

# How to Start a Home Based Food Business



**March 13, 2018**

**March 20, 2018 (snow date)**

**1:30 pm – 4:30 pm**

**Cost: \$10**

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Have you ever wanted to start your own home based food business? Are you interested in selling food items at a farmer's market? Are you a producer and want to know more about selling a value added product? This workshop will cover the regulations and food safety issues that are involved in operating a food business. Find out what resources and programs that are available to assist you in your venture.

**Registration deadline: March 6, 2018**

**Registration information:** <https://tinyurl.com/y9qpg3h7>

**Questions – Contact Becky Sheffield Gartner at (540)727-3435 x344 or rebes13@vt.edu**

## **Agenda**

**1:00 – 1:30 pm** - Check In

**1:30 – 2:15 pm**

*Starting a Food Business: Virginia Department of Agriculture & Consumer Services (VDACS) Requirements & Application Process*

Nikeya Thomas, NOVA Regional Manager, VDACS – Food Safety Office

**2:15 – 4:00 pm**

*Food Safety Considerations for Value-Added and Processed Products*

Joell Eifert, Director, Food Innovations Program, Food Science & Technology, Virginia Tech

**4:00– 4:30 pm**

*What's Happening at Carver? An overview of the development of the New Farmer Program, Food Enterprise Center and agricultural research on the campus.*

Carl Stafford & Becky Sheffield Gartner, Board Members, George Washington Carver Agricultural Research Center

Roger Williams, Volunteer Coordinator, New Farmer Program



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