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2014 FARM BILL MEETING

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Tennessee Valley Women-In-Agriculture in
collaboration with Alabama A&M University's
Small Farms Research Center presents

**Year Round Gardening”
Hoophouse Vs. Green House**



November 5, 2014
10:00a.m. – 5:30p.m.

Charles Stone Agricultural Center
819 Cook Ave
Huntsville, AL 35801

Thursday, November 5, 2014

10:00-10:10:05a.m. WELCOME/GREETING/INTRODUCTION OF SPEAKER Margaret Mazikowski, President of Tennessee Valley Women-In-Agriculture

10:10a.m-12:00p.m. HOOP HOUSE VS. GREENHOUSE
Joe Kemble, Extension Specialist and Professor in Horticulture, Auburn University, Auburn, Alabama

12:00-1:30p.m. LUNCH

01:30-05:30 p.m. USDA OVERVIEW OF 2014 FARM BILL

Thomas Atkinson, County Executive Director, USDA Farm Service Agency, Huntsville, AL

Esther Nicole Cleggs-Burns, Farm Loan Manager, USDA Farm Service Agency, Moulton, AL

The Farm Service Agency is equitably serving all farmers, ranchers and agricultural partners through the delivery of effective, efficient agricultural programs for all Americans.

Anthony Hudson, District Conservationist, USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service, Huntsville, AL

The Natural Resources Conservation Service provides America's farmers and ranchers with financial and technical assistance to voluntarily put conservation on the ground, not only helping the environment but agricultural operations, too.

Eddie Brooks, Area Director, USDA Rural Development, Huntsville, AL

Rural Development is committed to helping improve the economy and quality of life in rural America. Through their programs, they touch rural America in many ways. Rural development offer technical assistance and information to help agricultural producers and cooperatives get started and improve the effectiveness of their operations.

2:30- 5:30p.m. BUSINESS PLANNING & MARKTING EDUCATION FOR URBAN YOUTHS & COMMUNITY GARDENERS

Bobby Wilson, CEO, Metro Atlanta Urban Farm, College Park, Atlanta, Georgia.

The Metro Atlanta Urban Farm (MAUF) is a 3.75 acre property located at 3271 Main Street, College Park, GA 30337 through the Federation of Southern Cooperatives' first inner-city, urban farming initiative. MAUF is committed to the improvement of food taste and nutritional quality and its availability in inner city communities that lack access, education and the promotion of healthy living. We are committed to providing consistent, uniform information and fun training models to youth and backyard gardeners interested in growing organic fruits, herbs, and vegetables that specifically address social and health-related issues in their communities.