

# **“The Plight of the American Small Farmer in the New Millennium”**

**Tuskegee University  
Cooperative Extension Program**

## **107th Annual Farmers Conference**



**“A Tuskegee Tradition Since 1892”**

**Tuskegee University  
Kellogg Conference Center**

**February 11-12, 1999**



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## **THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 1999**

- 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. .... Pre-Conference Forum (Meeting Rooms F&G)  
Annual Meeting of the TUCEP Extension Advisory Council  
Presiding: Oscar M. Williams, District Resource Specialist  
Tuskegee University Cooperative Extension Program
- 6:00 p.m. .... Thomas Monroe Campbell Memorial Banquet (Ballroom)  
Guest Speaker: Reverend John Nettles  
Alabama State President and First Vice President  
Southern Christian Leadership Conference
- Commentary: Horace Horn, State Director  
USDA Rural Development
- Salute to Retirees: B.D. Mayberry, Professor & Dean Emeritus  
Tuskegee University

## **FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 1999**

- 8:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. .... Registration (Conference Registration Desk)
- 8:00 a.m. .... Continental Breakfast (Auditorium Foyer)
- 8:30 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. .... Opening Session (Auditorium)  
Presiding: George Hall  
Alabama State President  
National Black Farmers Association
- Greetings ..... Benjamin F. Payton  
President  
Tuskegee University
- The Honorable George Clay  
Alabama State Senator, 28th District
- The Honorable Johnny Ford  
Alabama State Representative, 82nd District

**ANIMAL WASTES AS FERTILIZER SUPPLEMENTS:** Learn about available equipment and resources necessary to incorporate animal waste into your forage fertility process.

Facilitator: Donnie Pierce, Lagoon Equipment Operator  
Mid-South R.C. & D

**GOAT PRODUCTION:** Tour the University's new caprine research facility and hear the latest research updates and marketing opportunities.

Facilitator: Sandra L. Solamain, Professor  
College of Agricultural, Environmental and Natural Sciences  
Tuskegee University



**GROUP B:** These sessions will be held in the Kellogg Conference Center and participants will rotate between these sessions.

**GOVERNMENTAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS (Meeting Rooms D&E):** Participants will learn about management assistance available through a variety of USDA programs.

Facilitator: Zona Beaty, District Conservationist  
USDA, Natural Resource and Conservation Services

**PASTURED POULTRY (Meeting Rooms F&G) :** An innovative approach to poultry production for the small scale or limited resource farm operation.  
Learn about facility requirements, slaughtering, marketing, etc.

Facilitators: Andrew Williams, Outreach Coordinator  
USDA, Natural Resource Conservation Service

Benjamin Gambles, Pastured Poultry Producer

**RISK MANAGEMENT (Meeting Room B):** Review the changes in the 1996 Farm Bill associated with production products and instruments such as crop insurance, catastrophe coverage, etc.

**Facilitators:** Ntam Baharanyi, Agricultural Economist  
Cooperative Extension Program  
Tuskegee University  
James Novak, Extension Agriculture Economist  
Alabama Cooperative Extension System  
Auburn University, Alabama

1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m. .... Merit Farm Family Luncheon (Ballroom)  
Guest Speaker: Charles Bishop  
Commissioner of Agriculture and Industries  
State of Alabama

2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. .... Tours and Optional Workshops (See registration desk for details)

- Commodities and Production ..... Jim Cravey  
 Director of Commodities Department  
 Alabama Farmers Federation
- Black Farmer Litigation Update and Claims Process ..... Attorney Sam Taylor  
 Tuttle, Taylor & Herron
- Attorney Alexander J. Pires  
 Conlon, Frantz, Phelan & Pires
- Attorney J.L. Chestnut, Jr.  
 Senior Law Partner  
 Chestnut, Sanders, Sanders & Pettaway
- Commentary ..... Miles D. Robinson  
 Associate Director  
 Small Farm Outreach Training and Technical Assistance Project  
 Tuskegee University
- 8:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. .... Health Fair (Continuing Education Foyer & Meeting Room A)
- 10:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. .... Stretch Break

### HEALTH FAIR

- Health Screenings ..... Irene Khan, Chi Eta Phi Epsilon Graduate Nursing  
 Sorority, and Epsilon Beta Student Nursing Chapter
- Burnestine Taylor, Romanita Ford and Staff  
 Central Alabama Comprehensive Health

### INTERACTIVE HEALTH LEARNING STATIONS

- Breast Examination Techniques ..... Chi Eta Phi Registered Nurses
- Prostate Cancer Risk Factor Assessment ..... Chuck Manney, RN
- Central Alabama Potency Restoration Clinic for Males ..... Alfred J. Newman, Jr.
- Pediatric Health ..... Stephanie Mitchell, Division of Nursing  
 Tuskegee University
- Elderly Health ..... Fannie Jenkins, Division of Nursing  
 Tuskegee University  
 Lifestyle Changes As We Grow Old

Environmental Health ..... Edith Powell, Division of Allied Health  
Gobena Huluka, College of Agricultural, Environmental, and Natural Sciences  
Tuskegee University

Germes Are Everywhere: Handwashing Workshop ..... Cheryl Davis, Division of Allied Health  
Tuskegee University

Farm Safety ..... Anita Pinkney/Marie Lyles, Division of Allied Health  
Tuskegee University  
Taking Care of Your Back on the Farm

Animal Health ..... S.G. Gbadamosi, School of Veterinary Medicine  
Tuskegee University  
Food Safety: E. Coli and Salmonella

Heart Disease ..... Habiba N. Shaw, Project Leader for Promoting Individual Health  
Cooperative Extension Program  
Tuskegee University

Sexually Transmitted Diseases ..... Cheryl Davis, Division of Allied Health  
June Samuels, Counseling Center  
Tuskegee University

Adult Health ..... Lucile Taylor, Division of Nursing  
Tuskegee University  
Issues for Rural Families

10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. .... Concurrent Sessions

### CONCURRENT SESSIONS

GROUP A: These sessions will be held on the University farm and participants will rotate between these three sessions. (Transportation will be provided.)

DRIP IRRIGATION FOR VEGETABLE PRODUCTION: Using drip irrigation technology and practices to produce vegetables on small acreages. Learn the principles of installation and troubleshooting techniques.

Facilitator: Victor Khan, Research Associate  
George Washington Carver Agricultural Experiment Station  
Tuskegee University

# Cooperative Extension and Continuing Education College Orientation Program

Pepsico Auditorium  
Tompkins Hall Student Union Building

- 8:30 a.m. - 9:30 a.m. .... General Registration
- 9:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. .... Overview of Admission  
Sandra Kinsey/Erskine McKinnon  
Office of Admissions  
Tuskegee University
- 10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. .... Overview of Financial Aid/Scholarships  
Barbara Howard  
Office of Financial Aid Services  
Tuskegee University
- 11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. .... Overview of Colleges
- College of Veterinary Medicine, Nursing and Allied Health  
Leonard H. Billups
- College of Agricultural, Environmental and Natural Sciences  
Ralph Noble, Animal Science  
Stephanie Archie, Food Science  
Saunya Hardy, General Dietetics/Nutrition  
Tia Corbett, Biology  
Barbara Rackley, Chemistry
- College of Liberal Arts and Education
- College of Business, Organization, and Management  
Benjamin Newhouse, Dean
- College of Engineering, Architecture and Physical Sciences
- 12:30 p.m. - 1:30 p.m. .... Lunch (Tompkins Hall)
- 3:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. .... ROTC: Air Force, Army and Navy  
Camaika Miller, Air Force  
Karen Risser, Army  
Vascar Harris, Navy

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Forest Services, USDA

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Cooperative Extension Program  
Sustainable Agricultural Extension Program  
Southeast Risk Management Education Program  
College of Veterinary Medicine, Nursing and Allied Health

## Committees

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Conference Escorts: MANRRS, Pre-Vet Club, University Escorts

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Music: H. Whittaker

Evaluation and Survey: Agricultural Economics Students, Farm Management Class (1AGE505)

Agriculture: W. Baldwin, J. Burton, A. Elliott, W. Hodge\*, G. Hunter, V. Khan

Youth Development: N. Boyd, M. Morris, A. Pierce\*, Y. Wright

Health Fair: E. Bonsi, M. Lyles, E. Powell\*