, 2024

Wednesday, August 21st

- 11:00 am to 11:15 am Meet at Mountain Inn, [Wintergreen Resort](#)
- 11:15 am to 12:00 pm Travel to [Saunders Brothers Farm Market](#) (Crysti will have a large van for transportation. If others can bring vans for carpooling, it would be very helpful!)
- 12:00 pm to 1:00 pm Lunch at Saunders Brothers Farm Market, 2717 Tye Brook Hwy, Piney River, VA
- 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm Learn about and tour Saunders Brothers' history & many operations with Jim Saunders. Jim will drive one of Saunders Brothers' tour vans.
- 4:30 pm to 5:00 pm Travel to [Devil's Backbone Brewing Company](#) for dinner
- Travel to Wintergreen Resort for check-in at Mountain Inn's front desk (check-in is 4pm to 11pm)

Thursday, August 22nd

- 7:00 am to 8:00 am Continental Breakfast in the Crawford Meeting Room, Wintergreen
- 8:00 am to 11:30 am Crawford Meeting Room:
 - **Elinor Benami** (Agricultural & Applied Economics, VT) on the Alliance to Advance Climate-Smart Agriculture
 - **John Bovay** (Agricultural & Applied Economics, VT) on ag policy issues
 - **E.C. Myers** (Conservation Partners, LLC) on conservation easements and tax credits
 - **Daniel Tregeagle** (Agricultural & Resource Economics, NC State) on enterprise budgets for specialty crops
 - Speaker TBD on **H-2A program**
- 11:30 am to 12:30 pm Box lunches in the Crawford Meeting Room
- 12:30 pm to 1:00 pm Travel to [Deer Creek Farm](#), 3764 Lowesville Rd, Roseland, VA
- 1:00 pm to 2:00 pm Farm tour with Mark Campbell of Deer Creek Farm (Simmental cattle breeder & sheep)
- 2:00 pm to 2:30 pm Travel to [Edible Landscaping](#), 361 Spirit Ridge Lane, Afton, VA
- 2:30 pm to 3:30 pm Tour Edible Landscaping (nursery, orchard, greenhouses – sell trees, herbs, shrubs, and garden plants)
- 3:30 pm Travel home safely! Thank you for coming!