

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:

Ms. Donna M. Bates, Franklin County
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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