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**Kentucky Small, Limited-Resource,
Minority Farmers Conference**
Connecting Our Farmers and Communities

November 21-23, 2024

Dr. Harold R. Benson Research and Demonstration Farm

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POST-SESSION SURVEY

Friday, November 22



POST-SESSION SURVEY

Thursday, November 21



POST-SESSION SURVEY

Saturday, November 23



POST-CONFERENCE SURVEY



Program Agenda

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 2024

Kentucky State University's Dr. Harold R. Benson Research and Demonstration Farm

- 7:30 a.m.** **Bus #1 leaves Capital Plaza Hotel to Research Farm**
- 8:00 a.m.** **Bus #2 leaves Capital Plaza Hotel to Research Farm**
- 8:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.** **Registration**
Dr. Harold R. Benson Research and Demonstration Farm
Trade-Show and Technical Service Providers
- 10:00 a.m.** **Presiding**
Nancy Cáliz, Kentucky State University
- Welcome and Announcements**
Color Guard, Franklin County High School
Dr. Noel Novelo, Kentucky State University
Dr. Laura Stephenson, University of Kentucky
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Third Thursday Thing Workshop

- 10:30 a.m.** **Engaging Socially Disadvantaged Farmers and Ranchers in Heirs Property Struggles**
April S. Love, JD, Alcorn State University Policy Center
- 11:00 a.m.** **Bio-Resources for Soil Quality and Plant Growth**
Tammy Barnes and Mike Lewis, NCAT
- 11:30 a.m.** **Lunch**
- Invocation**
David Miller, Lincoln County
- 12:00 p.m.** **Agency Introductions**
Dr. Marcus Bernard, Dean of College of Agriculture, Health, and Natural Resources & Director of Land Grant Programs
Jonathan Shell, Kentucky Department of Agriculture Commissioner
Eric Allness, USDA Natural Resources and Conservation Service
Dean Schamore, USDA Farm Service Agency
Dr. Thomas Carew, USDA Rural Development
David Knopf, USDA Natural Agricultural Statistics Service
Myrisa Christy, Community Farm Alliance
Joni Nelson, Kentucky State University Small-Scale Farm Grant
- 1:15 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.** **Developing a Healthy Herd**
Dr. Cheryl Witt, RN, University of Kentucky

Conclusion of Third Thursday Thing Workshop

Program Agenda

Farm Tours

2:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Tour 1

Silver Springs Farm: Eqwine, Vineyard and Micro-Distillery
Lexington, KY

KSU Tour Leader: Tyler London

Tour 2

KSU Facilities
Frankfort, KY

KSU Tour Leader: Von Barnes

Tour 3

Stewart Shirley Beef Cattle Farm
Bagdad, KY

KSU Tour Leader: Jacob Hall

4:30 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Return to Farm After Tours

Dinner will not be served to conference attendees. Please enjoy a local Frankfort restaurant for dinner!

6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Networking and Light Refreshments

Capital Plaza Hotel

Light refreshments will be served by Locals Food Hub and Pizza Pub.

Equipment Demos

Check them out on Saturday, November 23!

Inside

PawPaw Processing Equipment

Dr. Kirk Pomper

Agroforestry

Anna Claire Rogers

Beginning Beekeeping

Dr. Tammy Potter

BCS

Megan Goins

Outside

Mobile Goat Shoot

McKinley Stonewall

Cool-Bot Trailer

Matt Behrends

Plastic Layer

Danny Adams

Drone Trailer

Jeremy Sandifer

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FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 22, 2024

Kentucky State University's Dr. Harold R. Benson Research and Demonstration Farm

7:45 a.m. & 8:15 a.m. **Bus Departures from Capital Plaza Hotel to Research Farm**

8:00 a.m. **Registration**

Concurrent Sessions

8:30 a.m. - 9:15 a.m.

Room A

Getting Started in Farming: How to Get an FSA Farm Number & What is FSA?

Corey Anderson, USDA FSA

Developing an NRCS Conservation Plan

Michael Zachary, NRCS

Room B

Managing Tall Fescue & Preparing to Frost Seed Clover

Dr. Ray Smith, University of Kentucky

Room C

Estate Planning to Present Heirs Property Issues

Douglas Howard, Howard Law Group, PLLC

9:15 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.

Break

9:30 a.m. - 10:15 a.m.

Room A

How to Develop a Farm Business Plan

Terryn Varney, KCARD

USDA Programs: Housing and Business Programs

Rachel Chambers and Connie Sturgill, USDA Rural Development

Room B

Get Down and Dirty and Test Your Soils

Keenan Bishop, University of Kentucky

Room C

Diversified Farming Operations

Jessica Lopez, Lopez Land Farm

10:15 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.

Break

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Concurrent Sessions

10:30 a.m. - 11:15 a.m.

Room A

Tools for Planning, Marketing and Production of Specialty Crops

Brett Wolfe, UK Center for Crop Diversification

Room B

Growing the Future: Innovative Ideas for Urban Agriculture in Kentucky

Dr. Theoneste Nzaramyimana, Kentucky State University

Room C

"My Farm Exchange" App for Farmers

Joe Trigg

11:15 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

Break

11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Presiding

Edwin Chavous, Kentucky State University

Invocation

Kevin Hocker, Madison County

Greetings

Dr. Marcus Bernard, Dean of College of Agriculture, Health, and Natural Resources & Director of Land Grant Programs, Kentucky State University

Dr. Koffi Akakpo, President of Kentucky State University

Farmer Success Stories

Fatima Jackson

Action Jackson Farm (Mercer County)

Allen Carter

Silver Springs Farm: Eqwine, Vineyard and Micro-Distillery (Fayette County)

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Concurrent Sessions

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| 1:15 p.m. - 2:00 p.m. | Room A
Direct Farm Marketing
Sharon Spencer, Kentucky Department of Agriculture |
| | Room B
Small Ruminant Production
Dr. Jerusha Lay, University of Kentucky |
| | Room C
How to Start Beekeeping
Dr. Tammy Horn Potter, Kentucky State University |
| 2:00 p.m. - 2:15 p.m. | Break |
| 2:15 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. | Room A
Overview of CFA Programs
Sandra Ballew-Barnes, Community Farm Alliance |
| | Room B
Helping Small-Scale and Socially Disadvantaged Farmers With Irrigation Water Quality
Dr. Avinash Tope, Kentucky State University |
| | Room C
Gochujang - Korean Fermented Foods
BaeNChi Inc. |
| 3:00 p.m. - 3:15 p.m. | Break |
| 3:15 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. | Room A
Kentucky Rules and Regulations for Value-Added Products
Joni Nelson and Matt Behrends, Kentucky State University |
| | Room B
Backyard Poultry Production
Mason Crawford, Kentucky State University |
| | Room C
Growing and Marketing Asian Vegetables in Kentucky
Dr. Srijana Thapa Magar, Kentucky State University |
| 4:15 p.m. | Bus departs from Research Farm to Capital Plaza Hotel |

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FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 22, 2024

Capital Plaza Hotel (405 Wilkinson Blvd, Frankfort, KY 40601)

Awards Banquet at Capital Plaza Hotel

Ballroom A & B

Catering provided by Alfalfa Restaurant

6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Presiding

Edwin Chavous, Kentucky State University

Invocation

Rev. William Curle

Keynote Speaker

Dr. Dewayne Goldman

Senior Advisor for Racial Equity to the US Secretary of Agriculture

Small Farmer of the Year Award

Presented by Edwin Chavous, Kentucky State University

"God Bless America"

Rhonda Persley

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 23, 2024

Kentucky State University's Dr. Harold R. Benson Research and Demonstration Farm

6:45 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.

Free Health Fair

Capital Plaza Hotel Ballroom

Dr. Avinash Tope, Kentucky State University

7:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.

Guest Check-Outs at Capital Plaza Hotel

Transportation from Hotel to Harold R. Benson Farm is not provided on Saturday, November 23.

Concurrent Sessions

9:15 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.

Room A

Agroforestry: An Introduction to Common Practices

Jody Thompson, Kentucky State University

Room B

The Fantastic World of Pawpaws

Dr. Kirk Pomper, Kentucky State University

Room C

Equipment Demonstrations (8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.)

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Concurrent Sessions

10:00 a.m. - 10:15 a.m.	Break
10:15 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.	Room A Kentucky Cut Flower Calendar Tara Vaughn, University of Kentucky
	Room B Herbs to Consider for Cut Flower Production Cindy Finneseth, University of Kentucky
	Room C Equipment Demonstrations (8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.) Kentucky State University
11:00 a.m. - 11:10 a.m.	Break
11:10 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.	Room A High Tunnel Crop Rotations: Exploring Options Beyond Tomatoes Dr. Rachel Rudolph, University of Kentucky
	Room B Pricing Flowers for Design Kati Bowman, University of Kentucky
	Room C Equipment Demonstrations (8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.) Kentucky State University
12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.	Lunch
1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.	Office Hours With KSU Faculty/Staff, Networking With Agencies & Equipment Demonstration <i>Spend time one-on-one with Kentucky State University personnel and attending agency representatives.</i>
3:00 p.m.	Conference Adjourns

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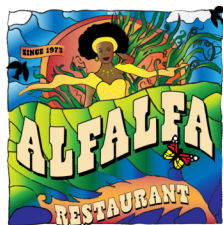


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OUR PARTNER ORGANIZATIONS

Alcorn State University - Socially Disadvantaged Farmers and Ranchers Policy Research Center

The Socially Disadvantaged Farmers & Ranchers Policy Research Center (SDFR), a national center located on the Lorman campus of Alcorn State University, specializes in policy research impacting socially disadvantaged farmers and ranchers located across the United States. The mission of the Policy Center is to conduct research, analyze policy and make recommendations seeking to achieve equitable and economic integration of USDA programs and policies for socially disadvantaged farmers, ranchers, communities, and rural landowners.

Contact: April S. Love, JD | aslove@alcorn.edu | 601.877.2313

The Berry Center Farm & Forest Institute

The BerryCenter Farm & Forest Institute offers farmers affordable workshops, short-courses, and field days that accommodate busy lifestyles. Hands-on classes focus on: Livestock on grass production, Low-impact forestry, and Cooperative economics, thought, and leadership. This agrarian education addresses the difficult realities of our present economy by using what is affordable, appropriate, and ready at hand.

Contact: Shannon Boyd | shannonboyd@berrycenter.org | 859.468.2548

Black Soil KY

Black Soil KY seeks to achieve their mission to reconnect Black Kentuckians to their heritage and legacy in Agriculture. We serve minority farmers by auditing their marketing strategies with our Digital Footprint Assessment and by serving as technical assistance providers for the Appalachia Regional Food Business Center.

Contact: Krysta Callinan | events@blacksoilky.com | 606.875.5815

Bluegrass Land Conservancy

BLC, a land trust in the Bluegrass region, works to ensure a future where the Bluegrass region's distinctive soils, cultural heritage, scenic vistas, natural resources and habitats, and farms are preserved – forever. We recently received a grant to help HU farmers in the region around Jefferson county protect their farms through conservation easements.

Contact: Rosalind Streeter | rstreeter@bluegrassconservancy.org | 859.255.4552

Center for Crop Diversification - University of Kentucky

The Center for Crop Diversification is managed through a collaboration between the Department of Agricultural Economics and the Department of Horticulture at the University of Kentucky. We also partner with a wide variety of regional and national individuals and organizations.

Contact: Brett Wolfe | brett.wolff@uky.edu | 859.218.4384

Central Kentucky Ag Credit

Ag Credit has been providing farmers and rural residents with credit in Central Kentucky since 1934. We offer financing to small, limited-resource and minority farmers.

Contact: Kelli Buckley | kbuckley@agcreditonline.com | 502.680.1824

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Community Farm Alliance

We work to organize and encourage cooperation among rural and urban citizens through leadership development and grassroots democratic processes to ensure an essential, prosperous place for family-scale agriculture in our economies and communities.

Contact: *info@cfaky.org* | 859.756.6378

Feeding Kentucky

Feeding Kentucky supports small, limited-resource, and minority farmers by purchasing their products through programs like Farms to Food Banks and the Local Food Purchase Assistance Cooperative Agreement Program (LFPA), providing a reliable market while addressing hunger across the state. This partnership helps these farmers expand their reach and contribute to local food security efforts.

Contact: *Maddie Pierce* | *maddie@feedingky.org* | 502.209.8157

The Food Connection (University of Kentucky)

The Food Connection serves farmers, food producers, students, and consumers by cultivating creative strategies and partnerships to support a vibrant, healthy, and equitable local food economy. Our Cultivate KY Team works directly with Kentucky farmers and food aggregators, and delivers both one-on-one technical assistance, field days, workshops, webinars, and publications. Our KY Value Chain Collaborative (VCC) support farmers in cultivating meaningful and sustainable markets for their local food products and relationships with scale-appropriate distribution channels.

Contact: *Brandi Button Johnson* | *brandi.buttonjohnson@uky.edu* | 270.670.6913

Grow Appalachia

Our vision is a vibrant, regional food system where healthy food is accessible to all. We focus on many levels of food security and work holistically to ensure individuals and families have access to the healthy food.

Contact: *Kayla Preston* | *prestonk@berea.edu* | 859.302.1174

Kentucky Black Farmers Association

Kentucky Black Farmers Association advocates for BIPOC farmers and displaced persons in agriculture by creating a solid leadership foundation. We are a liaison for accountability from agriculture agencies and provide minority landowners with education and awareness for equitable economic development.

Contact: *Tiffany Belfield El-Amin* | *tbelamin@kyblackfarmersassociation.org* | 859.684.9138

Kentucky Center for Agriculture and Rural Development (KCARD)

The Kentucky Center for Agriculture and Rural Development (KCARD) is a nonprofit organization established to facilitate agricultural and rural business development in Kentucky. We provide educational opportunities, technical assistance, and business support services to new and existing agribusinesses of all sizes, types, and backgrounds.

Contact: *Terryn Varney* | *kcard@kcard.info* | 859.550.3972

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Kentucky Department of Agriculture

Direct Farm Marketing is all about connecting consumers to Kentucky agricultural producers. Through Farmers' Markets and Community Supported Agriculture (CSA), producers can maximize profits whilst simultaneously offering consumers a direct path to procure the freshest local products. Agritourism offers the opportunity to build relationships between the agricultural community and the local tourism industry by incorporating education and enjoyable activities on working farms or agribusiness operations.

Contact: Sharon Spencer | sharon.spencer@ky.gov | 502.782.4127

Kentucky Farm Bureau Foundation

Kentucky Farm Bureau is a grassroots organization dedicated to serving our membership family and their communities. As the Voice of Agriculture, we identify problems, develop solutions, promote economic success, and enhance the quality of life for all.

Contact: Fran McCall | Fran.McCall@kyfb.com | 502.836.9523

KY HEARS (Funded by the Heuser Hearing Institute)

KY HEARS is a state-funded initiative across Kentucky that brings hearing healthcare to rural communities through our mobile hearing clinics staffed by our hearing healthcare professionals.

Contact: Devon Woodlee | dwoodlee@thehearinginstitute.org | 800.958.9610

Kentucky Horticulture Council

KHC's purpose is to support the state horticulture industry and be a resource for information and education for growers, business owners, and the public to promote a thriving industry.

Contact: Cindy Finneseth | Info@kyhortcouncil.org | 859.490.0889

National Center for Appropriate Technology (NCAT)

The National Center for Appropriate Technology (NCAT) has been helping people build resilient communities through local and sustainable solutions that reduce poverty, strengthen self-reliance, and protect natural resources since 1976. NCAT is a trusted, practical connector for individuals and businesses who are working to leave our world better than we found it.

Contact: Tammy Barnes | tammyb@ncat.org | 859.221.1940

Organic Association of Kentucky (OAK)

The Organic Association of Kentucky (OAK) is a nonprofit organization founded by farmers, for farmers. OAK provides educational programming for farmers to increase the adoption of organic practices and conservation through an annual conference, year-round Field Days, webinars and workshops, on-farm technical assistance, organic transition assistance and local market development.

Contact: Jenny Howard Owen | jenny@oak-ky.org | 502.517.9629

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Southern Risk Management Education Center

Our mission is to educate farmers and ranchers to manage the unique risks of producing food for the world's table. The Southern Center, in conjunction with the other three regional Centers, conducts the Extension Risk Management Education Competitive Grants Program.

Contact: Chimere Hampton | champton@uada.edu | 501.263.5358

USDA - Farm Service Agency (Kentucky)

The USDA Farm Service Agency equitably serves all farmers, ranchers, and agricultural partners through the delivery of effective, efficient agricultural programs for all Americans.

Contact: Angella Watson | angella.watson@usda.gov | 859.224.7685

USDA - National Agricultural Statistics Service

The USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) conducts hundreds of surveys every year and prepares reports covering virtually every aspect of U.S. agriculture. The Census of Agriculture counts producers and collects demographics for USDA, and others, to serve farmers.

Contact: David Knopf | david.knopf@usda.gov | 360.265.8219

USDA - Rural Development

Rural Development has programs to help improve quality of life and economic prosperity in rural America.

Contact: Rachel Chambers | rachel.chambers@usda.gov | 606.910.3338

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