Schedule of events:

9:05-9:55: Lynn Brammer, Share the Spare program
Come learn how local Lynn Brammer worked with the New River Valley Master Gardener Association to create a viable program to connect people in need with fresh, nutritious food from the farmer’s market.

Short film 9:55-10:10: The agriculture story

10:10-11:00: Jennifer Gagnon, Shannon Ritter/Michael Williams, Forestry & Master Naturalists
Got trees? Got wildlife? Come learn how Extension offers educational opportunities to manage your trees and offers a Master Naturalist program to further educate and protect the abundant wildlife in your backyard and the state of Virginia.

Short film 11:00-11:15: Wildlife habitat and the hunter

11:15-12:05: Judith Jones, Master Gardener program
Looking for ways to enhance your green thumb and help your community? Then the Master Gardener program is perfect for you! Educational and service-driven, former interim director of Extension Judith Jones will discuss this program and how you can get involved.

Short film 12:05-12:20: Virginia Cooperative Extension

12:20-1:10 pm: Alex Hessler, Director, Sustainable Food and Farming Systems
Kentland Farms is the college farm, composed of six tracts of land totaling 3,000 acres, all located in the Blacksburg area. This session will focus on the unique partnership between Virginia Tech Dining Services and Kentland Farms.

Short film 1:10-1:25: The safest place

1:25-2:15 pm: Brent & Tonia Strange, Reliant Farm, Craig County
Learn how Extension has been helping Brent and Tonia Strange find and establish their own farm and beekeeping business. Currently they sell meat at the Blacksburg Farmers market in collaboration with ShadowChase Farm.

Short film 2:15-2:30: Ginseng production

2:30-3:20: Jenny Schwanke, civic agriculture
Did you know that Virginia Tech is involved in local food projects? Jenny Schwanke will discuss how the work of Extension ties in with civic agriculture and community programs such as the Appalachian Foodshed Project.

Short film 3:20-3:45: Protect your livestock from radioactive fallout

Short film 3:45-4:00: We show the way

4:00-4:50: Mike Martin, 4-H
4-H is probably one of the most recognized programs offered by Extension, but have you ever wondered what exactly it is that 4-H does? Come learn about the programs offered to kids in city and rural area, and volunteer opportunities you can partake in.

Note, all films being shown today were produced by various Extension agencies across the country (many are from Virginia).