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GOOD FOOD MANUFACTURING PRACTICES FOCUS OF WVDA TRAINING OPPORTUNITY

The West Virginia Department of Agriculture (WVDA), in cooperation with West Virginia University Extension Service's Small Farm Center, will conduct a Good Manufacturing Practices (GMP) workshop on Feb. 25 at the Charleston Civic Center, prior to the start of the 2015 West Virginia Small Farm Conference. The course will run from 9 a.m. – 5 p.m. and the cost is \$25.

GMPs are federal regulations that apply to all food processors, distributors and warehouses. They are the basis for determining whether the practices, conditions and controls used to process, handle or store food products are safe and whether the conditions in the facility are sanitary.

The course is essential knowledge for all food processors, manufacturers, distributors and warehouses, according to organizers.

Course participants should leave with an understanding of the conditions and practices necessary to produce food under sanitary conditions and the ability to identify unsafe practices and, in turn, recommend safe alternatives.

Participants can register online <http://smallfarmcenter.ext.wvu.edu/events/conference/registration> or by calling the West Virginia Department of Agriculture Marketing & Development Division at 304-558-2210.