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New York-based agribusiness expert to speak in Winchester Sept. 25

Star Staff Report

Winchester — An agribusiness seminar with an expert from the New York Hudson Valley is scheduled this month.

Todd M. Erling, the executive director of the Hudson Valley AgriBusiness Development Corp., has entitled his speech, "Strengthen Agriculture in the Shenandoah Valley."

The talk starts at 1 p.m. Sept. 25 in the conference room of Valley Farm Credit at 125 Prosperity Drive.

Organizers say the Shenandoah Valley and the Hudson Valley are similar in many ways, including how close both areas are to metropolitan markets and the ways in which encroaching development may threaten the future of farming.

Erling also is set deliver the two-hour presentation to farmers in Woodstock, Stanley, Verona, and Harrisonburg starting on Sept. 22.

For additional information, contact the non-profit Shenandoah Resource Conservation and Development Council at 540-248-3321.

The group covers Winchester and Frederick County, along with Harrisonburg, Waynesboro, and Staunton, and the surrounding six-county region.

Sponsoring the talk along with the Resource Conservation and Development Council are the Shenandoah County Farm Bureau and the Committee to Preserve Rural Life in Frederick County.