



Fauquier Education Farm

2017 Workshop Series

The Fauquier Education Farm Workshop Series is a learning resource for farmers and home gardeners of all experience levels. You can pick and choose any workshops that may interest you with no expectation that you need to attend them all. The first workshop on Jan. 29th will be held at The Warrenton Visitor Center, the rest of the workshops are held at the Fauquier Education Farm. These workshops are free and open to everyone and do not require registration. These will be held rain or shine and children are always welcome.

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Jan. 29th, 2:30 to 4:30...It's Time to Start Planning... Join us as we go through a full calendar year in the garden, with tips on what should be planted when and how to maximize your gardening success. We will also roll out all the upcoming workshops and learning opportunities at the Education Farm and let you know how you can become an important part of it all. We'll also have free catalogues from our favorite vendors for you to take home.

Held at...Warrenton Visitor Center, 33 N. Calhoun St. Warrenton, Va. 20186

The following workshops will at be held at

Fauquier Education Farm, 8428 Meetze Rd. Warrenton, Va from 6 to 8 PM

May 25th... Cover Crops, Grow Your Own Nutrients. Join us as we partner with the Natural Resources Conservation Service to discuss using cover crops to protect and improve your garden soils. We will have several different blends of cover crops, both fall and spring planted, for you to see in the field. We will also discuss using No-Till methods of establishing cash crops.

June 1st... Row Covers and Low Tunnels. There are very few things you can do in the field that can help some crops more than using row covers and low tunnels. They provide insect and frost protection but also do a great deal to improve plant health and vigor. We'll be using row covers on a much wider variety of vegetables than ever before so come see how we're doing it.

June 7th...The Colorful World of Cauliflower. We will explore to world beyond white in this important and easy to grow cool season crop. Cauliflower now comes in a range of colors from vivid purple to golden orange. We'll have them growing in the field, along with the standard Snow Crown, so we can talk about the do's and don'ts of planting a rainbow in your garden.

June 29th... 3D Deer Fencing. It's heartbreaking to plant a crop only to lose it to these 4-legged pests. We will show you a simple and cost effective means of putting up electric fencing to help protect your garden and ensure that you get to eat out of it before the deer destroy it all.

July 12th... Tomato Variety Trial. Come see our field trial of 12 different tomato varieties. We'll have our favorites and try out several new varieties in our never-ending quest for the perfect BLT.

July 20th... Cantaloupe, Muskmelons and Honeydew. We'll be growing at least 12 varieties. We will talk about weed and pest control, as well as all the other do's and don'ts of raising rich sweetness in your garden. Of course, with all those varieties in the field there must be some taste testing included too!

July 26th...Uncracking the Secrets of Eggplant. We will have several different varieties of this often difficult to raise vegetable, and we'll show you how to make it seem easy. The variety and colors make this a really rewarding crop in your garden.

Aug. 10th... The Good Guys. Much of the conversation about insects in the garden centers around how to kill them, but there is another way. This workshop will introduce you to some of the insect predators in the garden and how to encourage them to work on your side.

Sept 14th...Sweet Potato Variety Trial. We have 5 different varieties of this really nutritious vegetable. We'll showcase how we use plastic mulches to help control weeds around the often quite large plants, and we'll dig some of each variety to see how each is producing in this side by side trial.