PRINCE EDWARD COUNTY, VIRGINIA

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Home Canning Season Opens at Prince Edward Cannery

Farmville, VA - May 29, 2025 — The Prince Edward Cannery will officially open for the 2025 home canning season on Monday, June 2, providing county residents with access to commercial-grade equipment and space for preserving fresh produce.

Operated by Prince Edward County, the cannery supports local food preservation efforts and encourages self-sufficiency and sustainable living. The facility will be open to the public for home canning, by appointment only, on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays throughout the summer and fall canning season.

"The cannery is a great resource for our community," said Douglas P. Stanley, County Administrator. "We're excited to welcome both seasoned canners and newcomers to take part in this tradition of local food."
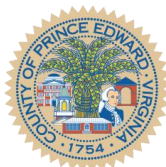
The county's canning program has deep roots in the community, originally beginning in the 1940s as part of a World War II-era Victory Garden initiative to support home food production. The success of the program led the County to open the current stand-alone cannery facility in 1975, where it continues to serve generations of local families.

Additional information about the Prince Edward Cannery is available on the County's website at https://www.co.prince-edward.va.us/departments/cannery. Home canning appointments can be made by calling the Cannery at 434-223-8664.

About Prince Edward County:
In 1754, Prince Edward County was founded in southern Virginia. Today, it stands as the crossroads of the closing days of the American Civil War and the birthplace of America's fight for civil rights in education. Home to 22,000 citizens, the County offers a rural, progressive lifestyle, two institutions of higher education, a vibrant arts and cultural community, a flourishing downtown shopping district, and a rich abundance of college athletics and outdoor recreational offerings. Find out more: visit the Prince Edward County website or follow Prince Edward County on Facebook @PrinceEdwardCo and on YouTube.

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