

Opportunities for Farmers

FEDERATION DIRECTORY

The Federation has a number of programs to benefit farmers and we welcome your participation. We are listing these programs along with contact names and phone numbers. If you have any questions about these or would like to participate in one of the programs please call the Federation staff contact person listed below.

Beginning Farmers

Working with 40 beginning farmers in AL, SC, GA, MS, the project includes training in: production and management strategies; business management strategies; marketing strategies; and legal strategies related to acquisition of land.

Contact: Leon Crump - 843 667 6383

Producers Markets

Entitled "Enhancing Commodity Procurement Opportunities for Small and Limited Minority Owned farmer Cooperatives in Mississippi", this project includes assisting food commodity and small businesses in completing the Small Business Administration 8-A certification.

Contact: Ben Burkett - 601 354 2750

Markets in Albany

The purpose of the project is to expand and define the markets for several small value-added food-based enterprises in southwest Georgia so they can establish a viable level of sales.

Contact: Cornelius Key- 229 432 5799

Assistance with Conservation Programs (NRCS)

This includes education in MS, GA, SC on ensuring that farmers are eligible for NRCS or how to become eligible for the NRCS programs.

Contact: Jerry Pennick - 404 765 0991

Assistance with Estate Planning and Land Protection

The focus of this project is on assisting land owners with existing and emerging risk management tools associated with value added production, value added facility management and development, intergenerational farm succession planning, and estate planning.

Contact: Jerry Pennick - 404 765 0991

Farmers Assisting in Research on Climate Issues

Farmers can participate in research and in workshops on the changing climate issues that impact farmers on crop production. The project is conducted with the University of Georgia.

Contact: Heather Gray - 404 765 0991

Assistance with Forest Land

The goal of the forestry endeavor is to facilitate in maintaining, enhancing and restoring healthy forest conditions in this changing climate and to promote the health and productivity of forestland and rural communities.

Contact: Joelette Crawl - 205 652 9676

Assistance with Animal Care

The program will seek to improve farmer's livestock productivity through better health and disease management. Includes work with USDA's APHIS.

Contact: Joelette Crawl - 205 652 9676

Learning about Cooperatives

Individuals can participate in training and educational opportunities about cooperatives in all areas of rural life from agriculture to housing to credit.

Contacts: Pam Madzima - 205 652 9676

Myra Bryant - 601 354 2750

Learning about Honey Production in South Carolina

The purpose of the proposed project is to strengthen small, socially disadvantaged farmers in South Carolina through increased participation in cooperatives.

Contact: Leon Crump - 843 667 6383

Assistance with FSA Farm Programs and Farming Advancements

The long-term goals are to strengthen African American farmers by assisting them: (1) to retain their land and transfer it to other family members or others in the black community; (2) to improve the net income they derive from their relatively small farms and become more viable through technical assistance in farm management, marketing, alternative crops and methods, and value added enterprises, enabling them to increase earnings and position themselves for future success; and (3) to acquire the resources to make their farms sustainable by increased participation in federal farm programs.

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Alabama - Ethel Giles - 334 216 3549

Mississippi - Myra Bryant - 601 354 2750