

BLACK BELT FAMILY FARM FRUIT AND VEGETABLE MARKETING AND INNOVATION CENTER



LOCATION:

Hwy 80, 3.5 miles west of Selma, Alabama on Highway 80 West

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vision collaboration inspiration

INITIATING PARTNERS:

Alabama Agricultural Land Grant Alliance (AALGA)
Tuskegee University (Lead)-Alabama A&M University-Auburn University
Black Belt Commission - Agriculture Committee
Selma-Dallas Small Farmers Association
Federation of Southern Cooperatives
Alabama Legislature
Alabama Department of Agriculture and Industries
Central Alabama Cooperative
United States Department of Agriculture-OSEC/AMS/NRCS/FSA/RD

GOALS:

- Build and operate a packing and value-added processing facility that will collect, wash, cool, grade, pack and distribute fruits and vegetables
- Focus on enhancing production, production efficiency, quality and quantity of produce, profitability and sustainability by small, historically disadvantaged farmers
- Continue and Build on the Spirit of Cooperation among Current and New partners
- Provide technical and outreach assistance to a newly formed farmers cooperative
- Develop a Diverse Base of Reliable Markets

- Develop Best Practices and High Level Operations, Safety and Food Safety Standards
- Work with young people to increase their knowledge and participation in agriculture
- Serve as a research and demonstration site for Tuskegee, Auburn and Alabama A&M Universities faculty staff and students

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