



# Center for Agricultural Trade



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## WHAT WE DO

**EDUCATION WITH PURPOSE:** Develop the skills of our future leaders and professionals through continuing education to understand, operate, manage, and lead a diverse global agricultural industry.

**OUTREACH AND EXTENSION WITH VALUE:** Increase the competitiveness of private and public sector agribusiness stakeholders in the U.S. and mid-Atlantic regions by providing in-depth agricultural trade and policy information and analysis.

**RESEARCH WITH IMPACT:** Facilitate a collaborative environment for research programs supporting agricultural trade. These programs are designed to generate analytical and relevant policy results to be utilized in global commercial markets and policy arenas.

## HOW WE DO IT

- Expert faculty
- Keynote lectures
- Networking
- Annual Governor's Conference on Agricultural Trade to discuss emerging trade issues with state and federal officials and industry stakeholders
- Collaborative research with the U.S. Department of Agriculture

Keeping the United States and Virginia agriculture competitive in a diverse global economy by producing model-based forecasts and policy projections.

