

2014 FARM BILL MEETING



Collaborating Partners



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TUESDAY, OCTOBER 7, 2014

**ALABAMA A&M UNIVERSITY'S
SMALL FARMS RESEARCH CENTER PRESENTS**

“LET’S TALK THE 2014 FARM BILL”



**October 7, 2014
9:00 a.m.**

Alabama A&M University's
James I. Dawson Building RM 240
4900 Meridian Street
Normal, AL 35762

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS

09:00-09:10 a.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

09:10-10:00 a.m.

FARM SERVICE AGENCY PROGRAMS PERTAINING TO 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.

10:05-10:55 a.m.

NATURAL RESOURCES CONSERVATION SERVICES PROGRAMS PERTAINING TO 2014 FARM BILL

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.

11:00-11:50 a.m.

RURAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS PERTAINING TO 2014 FARM BILL

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.

1:30 – 3:00 p.m.

BUSINESS PLANNING & MARKETING 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.

New and Beginning Farmers and Ranchers Program

The New and Beginning Farmers and Ranchers Program (NBFR) at Alabama A&M University was developed for new and beginning farmers to establish and sustain viable agricultural operations in Alabama through the development and enhancement of innovative educational programs, services and social networks.

New and Beginning Farmers and Ranchers Workshop

November 19-21, 2014 – 10:00 a.m., Alabama A&M University's James I. Dawson Building, 4900 Meridian St. Normal, AL 35762.

“Let's Talk about the Farm Bill” Meeting Dates

October 7, 2014 – 9:00 a.m., Alabama A&M University's, James I. Dawson Building Room #240, 4900 Meridian St. Normal, AL 35762.

December 2, 2014 - 9:00 a.m., Limestone County Extension Office, 1109 W. Market Street, Suite A, Athens, AL

January 12, 2014 - 6:00 p.m., Hale County Extension Office, 701 Hall Street, Greensboro, AL 36744.