

USDA NRCS Caribbean Area
United States Virgin Islands State Technical Committee Meeting (STCM)

Agenda

DATE: September 8, 2026 | 1:00 pm – 4:30 pm

LOCATION: University of the Virgin Islands | Orville E. Kean Campus | LaVerne E. Ragster Administration & Conference Center (ACC) | First Floor | 2 John Brewers Bay, St. Thomas, VI

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Time	Topic	Speaker
1:00 pm – 1:20 pm	Welcome	Luis Cruz-Arroyo and Dr. Louis Petersen
1:20 pm – 1:30 pm	STC Meetings & Efforts Recap	Luis Cruz Arroyo
1:30 pm – 2:15 pm	Conservation Programs Update - FY 2026 Recap - FY 2027 Focus - Ranking Categories - Regenerative Agriculture Pilot Program (RPP) Feedback	Javier Cruz and Mario Rodriguez
2:15 pm – 2:35 pm	NRCS Farmer Roundtables	Mario Rodriguez
2:35 pm – 2:55 pm	National Weather Service & Drought	Ernesto Rodriguez and Emanuel Rodriguez Gonzalez
2:55 pm – 3:15 pm	Forestry, Wildlife & Wetlands Subcommittee	Sean Kelly
3:15 pm – 4:15 pm	Partner Updates	Luis Cruz Arroyo
4:15 pm – 4:30 pm	Wrap-up	Luis Cruz Arroyo