

Final

2025 Frontline to Farm Schedule

Please note! We hope to help with farm work on our farm tours, so please bring your gloves and farm shoes!

June 12-13, 2025 (Alumni trainees)

Wednesday June 11

4:00-6:00 Check in at dorm
6:00-8:00 Optional dinner TBA

Thursday June 12

7:00-7:50 Check in at dorm
7:00-7:50 Breakfast (Roess Dining Hall)
8:00-8:30 Welcome Recap (Living Learning Center Annex) Anne
8:30-9:30 Veteran mental health Morgan Gibbard
9:30-10:30 BSBE Eddy Labus
10:45 – 4:45 Alumni tours (must pre-register)

Tour Track 1: Bees to Business (Lynn Gibbard)

10:45-12:00 *Hive Tracks* Max Runzel, James Wilkes
Bees on the farm Nelson Gonzalez
12:00-1:15 Travel to BRP
1:15-1:55 Lunch in the field (sponsored by AgSouth Farm Credit)
1:55-2:05 Travel to Farm
2:05-4:00 Tour Hidden Happiness Bee Farm HS Greene
4:00-4:45 Travel to Shipley Farms

OR

Tour Track 2: Farm to Store (Anne Fanatico)

10:45-11:00 Travel to Farm
11:00-1:00 Tour Browns Farm Ridge Daniel Brown
(lunch on farm sponsored by AgSouth Farm Credit and BFR)
1:00-1:45 Travel to Facility
1:45- 3:30 Tour BFR Facility Daniel Brown
3:30-4:00 Travel to Corbett's Produce
4:00-4:15 Tour Corbett's Produce Daniel Brown

Final	4:15- 4:45	Travel to Shipley Farms	
5:00-5:30	Farming & Community Connections		FARM Cafe
5:30-6:00	Welcome and thanks		Chancellor Heather Norris, Appalachian State University Mr. Grayson Farmer, Constituent Liaison to Rep Virginia Foxx Lynn Gibbard – thank trainers, farm hosts, sponsors Gray Shipley – welcome to the farm and dinner details
6:00-8:00	Networking dinner at Shipley Farms (Sponsored by AgSouth Farm Credit and Shipley Farms)		Bob and Gray Shipley & family
8:00-8:15	Travel to Campus		

Friday June 13

7:30-8:00	Breakfast (provided by Stick Boy Kitchen)		
8:00-8:30	Recap (Living Learning Center Annex)		Anne
8:30-8:45	Consultant introductions		
		Joe Ginseng, Cory Bryk, Carol Coulter, Jill Cockerham, Lee Rankin	
8:45-10:00	Consultants (small table discussions, switch every 20 minutes)		
10:00-10:15	Break		
10:15-11	Consultants (small table discussions, switch every 20 minutes)		
11:00-12:00	Grant availability		Eddy Labus
12:00-1:00	Lunch (sponsored by American Legion)		
1:00-2:00	Farming and Entrepreneurship		Erich Schlenker
2:00-3:00	Wrap up and final evaluations		Anne & Lynn

Frontline to Farm, a collaborative program featuring faculty and students from the College of Fine and Applied Arts' departments of Sustainable Development and Communication, helps military Veterans and beginning farmers get started in sustainable farming as a livelihood. We support practices that raise healthy food, mitigate climate change and build community, while providing support and reconnection for those who have served.