

# Brunswick County Agriculture & Timber Conference

February 19, 2019  
Brunswick County Conference Center



## Agenda

- 8:30am-9:00am**                    **Registration/ Continental Breakfast**
- 9:00am-9:15am**                    **Welcome**  
Honorable Barbara Jarrett-Harris,  
*Chair of the Brunswick County Board of Supervisors*
- Scott Martin,  
*Mayor of Lawrenceville*
- 9:15am-9:45am**                    **Keynote Speaker**  
Bettina Ring,  
*Secretary of Agriculture and Forestry (invited)*
- 9:45am-10:00am**                    Daniel LeGrande,  
*Director of Inland Terminals and Sales Support, Port of Virginia*
- 10:00am-10:10am**                    **Break**
- 10:10am-11:00am**                    **Panel Informational Session**
- 11:00am-12:00pm**                    **Discussion Group**
- 12:00pm-1:00pm**                    **Lunch**
- 1:00pm-1:10pm**                    Dr. Tim Durham,  
*Assistant Professor of Agronomy and Agricultural Science,  
Ferrum College*
- 1:10pm-1:20pm**                    Dr. Dixie Watts Dalton  
*Dean of Humanities, Social Sciences, and Business  
Southside Community College*
- 1:20pm-1:45pm**                    **Legislative Session**
- 1:45pm-2:00pm**                    **Closing Remarks**  
*Mike Dotti , IDA Business Liaison Director*





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The conference will provide an opportunity for networking and information sharing that will assist the agriculture and timber communities in enhancing their businesses. The Secretary of Agriculture and Forestry has been invited to address the status and future opportunities in agriculture and forestry in the Commonwealth of Virginia. There will be a representative from the Port of Virginia who will speak on changes at the ports to improve imports and exports. Dr. Tim Durham from Ferrum College will come and speak on the agriculture program that their college provide. Finally, a representative from the Farm Bureau will discuss upcoming legislative changes that affect these industries.

Each group (timber and agriculture) will be provided its own industry related session that will address specific topics such as marketing, economic, legislation, etc. The second part of the break out session will be a discussion group where participants can pose questions to the panel on issues that concern them.

Below are the guest speakers and panelist

### **Keynote Speaker**

Bettina Ring, Secretary of Agriculture and Forestry (invited)  
Daniel LeGrande, Port of Virginia

### **Timber Panel**

Frank Myers, Co-Owner of MM Wright  
Vance Wright, Co-Owner of Charles A Wright Logging, Inc.  
Owen Strickler, Owner of Virginia Carolina Timber  
Thomas Evelyn, Co-Owner of Evelyn Quality and Charles City Timber & Mat and Chairman of New Kent  
Board of Supervisors  
Rob Farrell, State Forester

### **Agriculture Panel**

Bill Scruggs, Virginia Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services  
Robert Harper, Virginia Farm Bureau Grain Division,  
Erin Williams, Policy Analyst Virginia Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services

