



COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE, FOOD SCIENCE, AND SUSTAINABLE SYSTEMS
AND LAND GRANT PROGRAM
Cooperative Extension Program
Cooperative Extension Facility, 400 East Main Street, Frankfort, KY 40601
www.kysu.edu/CAFSSS

September 1, 2017

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 2017 Small, Limited-Resource/Minority Farmers Conference on November 14 -16, 2017 in Frankfort, Kentucky. Kentucky State University has been hosting the Small, Limited-Resource/Minority Farmers Conference over the past 18 years.

This year's theme is "Maintaining Visibility as a Farmer." 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 an opportunity to participate in tours; listen to successes achieved by others; and learn about the "Third Thursday Thing" on Agribility and NRCS. During the conference, we will also recognize the Kentucky Small Limited-Resource Farmer of the Year.

We invite you to take this opportunity as a community venture to speak with our scientists and staff. We also have educational materials to assist you to advance your business and build stronger communities. I look forward to seeing you at this informative and enlightening conference.

Sincerely,

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Dr. Kirk Pomper, Ph. D.

C: Mrs. Karen A. Woodrich, Natural Resource Conservation Service
Commissioner Ryan F. Quarles, Kentucky Department of Agriculture
Dr. Gary Palmer, University of Kentucky
Mr. Jeff Jones, Rural Development
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Johnnie R. Westbrook, Ph. D.
Associate Extension Administrator
Cooperative Extension Program

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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

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 12, 2017**. Registration received after October 12, 2017 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

C: Mrs. Karen A. Woodrich, Natural Resource Conservation Service
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REGISTRATION FORM
SMALL, LIMITED-RESOURCE, MINORITY FARMERS CONFERENCE
NOVEMBER 14 -16, 2017

“Maintaining Visibility as a Farmer”

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ County: _____

Phone: _____ E-Mail: _____

Number of individual(s) attending _____

Numbers of individuals(s) in room _____

Name of individual(s) in room _____

Special accommodation needs: _____

Tour Options – Please Circle One

Bluegrass Stockyards – Scott County
Kentucky State Capitol – Franklin County
Stewart Shirley Farms – Shelby County
West Sixth Brewing – Fayette 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 12, 2017** to:

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Cooperative Extension Program
Kentucky State University
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Frankfort, Kentucky

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Draft of Program
Small Farm Conference
November 14 – 16 November 2017

Tuesday, November 14, 2016

- 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. **Registration:** Harold R. Benson Research and Demonstration Farm, Kentucky State University
KSU’s Center for Sustainability of Farms and Families
- 11:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Travel to Kentucky State University Center for Sustainability of Farms and Families
- 11:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. **Poster Session:** Kentucky State University KSU’s Center for Sustainability of Farms and Families
- 12:00 p.m. – 2:15 p.m. **Opening Ceremonies**
Luncheon
Moderator: Mr. Roy Toney, Anderson Farmer
Agency Overview:
Ms. Amanda Moore, Acting Kentucky State Conservationist, USDA-National Resources Conservation Service, Lexington, KY
Mr. Robert W. Finch, Acting State Executive Director, USDA-Farm Service Agency, Lexington, KY
Mr. Jeff Jones, Acting State Director, USDA-Rural Development, Lexington, KY
Mr. David Knopf, Regional Director, USDA-National Agricultural Statistics Services, Louisville, KY
Dr. Gary Palmer, Interim Assistant Director Agriculture & Natural Resources, College of Agriculture, Lexington, KY
Mr. Brennen Washington, 1890 Land Grant Liaison and Limited Resource/Minority Farmer Outreach Specialist, SSARE, Fort Valley, GA
- 2:15 p.m. - 2:30 p.m. Break
- 2:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. “Faith and Farming” Mr. Jason Brown, First Fruits Farm, Henderson, NC.
- 3:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. “NRCS Urban Farming” Mr. Kurt Mason, Natural Resource Planner, Natural Resource Conservation Service, Louisville, KY
- 4:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. “Land Retention & Heirs Property” Ms. Monica Rainge, Director of Land Retention & Advocacy, Federation of Southern Cooperatives, Atlanta, GA

5:15 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.
6:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.
7:30

Dinner:

Return to Hotel

Wednesday, November 15, 2017

7:00 a.m. – 8:00 a.m.
8:00 a.m. – 8:30 a.m.

Breakfast:

Travel to Kentucky State University campus

8:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

Concurrent Sessions, KSU Extension Facility

8:30 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.

A. “Pollinator Conservation” Mr. Casey Shrader, State Biologist, USDA-NRCS, Lexington, KY
B. “USDA-Guaranteed and Microloans” Mr. Mike Hoyt, Farm Loan Chief, Mr. Earl Reynolds and Mr. Warren Whitaker, Loan Specialists, USDA-Farm Service Agency, Lexington, KY
C. “Rural Housing” Mr. Blaine Barnes, Rural Housing Program Director and Ms. Michele Baldwin, Rural Housing Specialist, “Rural Business Programs” Mr. Dean Tandy and Ms. LaTondra Mosely, Rural Business Specialists, USDA-Rural Development, Lexington, KY

9:45 a.m. – 10:45 a.m.

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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. M. Christopher II, Ph. D, President, Kentucky State University

Farmer Success Stories:

Mr. Elijah Bell, Todd County Central High School, Beginning Farmer
Mr. Lee Graves – Adair County Farmer

2:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Tours and Travel:

Bluegrass Stockyards – Mr. Jim Akers, Georgetown, KY
Kentucky State Capitol - Frankfort, KY
Stewart Shirley Farms – Shelbyville, KY
West Sixth Brewing – Lexington, KY

5:00 p.m. Return to Hotel
6:00 p.m. **Banquet:**
Moderator: Dr. Courtney Owens, Interim Assistant Extension Administrator

Keynote Speaker: Mrs. LaDonna Redmond, Co-Founder, Graffiti & Grub, Chicago, IL

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

Thursday, November 16, 2017

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, Louie Rivers Jr., Marion Simon, Shelley 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 Farmer

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Statistic Service, Risk Management Agency; Southern Sustainable Agriculture Research and Education (SSARE)

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