

All About Irrigation Workshop

Tuesday, March 6 and Wednesday, March 7, 2018
Tidewater Agricultural Research and Extension Center (TAREC),
6321 Holland Road, Suffolk VA

March 7: Advanced Irrigation

Objective: help producers understand the benefits of improved irrigation practices and how to achieve them.

Speaker	Organization	Topic	Time
Julie Shortridge and David Langston	Virginia Tech	Introduction and Welcome	8:30 – 8:45
Gary Hawkins	University of Georgia	Benefits of irrigation management and conservation	8:45 – 9:15
Curtis Consolvo	GeoResources, Inc.	Managing your Groundwater Supply	9:15 – 9:45
Sara Jordan	VDEQ Office of Water Supply	Agricultural water withdrawal reporting requirements	10:00 – 10:30
Coffee Break			10:30 – 10:45
Guy Collins	North Carolina State University	Irrigation scheduling – checkbook method	10:45 – 11:15
Julie Shortridge	Virginia Tech	Spotting problems early with irrigation efficiency assessments	11:15 -11:45
Break, pick up lunch			11:45 – 12:00
New Technology Spotlight!		Learn about the newest irrigation technologies from local vendors.	12:00 – 12:30
Laurette Tucker	USDA Rural Assistance	Financial and Technological Assistance Programs for Improving Irrigation	12:30 – 1:00
Wes Porter	University of Georgia	Soil moisture sensor data interpretation and applications	1:00 – 1:45
Move Outside			1:45– 2:00
Wes Porter	University of Georgia	Field Demo – soil sensor installation and operation	2:00 – 2:45
Gary Hawkins	University of Georgia	Field Demo – operation/maintenance of overhead and drip systems	2:45 – 3:30
David Langston	Virginia Tech	Field demo – lateral VRI maintenance and operation	3:30 – 4:15
Move inside			4:15 – 4:30
Julie Shortridge	Virginia Tech	Closing remarks, survey completion	4:30 – 4:45