

VSU Update

VAC 2023

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Aquaculture at VSU

- Aquaculture and Controlled Environment Agriculture (CEA)
- Three faculty positions
- Two staff positions
- Three part-time employees
- Student employees
- 57 earthen ponds
- 8,000 SF controlled greenhouse space
- 5,000 SF of indoor space



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Personnel

- Dr. Nick Romano
- Mr. Josh Dusci
- Mr. James Hill
- Mr. Mark Jones
- Ms. Lynda Jefferson
- Mr. Albert Spells
- Mr. Jimmy Mullins



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2023-2024 Initiatives

- Analyze direction of program
- Upgrade/renovate facilities
- Support growers with research-based content
- VCE
- Support statewide pond aquaculture and pond management
- CEA focus
 - Small-scale hydroponic and aquaponics emphasis
 - Indoor vertical
 - Identify Urban Ag Innovation Center w/focus on small-scale CEA
- Aquaponics trailer renovations



2023-2024 CEA Projects



Other



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