



## Hops in Virginia: Need-to-Know Information about Extension Resources

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### Introduction

All of the hops publications and resources described on this page can be viewed on the Virginia Cooperative Extension hops website at <http://www.ext.vt.edu/topics/agriculture/commercial-horticulture/hops/index.html>. The site also contains presentations from hops workshops, upcoming industry events, useful links, and more.

- **Virginia Cooperative Extension Hops Publications:** These include factsheets, pest management guides, Virginia grower survey results, and more.
- **Hops Analysis from the Virginia Tech Enology Analytical Services Laboratory:** The lab can report on moisture, acids, and essential oils from hop samples submitted.
- **Soil Testing:** Samples submitted to Virginia Tech with the crop code for hops (code 75) will return with fertilizer and lime recommendations. To collect and submit a sample, contact your local Extension office.
- **Weed Identification Clinic, Plant Disease Clinic, and Insect Identification Lab:** Each of these services from Virginia Tech can be accessed via your local Extension agent.

### Helpful Links

Several states in the eastern U.S. have industries that operate in a similar manner to Virginia's industry. Hop researchers in these states have provided many useful resources on their websites:

- North Carolina State University Hops Extension <https://newcropsorganics.ces.ncsu.edu/specialty-crops/nc-hops/>

- University of Maryland Hops Extension <https://extension.umd.edu/programs/agriculture-food-systems/program-areas/fruit-vegetable-production/grapes-and-fruit/hops>
- Ohio State University Hops Extension <https://southcenters.osu.edu/horticulture/other-specialties/hops>
- Michigan State University Hops Extension <https://www.canr.msu.edu/hops/>
- University of Vermont Hops Extension <https://www.uvm.edu/extension/nwcrops/hops>
- Cornell Hops Extension <https://cals.cornell.edu/school-integrative-plant-science/outreach-extension/special-interest/hops>

### Agencies and Programs

Services, technical support, and programs that may be useful to hop growers.

- Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) — Virginia <https://www.nrcs.usda.gov/contact/state-office-contacts/virginia-state-office>
- Farm Service Agency (FSA) — Virginia <https://www.fsa.usda.gov/state-offices/Virginia/index>
- Soil and Water Conservation Districts <https://www.dcr.virginia.gov/soil-and-water/swcds>
- Virginia Beginning Farmer and Rancher Coalition [www.vabeginningfarmer.alce.vt.edu](http://www.vabeginningfarmer.alce.vt.edu)
- Virginia Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services (VDACS) <https://www.vdacs.virginia.gov>

# Industry Groups

- Loudoun Hops Association  
<https://www.facebook.com/LoudounHops/>
- Northeast Hops Alliance  
<https://marylandbeer.org/members/northeast-hop-alliance-mid-atlantic-chapter/>
- Hop Growers of America  
<https://www.usahops.org>
- Southern Appalachian Hops Guild  
<https://www.facebook.com/Southern-Appalachian-Hops-Guild-329121257578/>

This list was updated in 2023 and is provided to demonstrate that industry resources and networking opportunities are available in many areas. It is not an exhaustive list of grower organizations available in our region or in the U.S.

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