

VIRGINIA

YOUNG, BEGINNING, AND SMALL FARMER *Resources*

Horizon Farm Credit

Financing for farming, land, and rural homes in addition to crop insurance and accounting services.

Phone: 888.339.3334 | horizonfc.com



Farmer Veteran Coalition — Virginia Chapter

Nonprofit that connects military veterans with careers, training, and places to heal on America's farms.

Phone: 540.232.2233 | vabeginningfarmer.alce.vt.edu/archive/virginiafvc.html



Laurel Ridge Small Business Development Center (SBDC)

Provides free, confidential consulting, training, and resources to help entrepreneurs and small business owners start, manage, grow, or sell their businesses across Virginia's Northern Shenandoah Valley region.

Phone: 540.868.7093 | laurelridgesbdc.org



National Resource Conservation Services (NRCS)

Agency within USDA that manages land conservation programs and cost-share funding programs.

Phone: 804.287.1638 | nrcs.usda.gov/state-offices/virginia



Virginia Beginning Farmer & Rancher Coalition

Provides education, technical assistance, networking, and resources to support new and aspiring farmers and ranchers in starting, growing, and sustaining successful agricultural businesses across Virginia.

Phone: 540.232.2233 | vabeginningfarmer.alce.vt.edu



Virginia Cooperative Extension

Provides research-based education and outreach to support agriculture, natural resources, families, youth, and communities across the Commonwealth.

Phone: 540.231.9347 | ext.vt.edu



Virginia Department of Agriculture

State level government agency that promotes the economic growth and development of Virginia agriculture, provides consumer protection and encourages environmental stewardship.

Phone: 804.786.3501 | vdacs.virginia.gov



Virginia Farm Bureau

A grassroots member-driven organization that unifies farmers and rural community members to advocate for important issues facing the industry and provides education, including a Young Farmers & Ranchers program.

Phone: 804.290.1000 | vafb.com



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Virginia Farm Link

Statewide program that connects retiring farmers and landowners with beginning and expanding farmers while providing resources to support farm transitions.

Phone: 434.220.9021 | virginiafarmlink.org



Virginia Farm Service Agency (FSA)

USDA agency that delivers financial assistance to agricultural producers through loans and program services administered at local offices.

Phone: 804.287.1500 | fsa.usda.gov/state-offices/virginia



Virginia Soil Health Coalition

Collaborative network that brings together farmers, organizations, and agencies to strengthen and expand soil health practices across Virginia's landscapes through communication, coordination, and shared learning.

virginiasoilhealth.org



Virginia Soil & Water Conservation Districts

Organization promoting conservation of natural resources through stewardship and education programs.

Phone: 804.559.0324 | vaswcd.org



Looking for more resources?

This list includes many helpful options, but it isn't exhaustive. If you don't see something that fits your needs, a Farm Credit team member can help connect you with additional resources or organizations that may be a better match — just give us a call!

Key



Financing & Grant Funding — Access to funding opportunities, financial assistance programs, grants, and investment resources.



Soil & Environmental Stewardship — Resources focused on soil health, land stewardship, and long-term environmental sustainability.



Networking — Opportunities to connect with peers, build relationships, share experiences, and collaborate with others in the industry.



Education & Professional Development — Learning opportunities, training programs, and resources that support skill development and continued growth.



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