



# 2024 MID-ATLANTIC *fruit & vegetable convention* JANUARY 30–FEBRUARY 1, 2024

HERSHEY LODGE  
Hershey, Pennsylvania  
[www.mafvc.org](http://www.mafvc.org)

## ***Pre-Convention Workshop***

### **Specialty Mushrooms**

**January 29, 2024**

**\$35 (no lunch included)**  
**12:00 pm - 4:30 pm**

Mushrooms are an increasingly popular commodity with customers. However, there are many different specialty species and considerations for adding mushrooms as a crop. If you have been thinking about growing mushrooms, developing a new niche, or generating creative revenue streams off your land, this workshop may help get you to the next step. The workshop will include an in-depth overview of specialty mushrooms and considerations for successfully cultivating popular species. At the end of the workshop, specialty mushroom growers from Pennsylvania and Maryland will offer their practical experience and knowledge as part of a grower's roundtable.

- 12:00 **An Overview of Specialty Mushrooms** - Dr. John Pecchia, Penn State Univ.  
1:00 **Getting Started with Producing Specialty Mushrooms** - Dr. John Pecchia, Penn State  
2:00 **Break**  
2:30 **Quiet Creek Herb Farm & School of Country Living: An Overview of Shitake Mushroom Production** - Sylvia Rensel, Quiet Creek Herb Farm  
3:30 **Grower Round Table** - Kyle Beaver, Ten Mile Mushrooms; Matt Sicher, Primordia Mushroom Farm; and Courtney Cohen, Spore and Seed  
A discussion of the practical aspects of starting a specialty mushroom farm or diversifying your farm production with mushrooms.

***Presented by PA Vegetable Growers Association and  
Penn State Extension.***

**Pre-registration is required.**  
**Register with the group of your choice [here](#).**  
**For information call 717-973-5915**