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Date: February 1, 2013  
To: VA Farmers and Partners  
From: Antonio McLaren  
USDA/1890 Program Liaison, Virginia State University  
RE: 2013 VSU/USDA Outreach Workshop

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Virginia State University (VSU) and the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) will host the 2013 Outreach Workshop on March 7th. This event will take place on the VSU campus in the L. Douglas Wilder building. This one-day workshop will bring members of the VSU, USDA, and farming community together to share information and resources. Farmers will benefit from USDA and VSU resources that will help them enhance the sustainability of their agricultural enterprises. Specific topics that will be presented during the Outreach Workshop include marketing, business planning, getting access to USDA programs, and more. The event will include a producer-led panel discussion, topical breakout sessions, and USDA information tables/booths.

Lunch is included with pre-registration, and all attendees will benefit from networking throughout the day's activities. Pre-registration includes name, phone number, and an e-mail address for each person that plans to attend, and all information should be provided by February 28th. To pre-register or to get more information, please contact Antonio McLaren, USDA/1890 Program Liaison on (804)-524-6872 or [amclaren@vsu.edu](mailto:amclaren@vsu.edu).

With sincerest regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Antonio A. McLaren".

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