

From Service to Stewardship



A Workshop for Veterans on Farming with Heritage Breeds of Livestock and Poultry

Friday & Saturday, May 20 & 21, 2016, Remington, Virginia

ALL BEGINNING FARMERS ARE INVITED TO ATTEND

Lakota Ranch: 9272 Big Horn Rd
Remington, VA 22734

FRIDAY

Classroom, focus sessions and hands-on learning with experts on farming with heritage breeds of livestock.

- Risks and rewards, how to choose the right-size farm enterprise.
- How to choose, raise, feed and breed heritage poultry
- Getting started with heritage sheep – know your markets
- Select, raise, and market heritage cattle and hogs
- Planning your next steps

❖ Heritage Devon Barbeque Dinner;

Demonstrations and Networking;
Poultry Processing, Scything, Tractor Selections,
Milking and Oxen

SATURDAY

Morning Classes:

- Draft horse power,
- Rotational grazing
- Fence building,
- Small haymaking/scything

Afternoon Farm Tours:

Ayrshire Farm,
Hock-Newberry Farm
Old Gjerpen Farm

\$110 Early-bird registration

(2 lunches & Friday dinner)

Couples \$170 inclusive

Saturday ONLY: Activities & lunch \$35.

Join Virginia Cooperative Extension, The Livestock Conservancy and heritage livestock experts for a two-day intensive workshop that will help inform today's veterans to become tomorrow's successful farmers!



Harvey Ussery: Author of bestselling book: *The Small-Scale Poultry Flock*: An all-natural approach to raising chickens and other fowl for home and market growers.

Jeremy Eng: Lifelong breeder of Devon cattle continuing his family tradition of raising and marketing grass-fed Devon cattle. US Army veteran.

Richard Larson: Twice winner of the Supreme Champion Fleece award over 1,200 competitors. Breeder of Leicester Longwool sheep and Milking Devon cattle. USMC veteran.

Chris Damewood and Crystal Ritenour: raise Gloucestershire Old Spots hogs on pasture as part a commitment to sustainability, profitability, and preservation.

Jason Rutledge: Breeder and trainer of Suffolk Punch horses since 1981, subsistence farmer, and co-founder of the non-profit Healing Harvest Forest Foundation. US Navy veteran.

Larry Cooper: Scything instructor, blacksmith and designer of the Gulland broadfork.

Erica Govednik: Successful organic, multi-species, rotational-grazing farmer on rented land in Marshall, VA. Coast Guard veteran and 2014 workshop attendee.

"Veterans are especially suited for heritage breed agriculture due to our unique connection with the heritage of our country. For many of us, farming and being in the military are part of our personal heritage and pride in being an American." – Althea Raiford, attendee from Brunswick, Georgia

Registration, Information, Scholarships

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