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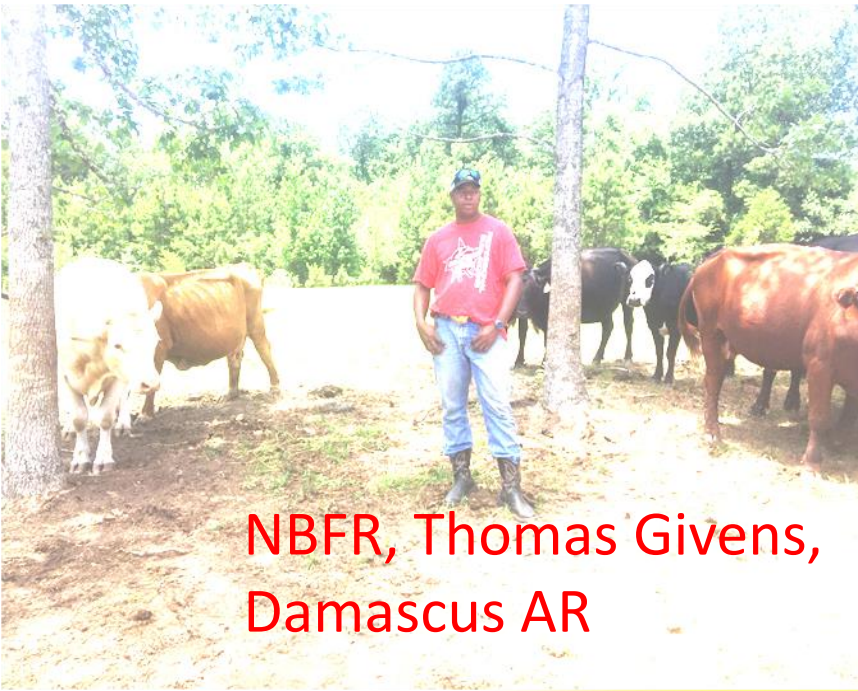
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# 120 Committed Farmers and Ranchers of Arkansas

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Arkansas

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NBFR, Thomas Givens,  
Damascus AR



NBFR, Rickey Prowell,  
Marvell AR





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# ALCDC's COVERAGE AREA



NBFR, Andre Peer, Lexa,  
AR, Corn & Grain Bend



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# STRIKE-FORCE COUNTIES



Mary Bones,  
NBFR, Fargo







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# Project Overview

- **Project overview** –: The primary goal of Arkansas Land and Community Development Corporation (ALCDC) Beginning Farmers and Ranchers Development Program (BFRDP) is to help Socially Disadvantaged/Limited Resource farmers, ranchers and veterans to become successful beginning farmers and ranchers.



NBFR Delores Robinson,  
Fargo, AR





## Project Overview (Continued)

- **Audience** : Minority and limited resource vegetable and livestock producer ranchers, located in Central, Eastern and Southern Arkansas.
- **Key Approaches**: The program will provide education, training and technical assistance will be provided in five (5) key areas.



# Project Overview (Continued)

- By the end of this project we will have helped 130 BFRs start/improve their farms by ...better farming practices in financial management, conservation resource management and marketing strategies and access to other farm support resources.





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# Project Overview (Continued)

- **Overall target outcome:** The Program outcome for the targeted group of farmers, ranchers and veterans are yearly improvements in crop yields and ranch income as a result of the implementation of better farming practices and access to other farm support resources.



Israel Gordon  
NBFR





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ALCDC's Partnership  
W/Arkansas Baptist  
College's Garden of  
Eden Farmers Market &  
Food Hub





# Project Accomplishments

- **What have you accomplished so far?**
- ALCDC has recruited participants by contacting individuals known by a staff personnel as being interested in becoming a farmer/rancher and interviewing the individual to ascertain the individual's real interest, farming knowledge, capacity, resources including land, equipment and finances.



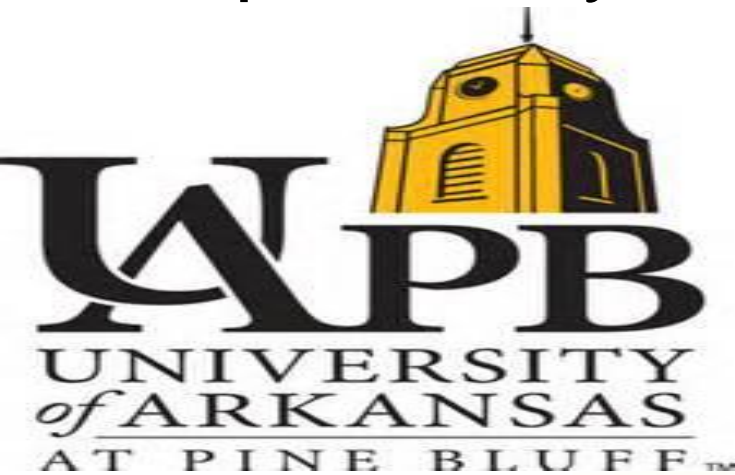


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# Project Accomplishments, Continued

- Contacted collaborative partners for referrals of potential participants personally known by our partners.



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Conference 2016



# Project Accomplishments, Continued

- Began developing a well-defined goals for the identified farmers to maximize assurance for a successful farm operation.



NBFR Curtis  
Floyd, Brinkley,  
AR







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# Impacts and Evaluation

- What are some overarching, measurable impacts of your project, so far?

ALCDC has found that the principle of working together as a partnership team to support the beginning farmers is vital to their success.

# Impacts and Evaluation, Continued

- A stronger level of confidence and their understanding of available support resources gives them a better understanding of their farm plan goals and what resources are necessary to achieve them.



NRCS's State Agronomist John Lee & District Conservationist at NBFR Gwendolyn Stephenson's Dermott Economic Development Project





# Lessons Learned & Best Practices

- What did you discover that other BFRDP grantees could benefit from knowing?
- Understanding the adverse impact of heir property with beginning farmers.
- The need to assess the ownership status of the land that a beginning farmer will operate.

# Next Year & After

- What is planned for the next year of the project?

This is a first year start up project.

- Any plans for the organization beyond the third year of funding?

ALCDC believes that collaborations and partnerships,





## Next Year & After, Continued

- community awareness of rural farmer issues, staff competencies and expertise, project participants making future use of what they have gained from the project, organization capacity, program evaluating, and funding streams are vital to program sustainability.



## Next Year & After, Continued

- ALCDC will continue soliciting organizational funds- and rely on the continued support of the USDA agency staff at the national, state and local service center levels to address the needs of SDFRs and LRFRs.



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