



PRE-CONFERENCE WORKSHOPS

THURSDAY, JANUARY 16, 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM

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SUSTAINABLE FLOWER FARMING INTENSIVE FOR EVERYONE

Room 2112

From variety selection and succession planning to harvest and storage, this workshop will set beginner flower farmers up for success and elevate advanced grower's techniques and yields. *(Dave Dowling, Ednie Bulb; Maya Kosok, Hillen Homestead; Cristina Flores, FlowersxFlores; and Bahiyah Parks, Eco-Blossoms Farm)*

PASTURED POULTRY: PLANS AND PRACTICES FOR SUSTAINABLE PRODUCTION

Room 2110

A deep dive into sourcing, housing, feeding, and record keeping for processing, pricing, and marketing broilers and layers - with a detailed look at the true cost of operating. Detailed instructions for constructing a moveable coop -- with wheels! *(Dru Peters, Sunnyside Flowers & Farm)*

HEMP: THE NEW (OLD) CASH CROP MAKING A COMEBACK

Room 2115

Join farmers, researchers, and hemp organizations engaging with the legal and regulatory processes surrounding hemp over the past year. Learn about licensing, soils, seed starting, harvest times, production practices, and processing. *(Andrew Ristvey, University of Maryland; Jim Drews, Maryland Department of Agriculture; Dave Liker, Gorman Farms; Steve Groff, Groff North America; Adin Alai, 9Fiber; Rona Kobell, Abel Foundation)*

SAFE FOOD SAFE FARMS: GROWER TRAINING

Room 2106

Everything-you-need-to-know about growing, harvesting, packing, and holding produce in ways that reduce risk of contamination. This workshop satisfies key compliance requirements of the federal Produce Safety Rule. *(Dr. Angela Ferelli, Dr. Shauna Henley, Nicole Cook, Neith Little, Ginny Rosenkranz, Carol Allen, Dr. Naveen Kumar Dixit)*

HALF DAY (9AM-12PM) FREE SNAP, EBT, AND WIC TRAINING

Room 2108

DC, Maryland, and Virginia farmers and farmers market managers are all eligible for free wireless point-of-sale equipment. Come and learn the benefits of being authorized to accept SNAP, WIC, and EBT. *(Amy Crone, Maryland Farmers Market Association)*

