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## **Welcome to Virginia Cooperative Extension Master Gardener Program 2019**

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# First Agricultural College Established

- 1855 the Agricultural College of Michigan was established by Gov. Kinsley S. Bingham
- Served as the prototype for other agricultural programs
- Mission statement:
  - to democratize higher education and expand its opportunities based on merit, not social class
  - to find practical applications for scientific research and technological innovations
  - to make public service an essential part of higher education's mandate

# Morrell Act of 1862

- Introduced by Congressman Justin Morrell of Vermont in June of 1862
- Signed by Pres. Abraham Lincoln
- 30,000 acres of Federal land for each congressional member
- Proceeds of sale of land went to establish colleges that taught agricultural and mechanical arts
- 69 colleges were funded by land grants
- VT (1872) and VSU (1882) are land-grant colleges

# Hatch Act of 1887

- Congressman William Hatch, Missouri
- Signed by Pres. Grover Cleveland
- Provide facilities for colleges to conduct agricultural research and experiment stations
  - Soil and water use and conservation
  - Animal production, protection and health
  - Processing and utilization of agricultural products
  - Forestry and range management
  - Aquaculture
  - Home economics and human nutrition
  - Biotechnology

# Demonstration Farms - 1903

- Special agent Seaman Knapp from US Dept. Ag
- Developed first demonstration farm
- Texas - response to cotton boll weevil
- Established best practices for pest control
- Traveling demo program to farms
- By 1904 – 33 agents for demo farms

# First Agents and Youth Groups

- 1906 – W. C. Stallin became first paid county Agriculture Agent in Texas
- 1906 – J. B. Pierce first African-American agent
- 1907 – T. O. Sandy - Burkeville, VA became first Agriculture Agent in Virginia
- 1908 – boys corn clubs organized in VA
- 1910 – girls tomato canning club
- Forerunners of 4-H



To Make the Best Better

# Smith-Lever Act of 1914

- Senator Hoke Smith, Georgia
- Congressman Asbury Lever, South Carolina
- Signed by Pres. Woodrow Wilson
- Established a national Extension Service
- Extended outreach programs through land-grant colleges to educate citizens in advances in agricultural practices
- Established reporting requirements for land-grant recipients
- [ext.vt.edu](http://ext.vt.edu) – search on history



# Framework for MG Program








- Framework for activities between MG program, VCE and land-grant colleges
  - Research performed at university level
  - Findings are published
  - VCE disseminates information to educators
  - Educators inform public through out-reach
    - Help Desk
    - Plant clinics
    - Speakers Bureau
    - Home Gardening Series



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-  Land Grant Universities: Virginia Tech, Virginia State
-  District Offices
-  Unit Offices
-  Agricultural Research & Extension Centers (ARECs)
  - 1-Shenandoah Valley 2-Alson H. Smith, Jr. 3-Middleburg
  - 4-Eastern Virginia 5-Eastern Shore 6-Southwest Virginia
  - 7-Reynolds Homestead Forest Resources 8-Southern Piedmont
  - 9-Tidewater 10-Hampton Roads 11-Virginia Seafood
-  Departmental Research Centers
  - 1-Salville 2-Northern Piedmont
-  4-H Educational Centers
  - A-Northern Virginia B-Jamestown C-Airfield
  - D-Holiday Lake E-W.E. Skelton F-Southwest
-  District Boundaries

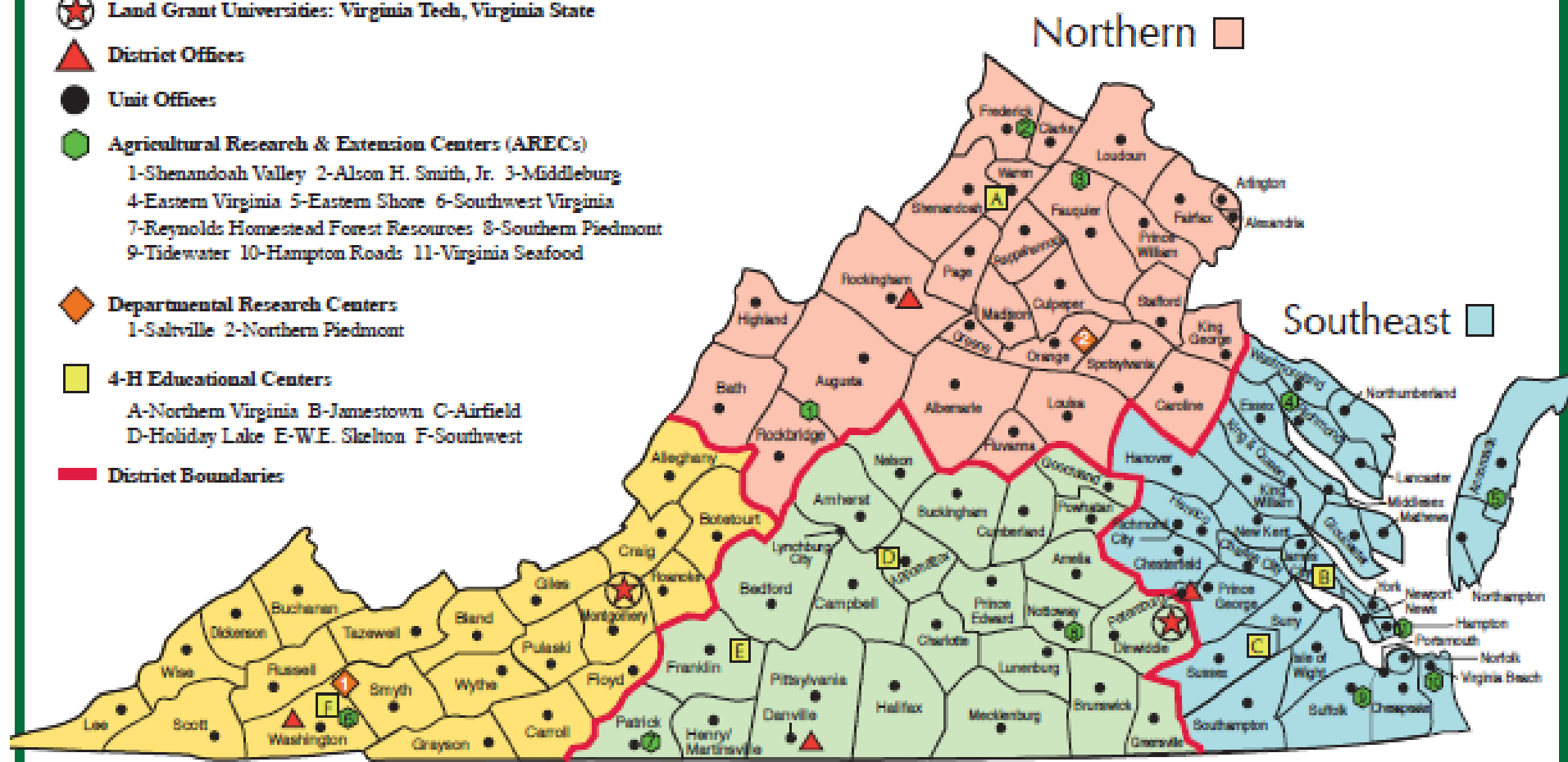
Northern 

Southeast 

Southwest 

Central 

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# Mission & Vision of VCE

VCE is an educational outreach program bringing resources of Virginia's land-grant universities to the people of the commonwealth

Extension is committed to providing access to unbiased, scientific information related to locally defined issues

# Master Gardener Program

Extension Master Gardeners are trained volunteer educators who work within their local communities to encourage and promote environmentally sound horticulture practices through sustainable landscape management

Hanover Master Gardener classes started in 1982, educating more than 500 students

# Hanover Master Gardener Association

## Established in 1988

- Create an annual plan of work; Board of Directors
- Promote VCE approved projects
- Grants to schools and community organizations
- Organize and staff a help desk providing answers to home gardening questions
- Promotes community education
  - Home Gardening Series
  - Speakers Bureau
  - Plant Clinics
  - Youth activities
  - Trips and tours
- Automatically enrolled in HMGA during your year of training
- Dues \$10 per year
- Do not have to be a member to maintain Master Gardener status

# Stats from 2018

## HMGA Annual Report

- 75 active Master Gardeners
- Logged 4,609 volunteer hours
- Made 9,309 public contacts

# HMGGA Meetings

- 4 Association meetings a year
- 4 Member led meetings a year
- Monthly Board of Directors – third Monday

# Websites for Resources

- **ext.vt.edu**
- **ext.vsu.edu**
- **Use any website that ends in edu/org**
- **hanovermastergardeners.org**
  - **Available to the public**
  - **Members Only Site**
- **Volunteer Management System VMS**
- **Virginia Master Gardener Association**
- **Master Gardener College**



**What do you need?**

Use the search below to search the site or find your local unit office.



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