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Farm Management Educational Program (FMEP) for New, Beginning, Farmers and Ranchers in Mississippi
• Overview of Mississippi Small Farm and Agribusiness Center

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The Mississippi Small Farm and Agribusiness Center (MSFAC) promotes, enhances and facilitates the development and growth of small farms, alternative enterprises, and agribusinesses in Mississippi. In 1988, it was established as the Mississippi Small Farm Development Center through an act of Mississippi State legislature and renamed in 2013. Services include identification of marketing opportunities, enterprise selection, financial resource acquisition, production technology, harvesting and post-harvesting handling methods, value added product development, organizational development and new industry nurturing.
Program Areas

• Marketing Program
• Small Farm Loan Program
• Beginning Farmers and Ranchers Program
• Produce Safety Program

Technical Assistance

• Production
• Marketing and Branding
• Food Safety and Quality Assurance
• Farm Management
• Financial Management
• Risk Management Education
• Financial Resource Acquisition
• Agribusiness Development
The overall purpose of the Farm Management Educational Program (FMEP) is to recruit, train and equip 300 new, beginning farmers and ranchers (BFRs) and veterans with the tools and resources necessary to become sustainable in vegetable and meat goat production.

The objectives are to provide educational training and hands-on demonstration in:

- basic crop and livestock production;
- financial management and risks mitigation;
- market diversification and risks mitigation;
- food safety and;
- biosecurity; and programs and services of the current farm bill.

The customized training and technical assistance to be provided by the Mississippi Small Farm and Agribusiness Center, Extension Program at Alcorn State University, and other network of expert speakers.
FMEP TRAINING TOPICS

• Seven months of trainings and hands-on demonstrations
  • Basic crop and livestock production
  • Farm Financial Management and Risk Management
  • Market diversification and direct marketing
  • Food safety and biosecurity
  • USDA Program and Farm Bill
The target audience for the proposed FMEP will consist of:

- new, beginning farmers and ranchers;
- small farm and limited resource producers;
- retired and disabled military veterans;
- socially-disadvantage producers and women producers.
FMEP NGOs’ LOCATIONS

Milestone Cooperative Association

Alliance of Sustainable Agriculture

ASU/NGOs HOST SITE
Alcorn State University

Mid South Progressive Agricultural Group

Mississippi Meat Goat Producers Cooperative

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FMEP NGOs’ DELIVERABLES

• Recruit 60 new, beginning farmers and ranchers (BFRs) for the trainings and hands-on demonstrations.

• Promote trainings and hands-on demonstrations at monthly meetings and through local media outlets.

• Host 5 trainings and hands-on demonstrations and participate in trainings and hands-on demonstrations in identified locations.

• Participate in debriefings after each training and hands-on demonstrations.

• Participate in monthly reporting and conference calls to assure tasks are being fulfilled.
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~Myles Munroe

“A river cut through rocks, not because of its power, but because of its persistence.”
~Jim Watkins
American Anchor and Journalism