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VIEDA’s Enterprise Zone Commission, 
VI Department of Planning & Natural Resources, 
VI Department of Agriculture to partner for U.S. Virgin Islands event

CHARLOTTE AMALIE, U.S. Virgin Islands – February 12, 2020 -- Farmers and fishers in the U.S. Virgin Islands will have an opportunity to receive updates on the findings from the Food Processing Plant Feasibility Study and get advice on best practices for their business and personal well-being as entrepreneurs at a Farmers and Fishers Business Conference in early March 2020.

This conference, hosted by the Enterprise Zone Commission – an entity of the Virgin Islands Economic Development Authority - in partnership with the Virgin Islands Departments of Planning & Natural Resources and Agriculture, will be held from 8AM to 5PM on St. Croix and St. Thomas, USVI.

The Farmers and Fishers Business Conference is sponsored by a grant from the U.S. Department of the Interior. Farmers or fishers, or individuals who are interested in the farming and fishing industries, are invited to register and attend this conference.

ST. CROIX:

Tuesday, March 3, 2020
University of the Virgin Islands' Great Hall
Albert A. Sheen Campus
Kingshill, St. Croix, U.S. Virgin Islands 00851

ST. THOMAS:

Thursday, March 5, 2020
University of the Virgin Islands
Sports & Fitness Center, 2nd Fl., VIP Room  
No. 2 John Brewers Bay  
St. Thomas, U.S. Virgin Islands 00801

Industry experts and leaders from the public and private sectors will lead breakout sessions on topics that relate to a farmer and fisher’s personal well-being such as health, insurance and estate planning. Attendees will also learn how to increase their profits; ensure food safety for public consumption, maintain business records; apply for business tax incentives, funding, license renewal and much more.

Registration forms for the Farmers and Fishers Business Conference can be retrieved on St. Thomas from the offices of the Virgin Islands Economic Development Authority, 8000 Nisky Shopping Center, 2nd Fl, Suite No. 620, St. Thomas, USVI (Tel. No.: 340-714-1700); the V.I. Department of Planning & Natural Resources, Charles W. Turnbull Library, 4607 Tutu Park Mall, St. Thomas, VI 00802 (Tel. No.: 340-774-3320); and the V.I. Department of Agriculture, No. 7944 Estate Dorothea, St. Thomas, USVI 00802 (Tel. No.: 340-774-5182).

On St. Croix, registration forms can be obtained from the VIEDA office at No. 116 King St. in Frederiksted (Tel. No.: 340-773-6499); the V.I. Department of Planning & Natural Resources, 45 Estate Mars Hill, St. Croix, USVI 00820 (Tel. No.: 340-773-1082); and at the V.I. Department of Agriculture at No. 1 Estate Lower Love, Kingshill, St. Croix, USVI 00850 (Tel. No.: 340-778-0997).

To learn more, contact Shaylah Anthony, programs and grants compliance officer, Enterprise Zone Commission, at 340-714-1700, ext. no. 1813.

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