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

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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 industry factsheets, pest management guides, Virginia grower survey results, a food safety factsheet, 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.

Industry Groups

- [Old Dominion Hops Cooperative](#) is a Virginia-based grower organization that provides networking, support, and education for regional growers.
- [Northeast Hops Alliance](#) is a coalition of growers, brewers, and stakeholders interested in supporting commercial hops production in the Northeast U.S.
- [Southern Appalachian Hops Guild](#) is an association made up of small-scale hop farmers and brewers whose mission is to further the cultivation of hops and share good growing practices in the Eastern U.S.
- [Hop Growers of America](#) is an organization that provides education, grower support, statistics, trade information, and other important industry services.

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](#)
- [University of Maryland Hops Extension](#)
- [Ohio State University Hops Extension](#)
- [Michigan State University Hops Extension](#)
- [University of Vermont Hops Extension](#)
- [Cornell Hops Extension](#)

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

- [Natural Resources Conservation Service \(NRCS\) – Virginia](#)
- [Farm Service Agency \(FSA\) – Virginia](#)
- [Soil and Water Conservation Districts](#)
- [Virginia Beginning Farmer and Rancher Coalition](#)
- [Virginia Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services \(VDACS\)](#)