

Agriculture – Economic Development?



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Why Agriculture?

Basic Economics

Food Safety

Know Where My Food Comes From





Basic Economics

2008 Crash

Additional \$6,000 in transportation per load from California

Searching for new crops that “fit”

Additional crop search – Cilantro ?

Full spectrum of employment opportunities and jobs we can
do



Food Safety – Value Added

Good Agriculture Practices –GAP

PRIMUS

Global Food Safety – GFS

Market Demands

USDA/FDA Requirements



Know Where My Food Comes From

Movement?

Assets

- History
- SWVA Farmers Market
- Community Cannery



Retail Farmers' Market



Wholesale Farmers' Market



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Meeting Commercial Needs



Basic Math

Corn and Hydro-Cooling

Shelf life – 2 days

With hydro-cooling – 2 weeks

Value without hydro-cooling \$5.00 per crate

Value with hydro cooling \$18.00 -20.00 per crate

Or increase of up to 400% in value for an additional
\$2.00 charge

Pumpkins

3,000 acres

\$15 – 17 million crop

= 3,000 trailer loads

Community Impact

\$45,000,000



Pumpkin Promotions



Community Cannery

USDA/ FDA Certified Cannery

Commercial Food Lab

Teaching Facility

Community needs



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Planning

Goal of the BOS

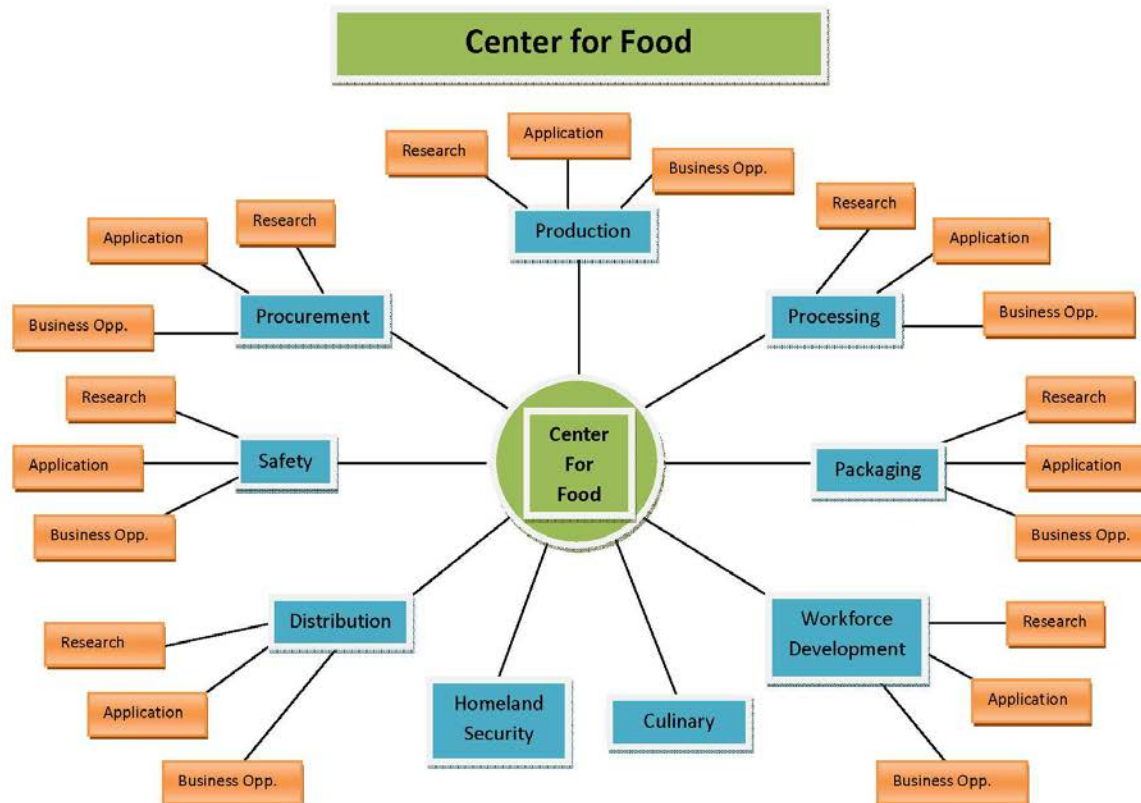
Creation of Food Commission

Workforce Training

School Farm

STE”A”M Lab

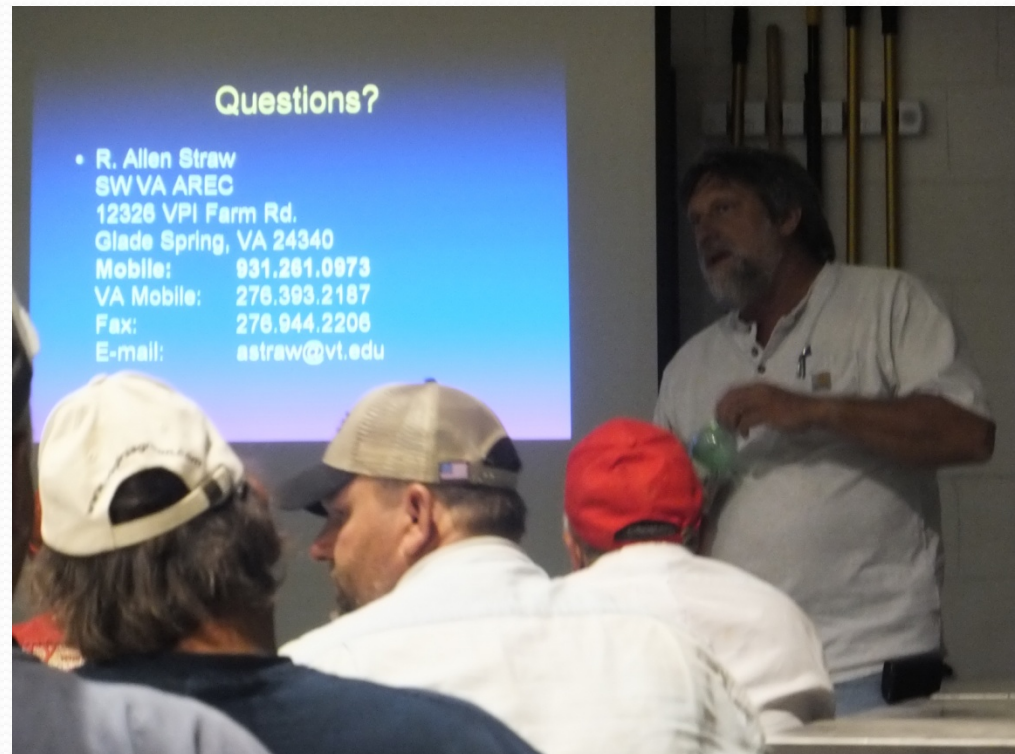
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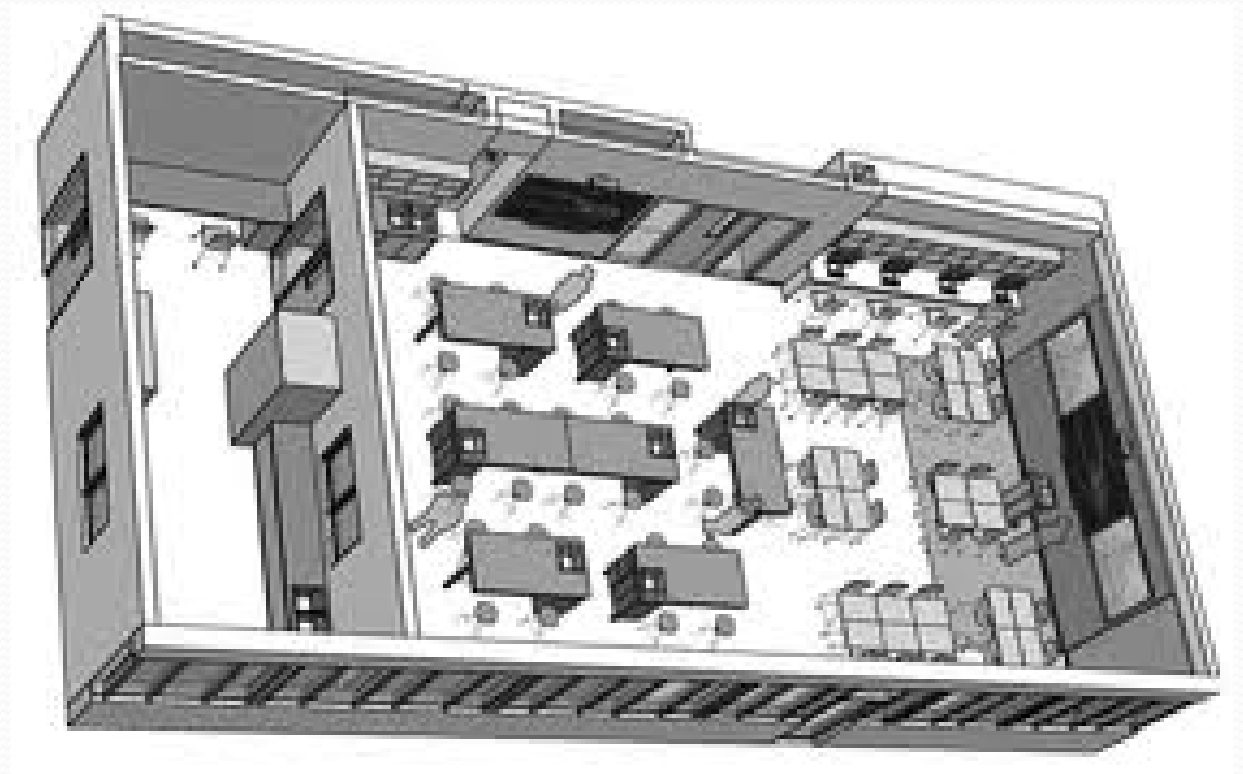
Science

Technology

Engineering

AGRICULTURE

Math



STE"A"M Lab - Agriculture



Job/ Future Creation



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Economic Development and Agriculture – Next Generation



Secret Weapon



Thank You



