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THURSDAY, AUGUST 21, 2014

06:30-08:00a.m.	BREAKFAST (<i>Drury Inn Hotel</i>)
08:30a.m.	REGISTRATION
09:00-09:15a.m.	WELCOME/GREETING Greetings/Welcome: JaMarkus Crowell, Program Assistant, Small Farms Research Center, College of Agricultural, Life and Natural Sciences, Alabama A&M University, Normal, Alabama
09:15a.m.-05:00p.m.	Moderator: JaMarkus Crowell, Program Assistant, Small Farms Research Center, College of Agricultural, Life and Natural Sciences, Alabama A&M University, Normal, Alabama
09:15-10:05a.m.	Seasonal High Tunnel Management James D. Miles, Regional Extension Agent III, Alabama Cooperative Extension System, Mobile, Alabama
10:05-12:00a.m.	NRCS & FSA Cost Share Program for New and Beginning Farmers and Ranchers Joyce Nicholas, District Conservationist, USDA/Natural Resource Conservation Service, Mobile, Alabama Lloyd Baggett, Farm Loan Manager, USDA Farm Service Agency, Mobile, Alabama
11:00-11:10a.m.	BREAK
11:10-12:05.m.	FSA Overview Amanda Ryan, County Executive Director, USDA Farm Service Agency, Mobile, Alabama
12:05-01:30p.m.	LUNCH
12:05-05:00p.m.	Moderator: JaMarkus Crowell, Program Assistant, Small Farms Research Center, College of Agricultural, Life and Natural Sciences, Alabama A&M University, Normal, Alabama
01:30-02:15p.m.	Sustainable Agriculture Demonstration Garden Marsha Stolz, Master Garden, Mobile, Alabama
02:15-02:25p.m.	BREAK
02:25-03:35p.m.	Grants and Funding Opportunities for Producers and Landowners (Part I.) E'lucia L. Chaverest, Program Manager and Marketing Specialist, College of Agricultural, Life and Natural Sciences, Alabama A&M University, Normal, Alabama
03:30-03:35p.m.	BREAK
03:35-05:00p.m.	Grants and Funding Opportunities for Producers and Landowners (Part II.) E'lucia L. Chaverest, Program Manager and Marketing Specialist, College of Agricultural, Life and Natural Sciences, Alabama A&M University, Normal, Alabama
05:00p.m.	DINNER (On Your Own)

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FRIDAY, AUGUST 22, 2014

06:30-08:00a.m.	BREAKFAST (<i>Drury Inn Hotel</i>)
08:30a.m.	REGISTRATION
09:00-09:10a.m.	Welcome/Greetings: Bhargavi Pucchakaylala (Ester), Program Assistant, Small Farms Research Center, College of Agricultural, Life and Natural Sciences, Alabama A&M University, Normal, Alabama.
09:10-03:30a.m.	Moderator: Bhargavi Pucchakaylala (Ester), Program Assistant, Small Farms Research Center, College of Agricultural, Life and Natural Sciences, Alabama A&M University, Normal, Alabama.
09:10-10:20a.m.	Community Gardens, Urban Farming, and Sustainable Agriculture Bobby Wilson, CEO, Metro Atlanta Urban Farm, College Park, Georgia Cathy Walker, Director of Program and Operational Manager, Metro Atlanta Urban Farm, College Park, Georgia
10:20-10:30a.m.	BREAK
10:30-11:45a.m.	Enhancing the Safety of Locally-Grown Produce Ameila McGrew, Regional Extension Agent III, Alabama Cooperative Extension System, Mobile, Alabama
11:45a.m-12:15p.m.	Gulf Coast Resource Conservation and Development Council Darnisha McCants, Administrative Assistant, Gulf Coast Resource Conservation and Development Council, Atmore, Alabama
12:15-01:35p.m.	LUNCH Overview of Mobile County Soil and Water Conservation District
01:35-02:30p.m.	Marketing Value-Added Agricultural Products JaMarkus Crowell, Program Assistant, Small Farms Research Center, Alabama A&M University, Normal, Alabama
02:30-03:30p.m.	Water Catchment Systems / Rain Barrels Christian Miller, Administrator III, Outreach Programs Nonpoint source pollution, Alabama Cooperative Extension System and Auburn University, Coastal Alabama Clean Water Partnership, Mobile, Alabama
03:30-5:20p.m.	Panel Discussion USDA/Farm Service Agency USDA/Risk Management Agency USDA/Natural Resources Conservation Services USDA/Rural Development USDA/Agricultural Marketing Service USDA/National Agricultural Statistical Service
<u>SATURDAY, AUGUST 23, 2014</u>	
1:00-5:00p.m.	Farm Field Day, Mobile, Alabama 1. Value-Added Agriculture and Organic Farming 2. Mobile, AL Community Gardens and Urban Gardens 3. Season Extension for Urban Gardeners (Hoop Houses)