

Final

2025 Frontline to Farm Schedule

June 9-13, 2025 (Beginner Training)

Sunday June 8

4:00-6:00 Check in at dorm (dorm TBD)
Dinner on your own

Monday June 9

7:00-7:50	Check in at dorm	
7:00-7:50	Breakfast (Roess Dining Hall)	
8:00-8:15	Get started	Lynn
8:15-8:45	Welcome, Introductions	Assoc Dean Miller, Anne, Lynn, Eddy
9:00-10:30	USDA	Julia Houk
10:30-10:45	Break	
10:45-11:45	Landscape/nursery	Paige Patterson
11:45-12:45	Lunch (Roess Dining Hall)	
1:00-1:45	Travel to Farm	
1:45-3:30	Tour New Life Farm	Cory Bryk
3:30-4:15	Travel to Farm	Daniel Brown
4:15-5:15	Tour BFR	
5:15-6:15	Agritourism	Lee Rankin (at BFR)
6:15-8:00	Pig Pickin' at BFR (Sponsored by HCC MOAA)	Daniel Brown & family
8:00-8:20	Travel to Campus	

Tuesday June 10

7:00-7:50	Breakfast (Roess Dining Hall)	
8:00-8:30	Welcome Recap and Schedule	Anne, Eddy, & Lynn
8:30-9:15	Farm Credit-Funding Resources/Farm Link	Judd Price
9:15-10:30	The Business of Farming	Anne Fanatico
10:30-10:45	Break	
10:45-11:30	Woodland Medicinals	Joe Ginseng
11:30-12:00	Sustainable Agriculture	Anne Fanatico
12:00-1:00	Lunch (Roess Dining Hall)	
1:00-1:20	Travel to Farm	
1:20-2:50	Tour Against the Grain	Holly Whitesides & Andy Bryant
2:50-3:00	Travel to Farm	
3:00-5:00	Tour Springhouse Farm	Amy Fiedler

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5:00-5:15 Travel to Campus
Dinner on your own (Roess Dining Hall)
6:30-8:30 Optional tour Up the Creek Farm Joe Ginseng & Eddy Labus
pre-registration required
POV transportation

Wednesday June 11

7:00-7:50 Breakfast (Roess Dining Hall)
8:00-8:30 Welcome-Recap Anne, Eddy, & Lynn
8:30-10:30 National Ag-Law Center Rusty Rumley
10:30-10:45 Break
10:45-11:30 Veteran mental health Morgan Gibbard
11:30-12:30 Lunch in the field (sponsored by AgSouth Farm Credit)
12:30-1:00 Travel to farm
1:00-2:15 Tour Cheek Farmstead Creamery Rodney Cheek
2:15-2:30 Travel to Farm
2:30-3:30 Tour App State Farm Chip Hope
3:30-4:00 Travel to Kitchen
4:00-4:30 Tour High Country Commercial Kitchen Jill Cockerham
4:30-4:40 Travel to Farm
4:40-5:45 Tour Heritage Homestead Lon Coulter & Mike Hamburger
5:45-6:45 Food business & HHGD hors d'oeuvres Jill Cockerham/Carol Coulter
6:45-8:00 Dinner at Heritage Homestead (sponsored by Boone American Legion) Lon & Carol Coulter
8:00-8:45 Travel to Campus

Thursday June 12

7:00-7:50 Breakfast (Roess Dining Hall)
8:00-8:30 Welcome Recap Lynn & Eddy
8:30-9:30 Recordkeeping/Meat Marketing Eddy Labus
9:30-10:30 Communication/Branding Lynn Gibbard
10:30-10:45 Break
10:45-12:00 Forestry 101 for Farmers Jim Hamilton
12:00-1:00 Lunch (Roess Dining Hall)
1:00-1:15 Travel to Butchery
1:15-2:30 Tour Watauga Butchery Bob Shipley/Gray Shipley/Eddy Labus
2:30-2:35 Travel to Farm
2:35-4:35 Tour Shipley Beef Farm Bob Shipley/Gray Shipley/Eddy Labus
4:35-5:00 Break

Final		
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

7:00-7:50	Check out of dorm	
7:00-7:50	Breakfast (Roess Dining Hall)	
8:00-8:30	Welcome Recap	Lynn
8:30-9:30	Grant availability	Eddy Labus
9:30-10:00	F2F Next Steps	Lynn
10:00-10:15	Break	
10:15-11:15	Soil and Water	Bonny Bonville
11:15-12:00	Wrap-Up and final evaluations	Lynn
12:00-1:00	Lunch (optional - Roess Dining Hall)	
1:00-4:30	Optional tour of Apple Hill Farm	Lee Rankin (farm owner)
	PERSONAL VEHICLE TRANSPORT	
	Apple Hill Farm, 400 Apple Hill Rd, Banner Elk, NC 28604 (40 minutes from Boone)	

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.