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## **Self-Help Continuing Education Program**

The Virginia horse industry has implemented an extensive and innovative self-help continuing education program for the state's 70,000 horse owners, including 10,000 4-H horse project members. The project has been organized through the leadership of the VPI & SU Extension Service and the Virginia Horse Council (VHC). A catalog listing of over 130 highly qualified horsemen and women, including 25 VPI & SU staff, has been published. The list was assembled on a volunteer basis through VHC directed by the council president.

The list offers the expertise of 130 people to conduct lectures and demonstrations across the state on a continuing basis. The catalog will be used by local Extension offices to design clinics, short courses, and seminars. Hundreds of topics from the highly qualified experts in numerous fields will provide an exciting format and

deliver high quality programs across the state to help develop the industry.

Experts include trainers, farm managers, farriers, veterinarians, commercial representatives, and professional horsemen and women from all areas of the state. A few of the topics include veterinary topics, insurance, taxes, financial manage-

ment, agricultural law, land-use, trail riding, horse management, dressage, and numerous types of training and showing demonstrations.

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