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COOPERATIVE EXTENSION
PROGRAM

September 9, 2016

Dear Farmer:

On behalf of the faculty, staff, and students of the Kentucky State University College of Agriculture, Food Science, and Sustainable Systems, it is my pleasure to invite you to attend the 2016 Small, Limited-Resource/Minority Farmers Conference on November 15 -17, 2016 in Frankfort, Kentucky.

Kentucky State University has been hosting the Small, Limited-Resource/Minority Farmers Conference over the past 17 years. This year's theme is "Land, Legacy, and Way of Life." In this ever changing environment where the population is increasing and food production has become challenging, it would be an advantage to educate ourselves about the new and current trends in agriculture and related issues.

This conference will provide you with opportunities to participate in tours; listen to successes achieved by others; and learn about the "Third Thursday Thing" which will focus on AgrAbility, Farm Risk Management, and NRCS. We will have educational materials and speakers to assist you to advance your business and build stronger communities. During the conference, we will also recognize the Kentucky Small Limited-Resource Farmer of the Year.

I invite you to take the opportunity, as a community venture, to speak with our scientists and staff while you are at Kentucky State University. I look forward to seeing you at this informative and enlightening conference.

Sincerely,

Dr. Kirk Pomper, Ph. D.
Interim Director of Land Grant Programs

cc: Dr. Marion F. Simon
Mrs. Karen A. Woodrich, Natural Resource Conservation Service
Commissioner Ryan F. Quales, Kentucky Department of Agriculture
Dr. Jimmy Henning, University of Kentucky
Mr. Thomas G. Fern, Rural Development
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This conference will provide you opportunities to receive educational materials and learn from speakers on farm management, farm decision-making, farm risk management, building communities, and passing-on the farm to your heirs. You will have opportunities to participate in tours, listen to successes achieved by others, and attend the "Third Thursday Thing" which will focus on AgrAbility, Farm Risk Management, and NRCS. During the conference, we will also recognize the Kentucky Small Limited-Resource Farmer of the Year.

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Co-Interim Associate Extension Administrator, State Specialist for Small farm and Part-time Farmers

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The conference will provide you an opportunity to take advantage of the following:

- Success Stories
- Tours
- Recognition of the Kentucky Small, Limited-Resource Farmer of the Year
- "Third Thursday Thing" on AgrAbility, Risk Management, and NRCS

The sponsors have committed to cover the lodging costs for those individuals who reside outside of Franklin County, and to cover the costs for all attendees for the tours. Also, meals will be provided for all attendees. A registration fee of \$50.00 per person will be charged and must be paid by **October 14, 2016**. Registration received after October 14, 2016 will result in the individual paying for lodging at a cost of \$89.00 per night.

A block of rooms have been reserved at the Capital Plaza Hotel, 400 Wilkinson Boulevard, Frankfort, Kentucky. We will provide the hotel with a rooming list. **(Do not call the hotel and make your reservation)**. We have received a discounted room rate for this conference. Please complete the registration form and return it to Louie Rivers Jr.

I look forward to seeing you at this informative and enlightening conference. If you have any questions, please contact me at (502) 597-6327 or louie.rivers@kysu.edu or Ms. Shelley Spiggle at (502) 597-6325 or shelley.spiggle@kysu.edu.

Sincerely,

Louie Rivers Jr.
Director of County Operations

Enclosures



REGISTRATION FORM
SMALL, LIMITED-RESOURCE, MINORITY FARMERS CONFERENCE
NOVEMBER 15 - 17, 2016

"Land, Legacy, and Way of Life"

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ County: _____

Phone: _____ E-Mail: _____

Number of individual(s) attending _____

Numbers of individuals(s) in room _____

Name(s) of individual(s) in room _____

Special accommodation needs: _____

Tour Options -Please Circle One

Bluegrass Aquaponics (Vegetables) - Woodford County
Cardinal Hill Rehabilitation Center -Fayette County
Ballew's Farm (Sheep) -Madison County
Toyota Motor Manufacturing, Scott County

Enclosed is a check for _____ individual(s) @ \$50.00 each for a total of \$ _____

Make check payable to: Kentucky State University Cooperative Extension Program

Please send the registration form with payment by October 14, 2016 to:

Louie Rivers Jr.
Cooperative Extension Program
Kentucky State University
400 East Main Street
Frankfort, Kentucky 40601



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Small Farm Conference
November 15 – 17 November 2016

Tuesday, November 15, 2016

10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	Registration: Capital Plaza Hotel
11:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.	Poster Session: Harold R. Benson Research and Demonstration Farm, Kentucky State University
11:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	Travel to Kentucky State University Center for Sustainability of Farms and Families
12:00 p.m. – 2:15 p.m.	Opening Ceremonies Luncheon Moderator: Mr. Curtis Rosser, Mason County Farmer Agency Overview: Mrs. Karen Woodrich, Kentucky State Conservationist, USDA-National Resources Conservation Service, Lexington, KY Mr. John W. McCauley, State Executive Director, USDA-Farm Service Agency, Lexington, KY Mr. Thomas G. Fern, State Director, USDA-Rural Development, Lexington, KY Mr. David Knopf, Regional Director, USDA-National Agricultural Statistics Services, Louisville, KY Commissioner Ryan F. Quarles, Kentucky Department of Agriculture, Frankfort, KY Dr. Gary Palmer, Assistant Director Agriculture & Natural Resources, College of Agriculture, Lexington, KY Mr. Bill McCloskey, Deputy Executive Director, Kentucky Governor’s Office of Agriculture Policy, Frankfort, KY
2:15 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.	Break
2:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.	“Sensible Succession” or “Family Fights Forever” Dr. Steve Isaacs, Extension Professor, University of Kentucky, Lexington, KY
3:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.	“The Value of Life Insurance” Mr. Rodney Jones, Shelbyville, KY
4:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.	“The Value of Keeping the Family Farm” Mrs. Michele Tolbert, Warren County Public Schools, Bowling Green, KY
5:15 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.	Dinner:
6:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.	“Farm Risk Management” Mr. Rockiell Woods, National Center for Appropriate Technology, Jackson, MS
7:30	Return to Hotel

Wednesday, November 16, 2016

7:00 a.m. – 8:00 a.m.

8:00 a.m. – 8:30 a.m.

8:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

8:30 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.

Breakfast:

Travel to Kentucky State University campus

Concurrent Sessions, KSU Extension Facility

A. “Implementing Your Conservation Plan with Financial Assistance Programs” Mrs. Kate Little & Mr. Matt Hutchison, Resource Conservationist-Programs, USDA-NRCS

B. “Beginning Farmers” Ms. Amanda Robertson, Beginning Farmer Regional Coordinator for Kentucky & Tennessee, USDA-FSA, Glasgow, KY

C. “USDA-RD Energy Program” Mr. Scott Maas, USDA-RD Rural Business Specialist, “USDA-RD Value Added Producer Grant (VAPG) and Guarantee Business and Industry (B&I) Loan Program” Mr. Dean Tandy, USDA-RD Rural Business Specialist, Lexington, KY

D. “Youth in Agriculture” Ms. Shawn Moore, Kentucky State University

9:45 a.m. – 10:45 a.m.

Repeat A, B, D

C. “USDA-RD Rural Business Programs” Ms. LaTondra Mosely, USDA-RD Rural Business Specialist & “USDA-RD Rural Housing Loan & Grant Program” Ms. Michele Baldwin, USDA-RD Rural Housing Specialist, Lexington, KY

11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

Luncheon: Kentucky State University Ballroom
Moderator – Louie Rivers, Jr., Director of County Operations, Kentucky State University

Greeting: Dr. Kirk Pomper, Interim Director of Land Grant Programs, Kentucky State University

Keynote Speaker: – Dr. Aaron Thompson, Interim President, Kentucky State University

Farmer Success Stories:

Mr. Jerry Bryant – Christian County Farmer

Mr. Leroy Ballew – Madison County Farmer

Ms. Emery Moore – Western Hills High School, Beginning Farmer

2:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Tours and Travel:

Bluegrass Aquaponics – Ms. Lora Ginter, Versailles, KY

Cardinal Hill Rehabilitation Center – Lexington, KY

Ballew’s Farm – Mr. Leroy Ballew, Madison County, KY

Toyota Manufacturing Plant, Georgetown, KY

5:00 p.m.

Return to Hotel

6:00 p.m.

Banquet:

Moderator: Mr. Roy Toney, Anderson County Farmer

Keynote Speaker: Mr. Wilfred L. Pace, State Executive Director, South Carolina USDA-Farm Service Agency Columbia, SC

Small Farmer of the Year Award: Mr. Ed Thompson, USDA 1890 Program Liaison, Kentucky State University

Thursday, November 17, 2016

6:30 a.m. – 8:00 a.m.

Health Fair/Safety: Dr. Avinash Tope & Dr. Chang Wang, Kentucky State University

8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.

Breakfast:

9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

Hotel checkout and travel to Kentucky State University Research and Demonstration Farm

(Transportation not provided)

10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

“Third Thursday” Workshop

2016 Small, Limited Resource/Minority Farmers Conference Planning Committee

Edwin Chavous, Kristopher Grimes, Shawn Moore, Louie Rivers Jr., Marion Simon, Shelly Spiggle Kentucky State University; Ed Thompson, USDA; Lacey Gaw, USDA, Natural Resources Conservation Service, Winnie Breeding, USDA, Farm Service Agency; Michele Witt, USDA, Rural Development Agency; Gary Palmer, University of Kentucky; David Knopf, Jonathan M. Heard, Scott Lemmons, USDA, National Agricultural Statistics Service; Roy Toney, Anderson County, Farmer; Gulferry Taylor, Scott County Farmer; Curtis Rosser, Mason County Farmers; James Coles, Lamar Davis, Community Ventures Corporation

2016 Small Limited-Resource/Minority Farmers Conference Sponsors/Partners

Kentucky State University College of Agriculture, Food Science, and Sustainable Systems; Kentucky Department of Agriculture; Kentucky Division of Forestry; USDA-National Institute of Food and Agriculture (NIFA); University of Kentucky College of Agriculture, Food, and Environment; USDA Agencies: Farm Services Agency, Office of Advocacy and Outreach, Natural Resources Conservation Service, Rural Development Agency, National Agriculture Statistic Service, Risk Management Agency; Southern Sustainable Agriculture Research and Education (SSARE); Community Ventures Corporation

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