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CORONAVIRUS SAFETY

Follow these easy steps to help prevent the spread of COVID-19.



Disinfect surfaces around
your home and work.



Wash your hands for at
least 20 seconds.



Sneeze or cough?
Cover your mouth.

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EXCEL~YECAE SUMMER PROGRAM 2021



Courtney Miller ALCDC Youth Program Participant Selected as 1890 Scholar

After meeting all the academic requirements, Courtney Miller a 2021 graduate of Brinkley High School has been selected from a national pool of competing high school graduates to be an 1890 Scholar. He is the son of Courtney, Sr and LaShica Miller. Courtney also completed Arkansas Land and Community Development Corporation (ALCDC) full Youth Enterprise and Careers in Agriculture and Entrepreneurship YECAE) program from his eight (8th) grade junior high through his twelfth-grade high school year.

The Youth Enterprise and Careers in Agriculture and Entrepreneurship program provides an opportunity and support for youth in developing healthy lifestyles, and professional careers pathways into agriculture and related fields including economics, bio-systems, agricultural engineering, communications, dietetics, family sciences, human nutrition, community development, and entrepreneurship. Participants progress through five program phases: 1. Healthy Lifestyles 2. Character Development 3. The Business of Farming 4. Professional Work Experience and 5. Career Planning Development/Leadership Training. The professional work experience and Entrepreneurship phase of the program is implemented during the summer months. The Youth Enterprise and Careers in Agriculture (YECAE) program is now in its 30th year of operation. Phase 1, 2 and 3 operates year around with the youth. Participants transition into phase four (4) and five (5) of the program after completion of the Youth Entrepreneurship camps for ages 13 through 15. Phase four (4) and five (5) of the program provides Professional Work Experience, Career and continued education Planning and Leadership Development for ages 16 through 18. Courtney successfully completed all phases of the program and committed himself to serve as a mentor for other youth participants.

The Twenty-first century agriculture involves cutting-edge science, technology, and business management. The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) 1890 scholarships provides help for youth to build a career path in agriculture, food, natural resource sciences, and many more agriculture-related career fields. The USDA/1890 National Scholars Program was established in 1992 in partnership between USDA and 19 historically black universities that were established under the Second Morrill Act of 1890. The program provides full tuition, fees, books, room and board, and a summer internship to students pursuing degrees in agriculture, food, natural resource sciences, or related academic disciplines. When the student has

completed the academic and summer work requirements of the scholarship, USDA may convert the student to a permanent employee without further competition. USDA's Office of Partnerships and Public Engagement collaborates with 1890 historically black land-grant colleges and universities, 1994 tribal land-grant colleges and universities, and Hispanic-serving institutions to promote equitable participation in USDA programs, services, and resources for rural, tribal, and historically underserved students and the communities they serve. These partnerships also support education and career opportunities for students and faculty and help develop a strong pipeline of talent for USDA.



Pictured left to right (LaShica Miller, Courtney Miller Jr., Ms. Belinda Bell)

Southwest Arkansas Rural Community Economic Development Summit In

El Dorado, AR. 71730 ~ July 7, 2021

The Arkansas Land and Community Development Corporation will convene a Southwest Arkansas Rural Community Economic Development Summit in El Dorado AR., July 7, 2021, from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. The event will be held at 300 S. West Avenue in El Dorado, AR 71730, with limited seating availability for those who want attend in person. This in person live event will also be provided for participants to attend virtually. The link for virtual participation in the meeting is:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88340542900?pwd=VFBFalhUWGJNM3oxMGwrkxsxWEtrQT09> The meeting focus is: ‘One USDA for Rural and Urban Community Economic Development’. The focus area will be supported by agency resource individuals specializing in agriculture, housing, and rural community economic development.

For additional information and pre-registration, please contact our office at (870) 734-3005 or Tameecia Smith office cell at (870) 752-0700, or Ashley Crocket (870) 589-1682. Advance pre-registration is necessary for those who want to attend in person due to limited seating.

This event is being conducted in accordance with the CDC COVID-19 meeting requirement guidelines.

Southeast Hybrid In-Person/Virtual Rural Economic Development Symposium in

Arkansas City, AR. 71630 ~ July 29, 2021

The Arkansas Land and Community Development Corporation will convene a Southeast Arkansas Hybrid In-Person/Virtual Rural Economic Development Symposium for Arkansas City, AR., July 29, 2021, from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. The event will be held at the Arkansas City Hall located at 606 Sprauge Street Arkansas City, AR 71630 with limited seating availability for those who want to attend in person.

For additional information and pre-registration, please contact our office at (870) 734-3005 or Tameecia Smith office cell at (870) 752-0700, or Ashley Crocket (870) 589-1682. Advance pre-registration is necessary for those who want attend in person due to limited seating.

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Tri-State Farm Visit

By: Albert Jones Farm Program Director

2nd generation new beginning farmer Mr. Jesse Hall Jr. is the son of one of Monroe County's most seasoned African American row-crop producers, Mr. J.C. Hall Sr. Mr. Jesse Hall Jr. is a graduate of the University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff with a degree in Agriculture. After working several years with the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) Mr. Hall decided to get involved in commercial real estate, thus Hall properties was created in Cape Girardeau, Missouri. Mr. Hall purchased this existing farm outside Somerville, Tennessee in Fayette County. Mr. Hall is leasing a portion of the farm out to a traditional row crop operator (soybean, corn) while the other areas are being excavated for living quarters, nine-acre lake/reservoir and home in the future. Mr. Hall will develop a pecan orchard on some of the cleared land. NRCS is assisting Mr. Hall with his endeavors utilizing the EQIP conservation program.



Pictured: Mr. Jesse Hall Jr.



Conservation Program Policy Benefit's Climate Control And Urban and Rural Residential Environment (The RIPE100 Plan)

RIPE100: Climate Rural Investment to Protect our Environment (RIPE) Policy that works for all.

What does that mean for you? The RIPE100 plan is a proposed pilot project that:

- Is different from other plans that focus solely on carbon payments. RIPE100 payments of \$100/acre reflect the value to society for carbon, soil health, water quality, and other environmental services.
- Covers the full cost of implementation, including the increased costs of inputs affected by climate policy, plus a reasonable return beyond participation costs that reflects the combined public benefits.
- Includes practical rice cultivation practices that would qualify for the program including:
 - Alternate Wetting and Drying
 - Dry Seeding or Dry Seeding with Post-Harvest Flooding (Winter Flooding)
 - Early Drainage with Post Harvest Flooding (Winter Flooding)
 - Cover crops
 - No-Till

RIPE-100 is a proposal to directly pay farmers a minimum of \$100 per acre or animal unit (AU) for voluntary land stewardship that can provide a greater benefit to the public through carbon sequestration, improved soil health, cleaner water, water conservation, flood mitigation, pollination, biodiversity, and other environmental services. This approach is supported by many program precedents, volumes of peer-reviewed research, and offers producers adequate incentive to adopt key conservation measures.

RIPE-100 is designed to remedy many of the shortcomings of carbon farming payment programs, which are a net economic loss for most farmers, and allows farmers to participate in both systems. It also promotes diversity, equity, and inclusion by addressing barriers that have often kept farmers of color, smaller diversified farmers, women farmers, and young farmers from participating in previous conservation programs.

The RIPE100 plan:

- Offers farmers and ranchers a profitable incentive to invest in effective farm stewardship practices.
- Eliminates middlemen and expensive transaction costs
- Integrates equity principles and rewards farmers of all sizes and types
- Offers policymakers flexibility on funding mechanisms
- Uses a simple program design that offers transparency to all stakeholders
- Can be implemented within 100 days with room to scale and refine as funding and political support grows.

This plan is uniquely designed to ensure that climate policy will not hamper farmer profitability, offering a path to involve farmers as true champions of climate policy as part of a broader bipartisan climate coalition to improve American farmers' financial and environmental sustainability.

RIPE100 Phases 1 & 2

The program is designed in two phases. The goal of Phase 1 is to leverage the Democratic commitment to quickly launch climate policies and programs with a proposal that can benefit farmers' profit opportunities through voluntary stewardship on a per acre or AU basis. If the first phase is successful, agricultural representatives can advocate for expanding the program to allow farmers and ranchers to include a greater share of their operations in the voluntary program.

In Phase 1:

Farmers enroll, attend a conservation workshop, and adopt high-value conservation practices that are compensated at \$100/acre or AU. The workshop provides information on best practices to address climate and other priority environmental resource concerns. Farmers will select and adopt one stewardship practice that is practical and suitable to their operations and be compensated at \$100/acre or AU.

Farmers self-certify practices and USDA oversees program integrity. Following the established precedent of existing NRCS programs, farmers will self-certify the adopted conservation practices using established NRCS protocols. Self-certification will be required annually and submitted to the NRCS for validation.

Annual payments continue, once participants develop comprehensive conservation Farm Plans. The program is intended to provide annual payments to farmers at **\$100/acre** or AU with increasing acreage enrolled for farm or ranch, as the program budget grows. Technical assistance will be provided to producers at no cost to them to develop ongoing conservation Farm Plans and to support successful implementation.

Enrollment is a simple and equitable process that does not penalize early adopters. To ensure that farmers of all types have equitable access to the program, RIPE100 integrates equity principles and rewards farmers of all sizes and types. Early adopters who have previously adopted stewardship will not be penalized and will fully qualify for the payments.

USDA will manage the program. USDA shall receive the funding for administration, educational programing, farm plan development and technical assistance. USDA will receive funds to oversee the program, including an audit of up to 5% of participants.

Augments private sector payments for carbon farming, maximizing farmers' options. Private carbon farming payments only work for a small portion of farmers, due to the small size of the market, low carbon price, and high transaction costs. RIPE's proposal complements private carbon markets with a public program that offers farmers a direct and reliable investment without middlemen. It also allows farmers to participate in both programs, maximizing farmers' options.

Phase 2 aims to:

Expand the program budget to allow enrollment of all producers who wish to participate with as many acres as they wish

Refine payment terms to reflect the latest science and give incentives for performance-based practices that maximize farmers' options.

Be funded in the range of \$40 billion a year as part of a comprehensive climate policy package that will fairly compensate farmers for their voluntary stewardship at rates that are profitable above all policy costs, including fertilizer and other input cost increases.

The specific policy design elements are being co-designed with agricultural producers, community residents, local leadership, and other stakeholders.



USDA Announces Additional Aid to Ag Producers and Businesses in Pandemic Assistance for Producers Initiative

Since January, USDA has allocated \$11B to producers and food and ag business

WASHINGTON, June 2021 — Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack announced today additional aid to agricultural producers and businesses as part of the USDA Pandemic Assistance for Producers initiative. Earlier this year, Secretary Vilsack announced plans to use available pandemic assistance funds to address a number of gaps and disparities in previous rounds of aid. As part of the Pandemic Assistance initiative announced in March, USDA pledged to continue Coronavirus Food Assistance Program (CFAP) payments and to provide aid to producers and businesses left behind. Implementation of the assistance announced today will continue within 60 days to include support to timber harvesters, biofuels, dairy farmers and processors, livestock farmers and contract growers of poultry, assistance for organic cost share, and grants for PPE.

“USDA is honoring its commitment to get financial assistance to producers and critical agricultural businesses, especially those left out or underserved by previous COVID aid,” said Secretary Vilsack. “These investments through USDA Pandemic Assistance will help our food, agriculture and forestry sectors get back on track and plan for the future. Since January, USDA has provided more than \$11 billion of assistance directly to producers and food and agriculture business.”

In March, USDA announced \$6 billion (see Part 1) in available funds through Pandemic Assistance to support a number of new programs or to modify existing efforts. The following programming is planned for implementation within 60 days, which will continue to be focused on filling gaps in previous rounds of assistance and helping beginning farmers, socially disadvantaged and small and medium sized producers that need support most:

\$200 million: Small, family-owned timber harvesting and hauling businesses

\$700 million: Biofuel’s producers

Support for dairy farmers and processors:

\$400 million: The new Dairy Donation Program to address food insecurity and mitigate food waste and loss

Additional pandemic payments targeted to dairy farmers that have demonstrated losses that have not been covered by previous pandemic assistance

Approximately \$580 million: Supplemental Dairy Margin Coverage for small and medium farms

Assistance for poultry and livestock producers left out of previous rounds of pandemic assistance:

Contract growers of poultry

Livestock and poultry producers forced to euthanize animals during the pandemic (March 1, 2020, through December 26, 2020)

\$700 million: Pandemic Response and Safety

Grants to reimburse producers, processors, distributors, and farmers markets (including seafood processors and vessels) for Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) and other worker protection measures associated with pandemic response Up to \$20 million: Additional organic cost share assistance, including for producers who are transitioning too organic.

As the economy continues to gain strength after the Biden Administration’s historic vaccination and economic relief efforts, USDA is working with producers and agricultural businesses to ensure they have the resources and tools to thrive in 2021 and beyond. The funding associated with USDA Pandemic Assistance is meant to serve as a bridge from disruptions associated with the pandemic to longer-term investments to help build back a better food system.

Through USDA's Build Back Better initiative, USDA has already announced \$5 billion in a mix of loans, grants and innovative financing to make meaningful investments to build a food system that is more resilient against shocks, delivers greater value to growers and workers, and offers consumers an affordable selection of healthy food produced and sourced locally and regionally by farmers and processors from diverse backgrounds.

"We have more work to do to build back a better food system, strengthen our supply chains, and make sure American agriculture gives our farming and ranching families every opportunity to earn a good living," said Secretary Vilsack.

"As the economy continues to bounce back, USDA will ensure American agriculture is ready to seize the moment. "As USDA looks to long term solutions to build back a better food system, the Department is committed to delivering financial assistance to farmers, ranchers, and agricultural producers and businesses who have been impacted by COVID-19 market disruptions. Since USDA rolled out the Pandemic Assistance initiative in March, the Department has announced approximately \$6.8 billion in assistance (Part II and III) to producers and agriculture entities through the following programs:

\$6.295 billion: Coronavirus Food Assistance Program (CFAP) payments to farmers, ranchers, and producers (March 24th)

\$35 million: Value Added Producer Grants (March 5th)

\$169.9 million: Specialty Crop Block Grants (April 13th)

\$75 million: Gus Schumacher Nutrition Incentive Program (April 13th)

\$37.5 million: Beginning Farmer and Rancher Development Program (April 13th)

\$80 million: Payments to Domestic Users of Cotton (April 13th)

\$92.2 million: Local Agriculture Market Program (May 5th)

Approximately \$20 Million: Pandemic Cover Crop Program (June 1st)

Statement by Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack on the Intent to Nominate Homer Wilkes, Ph.D. to Serve as Under Secretary for Natural Resources and Environment

WASHINGTON, June 23, 2021 – "Dr. Homer Wilkes has dedicated his career to public service; he has put his time and talents to work with USDA for more than 41 years. His nomination reflects USDA's commitment to putting agriculture, forestry and working lands at the center of solutions to increase climate resilience, sequester carbon, protect our air and water. While with the Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS), Dr. Wilkes played a key role in directing engineering, natural resource, and watershed projects and took a keen interest in forestry and working lands. He currently serves as the Director of the Gulf of Mexico Ecosystem Restoration Division, where he has been integral to restoring the health of the Gulf Coast ecosystem after the BP Oil Spill of 2010. Dr. Wilkes holds his Bachelors, Master of Business Administration, and Ph.D. in Urban Conservation Planning and Higher Education from Jackson State University in Jackson, Mississippi. Dr. Homer Wilkes is a collaborative leader with a track record of working towards large-scale solutions in partnership with communities. This spirit and approach position Dr. Wilkes to ensure that even with different leadership within the USDA subcabinet there is connectivity between NRCS and the Forest Service; I am confident that Dr. Wilkes is the right person to ensure landscape-scale solutions are aligned with community priorities, assets and needs."

House Passes Bill to Make Juneteenth a Federal Holiday

The Senate unanimously voted for the measure Tuesday. The bill now heads to President Joe Biden's desk, and Democrats hope he signs it into law by June 19.

Bill to make Juneteenth a federal holiday headed to president

By **Dareh Gregorian** and **Haley Talbot**
NBC News

The House voted overwhelmingly Wednesday to make Juneteenth a national federal holiday, 415-14, and President Joe Biden is scheduled to sign the bill into law Thursday afternoon, June 17, 2021.

The June 19 holiday commemorating the end of slavery in the U.S. is already celebrated as a state or ceremonial holiday in 47 states and the District of Columbia. When Biden signs the bill, June 19 will become the country's 11th federal holiday. Biden and Vice President Kamala Harris are set to deliver remarks at the signing, and House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif., and members of the Congressional Black Caucus will also gather for photos during the bill's enrollment Thursday morning.

The House bill's sponsor, Sheila Jackson Lee, D-Texas, said Wednesday that it's "been a long journey," but "we're here."

"Juneteenth equals freedom and freedom is what America is about!" she tweeted. Jackson Lee said she and Democratic leaders plan to send the legislation to Biden's desk by this Juneteenth. Before the vote, Pelosi said it was "an exciting, historic day," one that was overdue. The bill had strong bipartisan backing in both the House and the Senate, but one of the "no" votes, Rep. Matt Rosendale, R-Mont., said he would call "an ace an ace. 'This is an effort by the Left to create a day out of whole cloth to celebrate identity politics as part of its larger efforts to make Critical Race Theory the reigning ideology of our country,' he said in a statement. Sen. John Cornyn, R-Texas, a co-sponsor of the legislation, quote-tweeted Rosendale's statement, calling it "kooky."

"All 14 of the no votes were Republicans: Rosendale, Andrew Clyde of Georgia, Paul Gosar and Andy Biggs of Arizona, Mo Brooks and Mike Rogers of Alabama, Thomas Massie of Kentucky, Ralph Norman of South Carolina, Tom McClintock and Doug LaMalfa of California, Tom Tiffany of Wisconsin, Scott DesJarlais of Tennessee and Ronny Jackson and Chip Roy of Texas. The Juneteenth holiday - officially called Juneteenth Independence Day in the bill - has also been known as Emancipation Day and Black Independence Day. The holiday honors the end of slavery by commemorating the date in 1865 when Union Army Gen. Gordon Granger arrived in Galveston, Texas, and announced to enslaved African Americans that the Civil War had ended, and they were free. Granger's proclamation came more than two years after President Abraham Lincoln issued the Emancipation Proclamation.

The anniversary was celebrated by African Americans in Texas the following year, and it soon began being celebrated in other states, as well. It became an official state holiday in Texas in 1980.

History of Juneteenth: How people came to celebrate in the U.S.

"Juneteenth honors the end of the years of suffering and brutality that African Americans endured under slavery, America's original sin, and celebrates the legacy of perseverance that has become the hallmark of the African American experience in the struggle for equality," Jackson Lee said.

The Senate passed the measure by unanimous consent Tuesday night. Sen. Ron Johnson, R-Wis., had blocked an earlier attempt to pass the bill, citing the potential cost to taxpayers, but he said earlier Wednesday that "I recognize reality." "I support celebrating the emancipation of the slaves. I just didn't really understand why the only way to do that is to give 2 million federal health care workers, that would cost \$600 million a year, a day off. But apparently the rest of Congress wants to do that, so I won't stand in the way," Johnson said.

Second Annual Diversity in Ag Virtual Conference July 22, 2021

9:00 a.m.

9:00 Welcome

9:05 Warren Carter, Executive Vice
President, Arkansas Farm Bureau Federation

Remarks

9:15 The Hon. Asa Hutchinson, Governor,
State of Arkansas

9:30 Wes Ward, Secretary, Arkansas
Department of Agriculture

9:45 Mike Sullivan, State Conservationist,
USDA Natural Resources Conservation
Service - Arkansas

9:55 Danny Hoots, acting State Executive
Director, USDA Farm Service Agency -
Arkansas

10:05 Breakout Panel Discussions

10:10 **Marketing & Branding Your
Farm**

Room A Stephanie Buckley – The Park
Wife

Judith Allen – SalScilla Farms

“Careers in Agriculture”

Room B Dr. Deacue Fields III, Dean
Bumpers College of Agricultural, Food and
Life

Sciences, University of Arkansas –
Fayetteville

**“What does Urban Agriculture look
Like?”**

Room C Urban Agriculture Leslie Glover
II, Soil Scientist (Assistant Program
Manager) USDA-Natural Resources
Conservation Service, Soil and Plant
Science Division - Washington, D.C.
St. Joseph Center of Arkansas Sandy
DeCousey, Executive Director

11:10 Break (*Will run last year's clip during
break!*)

11:20 Breakout Panel Discussions

**“Heir's property today leads to
Opportunities for Land Ownership
tomorrow”**

Room A Heir's Property, Attorney Mircha
King

What does the Emergency Relief for
Farmers Act mean for minority farmers?
Eloris Speight, Director, Socially
Disadvantaged Farmers and Ranchers Policy
Research Center at Alcorn State, Lorman,
Mississippi

**“Making Agriculture Popular Among
Youth”**

Room B FFA, Jennifer Cook, Director,
Arkansas FFA Foundation

4 – H Angie Freel, Ed.D., Associate
Department Head - 4-H
Students Speak

Nicole Noga and Keia Jones - Minorities in
Agriculture, Natural Resources, and
Related Sciences MANRRS (University of
Arkansas Chapter)

Breanna Lewis Wade and Ellis Freel -
Collegiate 4-H (University of Arkansas
Chapter)

Logan Moss and Stephanie Bennett - FFA
(University of Arkansas Chapter)

12:10 Joint meeting Room Breakout

Panel Discussion – “Farmers Speak”

Sequoyah Browning Forester Landowner

Dr. Mildred Griggs Vegetable Producer

P. J. Haynie Row Crop Producer

1:05 Acknowledgements

Closing Remark



Save the Date

ALFDC-ALCDC

41st Annual

Conference and Membership Meeting

OCTOBER 28th – 29th, 2021

9:00 A.M.

Registration starts @8:00 A.M.

THEME:

A Reason for Hope

**Our faith sustains us, and our
mission and vision guide us**



ALFDC/ALCDC Partnership Membership Renewal Form

October 1, 2021- September 30, 2022

_____ **Individual Membership \$25**

_____ **Partnership Membership \$40**

_____ **Organizational Membership \$200**

Member Benefits

Advocacy and Public Relations -ALCDC/ALFDC participates in federal and state hearing sessions that focus on policy development for it's members, farmers, youth, and rural residents.

Member Opportunities -ALCDC/ALFDC offers leadership opportunities within the organization for our youth, farmers, and rural residents. Members are also recommended for advisory boards at the federal, state and local levels.

Marketing Opportunities -ALCDC/ALFDC offers cooperative marketing opportunities for farmers, rural businesses interested in enhancing the lives of rural Americans. We also offer the opportunity to present or set up an exhibit during our Annual Conference. We offer facility rentals at a discounted fee to all ALCDC members.

Access to housing, farming, and youth services -ALCDC/ALFDC offers rural residents the opportunity to affordable housing, homeownership education business development, assistance in accessing farm financing and federal resources, and training on conservation practices, youth leadership development, education enrichment, and workforce readiness.

Information and Communication -ALCDC/ALFDC members are able to communicate with an ALCDC representative via phone or website concerning their farming, housing, or youth service's needs. Members receive ALCDC updates and news through our quarterly newsletters and weekly e-letters.

NAME: _____

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ALFDC/ALCDC Information Survey for Service

We are requesting that you complete the following survey and provide the requested information. This will give us added options for providing you valuable service during these challenging times.

Name: _____ Address: _____
City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____
County: _____

Mobile Phone Number: _____ Home Phone Number: _____

Email Address: _____

Is your phone a landline or a mobile? Landline _____ Mobile _____

Do you have access to the internet? Yes _____ No _____

Please check yes or no to the following that apply:

Landowner: Yes _____ No: _____ Heir Prosperity Interest Holder: Yes: _____ No: _____

Row Crop Farmer: Yes: _____ No: _____ Gardner: Yes: _____ No: _____ Small Farmer: Yes: _____ No: _____

Vegetable Farmer: Yes: _____ No: _____ Rancher (Livestock Operation): Yes: _____ No: _____

Small Business Owner: Yes: _____ No: _____ Veteran: Yes: _____ No: _____ New/Beginning Farmer: Yes: _____ No: _____

Are you presently receiving any service from USDA? Yes: _____ No: _____ FSA: _____ NRCS: _____

USDA Rural Development: _____ Forestry _____ Other: _____

Do you have any conservation program service contracts? Yes: _____ No: _____

Are you aware of the new government program opportunities resulting from the COVID-19

Stimulus package? Yes: _____ No: _____

Are you aware of the COVID-19 Stimulus Grant and other governments program benefits that will be made available? Yes: _____ No: _____

Please mail the information provided in the survey to:

Mary Harris

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Brinkley, Arkansas 72021

2021 Annual Conference Registration Form

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The Advancer reflects the nature of our work - providing self-help opportunities and support services to our farmers and others of limited resources in our 42-county service area. Our work is dedicated to helping people become more productive and self-sufficient. Your comments and suggestions are appreciated. Direct all comments and inquiries regarding this publication by phone to (870) 734-3005 or e-mail to mary_harris15@yahoo.com.

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ALCDC Mission Statement

The mission of ALCDC is to provide advocacy outreach, technical assistance and training to limited resource small farmers and all rural residents to alleviate poverty, enhance sustainable farming and strengthen communities' economic sustainability and workforce readiness.

ALCDC services and programs are available without regard to age, race, religion, gender or physical handicap.