#### **Registration Form**

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Participants must register in advance. Space is limited to 25 participants. There is a fee of \$20 for each participant . To register and arrange payment please contact:

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Payment may be in cash, by check or with a credit card. Only cash or check will be accepted the day of the meeting.

This event will be held during Hardy County's Heritage Weekend. http://heritageweekend.com/ Come for the workshop and stay for the weekend.

## Program Outline

- Check—in
- Introduction to Aquaponics.
- Components of a Cold Flowing Water Aquaponic System.
- Fish Production in the System
- Lunch
- Plant Production in the System
- Water Quality in the System
- Tour of the Facility

For more information about the event or Aquaponics in the Cold Flowing Water System at Reymann Memorial Farm, <u>http://aquaculture.ext.wvu.edu/</u> <u>events/aquaponics-workshop</u> or contact:

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# Aquaponics Workshop

Reymann Memorial Farm, Wardensville W Va.



#### Friday, September 27

Check—in begins at 9:30 am

Program 10 am to 4 pm

Lunch will be provided.

### **Fish Production**



Brook trout, brown trout, and rainbow trout dominate aquaculture production in W Va. The spring fed raceways represent the most successful type of system used by trout producers throughout the country. Water quality management at RMF is done in several phases. First carefully feed the fish for highest feed efficiency, then we remove solids from the fish tanks and send it to geotextile bags that capture all but the smallest particles . This facility is used for research and as a demonstration of how to develop and manage a flowing water aquaculture system.



#### **Aquaponics**

The Potomac basin is facing increasing pressure to improve water quality. Investigators at RMF seek to use biological processes to recover nutrients in a variety of ways. This allows water reuse so that more fish and plants can be grown with less environmental impact.



Fish release nutrients into the water creating an opportunity for production of plants. The practice of using the water from an aquaculture system to grow plants is called **Aquaponics**. At RMF we have shown this approach works in spring water from trout tanks and that the heat from the spring water in the winter will extend the growing season. While the nutrient concentration coming from our trout raceway is quite low, a variety of cool weather plants and salad greens have shown that they will grow on rafts in this system. Before this, aquaponics was associated with warm water recirculating systems. At RMF the greenhouse is used for research where experimental design and replication is important. The high tunnel is intended to assess commercial potential for production of salad greens. This pilot scale flowing water aquaponic system is unique among land grant universities

## Reymann Memorial Farm

Wardensville is about 25 miles East of Moorefield, WV. Reymann Memorial Farm (RMF) is approximately 1.5 miles North of Wardensville on U S 259 North. The farm is on the west side of the highway. There is a two-story brick house with white picket fence, brick entrance columns and paved driveway. The address is 1695 State Route 259 North.

When you arrive at the farm, follow the signs to the classroom.

