## Resource Guide

# **Veterans in Agriculture**

Are you a Veteran interested in starting an agricultural hobby or business? This guide contains resources to help you get started.

#### WEST VIRGINIA

<u>WV Veterans & Heroes to Agriculture</u> https://bit.ly/37tiwJH <u>WV Department of Agriculture</u> https://agriculture.wv.gov/Pages/default.aspx <u>Operation Welcome Home</u> https://welcomehomewv.com/about-us/ <u>Sprouting Farms</u> https://www.sproutingfarms.org/

### VIRGINIA

VA Department of Agriculture https://www.vdacs.virginia.gov Beginning Farmer & Rancher Coalition https://bit.ly/2XOHwrv

#### MARYLAND <u>Maryland Department of Veteran Affairs</u> https://veterans.maryland.gov/veterans-services-specialist-program/

### ADDITIONAL ASSISTANCE IN IDENTIFYING AND NAVIGATING AVAILABLE RESOURCES

 Farm Bureau Patriot Project
 Mentorship program that connects military veteran beginning farmers and ranchers

 with experienced Farm Bureau member farmers and ranchers. https://www.fb.org/programs/patriot-project/

 Homegrown By Heroes
 (HBH) label is the official farmer veteran branding program of America.

 https://farmvetco.org/hbh/
 USDA Veteran Resources

 National Sustainable Agriculture Coalition
 Beginner farmer and rancher development program.

 https://bit.ly/2MNObvz
 Natural Resources Conservation Services (NRCS) Help people make investments in their operations to improve the quality of our air, water, soil and habitat. https://www.nrcs.usda.gov/wps/portal/nrcs/site/national/home/

 Farmer Veteran Coalition
 Nation's largest nonprofit organization assisting veterans and currently serving members of the Armed Forces to embark on careers in agriculture. https://farmvetco.org

 Small Business Administration (SBA)
 https://www.sba.gov

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