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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.

Arkansas Land and Farm Development Corporation (ALFDC) Convened its 41st

Annual Conference

ALFDC convened its forty first (41st) Annual Conference February 24th and 25th, 2022 hosted by Arkansas Land and Community Development Corporation (ALCDC). Again, the event was held virtually, due to COVID-19. The theme for the event was, a reason for Hope, focusing on equity and equality for the underserved, and minority rural and urban communities.

Day one was the Youth Conference Day, however due to power outage and school closing, registered schools were not able to participate as planned. Dr. Calvin R. King, Sr. conducted the opening session followed by the opening speaker, Mr. Alvin Peer, District Conservationists, USDA Natural Resource and Conservation Service. Ms. LaShica Miller, ALCDC Vice-President discussed the agency youth program and leadership oratorical competition. Ms. Alexia Moore, a senior at Forrest City High School was announced as the 2022 leadership competition winner of the \$500.00 continuing education stipend award. Ms.

(Moore's award-winning written presentation can be seen on page 4 of this publication.)

The opening morning session keynote speaker was Dr. Dwayne Goldmon, Senior Advisor for Racial Justice and Equity, Washington DC with USDA. The opening session was followed by panel speakers, discussing equity resource opportunities for agriculture and rural community economic development. Mike Sullivan, State conservationist with USDA Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS) discussed the agency equity program service delivery opportunities with the agency. Doris Washington, State Director for USDA Farm Service (FSA) discussed the availability of direct loan financial resource opportunities, up to \$400,000 for operating expense, and \$400,000 for capital investment for the beginning farmer, experienced and urban farmers, along with risk management insurance programs and the \$50,000 micro-loan program. Other program service resource opportunities by the were discussed as well. Dr. Calvin R. King, Sr. provided a summery overview of the USDA Rural Development (RD) program services for housing, community facilities, infrastructure, and rural business financing resources. Richard Duda, with the Small Business Administration (SBA) discussed financial resource opportunities small business with agency and the application process to access their services. Day two

continued with Michael Sullivan, USDA NRCS State Conservationist introducing the Luncheon Speaker, Dr. Karama Neal. The speaker discussed the structure of USDA Rural Development, and all of the resources opportunities for rural housing, business, community facilities, technology and infrastructure. Dr. Neal emphasized the availability of resource opportunities to make equity and equality community economic development hope a reality .

USDA Announces Intent to Establish Subcommittee on Rural Community Economic Development for its Equity Commission

USDA also seeks nominations for subcommittee

Release & Contact Info

Press Release

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WASHINGTON, April 7, 2022 — The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) today announced it will establish a Rural Community Economic Development (RCED) Subcommittee as part of the recently launched Equity Commission. Nominations and applications for membership to the RCED Subcommittee are due on May 6.

The Federal Register Notice is another important step towards fully implementing President Biden's commitment to create an Equity Commission and the American Rescue Plan Act provision that directs USDA to "address historical discrimination and disparities in the agriculture sector... [through] one or more equity commissions to address racial equity issues within USDA and its programs."

"The Rural Community Economic Subcommittee (RCED) will be crucial to addressing issues of persistent poverty in rural communities," said Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack. "We are committed to giving each recommendation the Equity Commission makes full consideration in an effort to implement systemic, lasting change. This work is long overdue and will set the foundation for generations to come."

"USDA's Equity Commission has hit the ground running since it first convened in February," said Deputy Secretary Jewel Brounagh, who serves as Co-Chair of the Equity Commission.

"The work of this subcommittee will be invaluable to the commission as we seek to provide recommendations on how underserved rural communities can obtain equity access to USDA programs. I am hopeful that the work of this commission and subcommittee will identify ways to break down barriers and

increase the public's access to, and trust in, USDA's programs and services."

The Equity Commission will advise the Secretary of Agriculture by identifying USDA programs, policies, systems, structures, and practices that contribute to barriers to inclusion or access, systemic discrimination, or exacerbate or perpetuate racial, economic, health and social disparities. The Subcommittee on Agriculture was formed concurrently and will report back to the Equity Commission and provide recommendations on issues of concern related to agriculture. This new RCED Subcommittee will be charged with providing recommendations on issues and concerns related to rural development, persistent poverty, and underserved communities. The Equity Commission will deliver an interim report and provide actionable recommendations by September 2022. A final report will be generated by the summer of 2023.

USDA is soliciting nominations for membership to the RCED Subcommittee. The subcommittee will reflect a diversity in demographics, regions of the country, background, and in experience and expertise. The RCED Subcommittee will require substantial representation from those whose mission it is to serve or advocate for underserved communities, minorities, women, individuals with disabilities, individuals with limited English proficiency, rural communities, and LGBTQI+ communities. Other perspectives to capture include those from community-based organizations, lending institutions, small business or cooperatives, tribal entities, university or community college or trades personnel, and members of the American population and communities who bring their personal experiences to the discussion. Nominations for the RCED Subcommittee membership are open to the public and any interested person or organization may nominate qualified individuals for membership. Individuals who submitted applications as part of the initial call for applications for the Equity Commission and Agriculture Subcommittee do not need to reapply, those applications will still be considered for the RCED. The subcommittee will be comprised of 15 members, two of which will be members of the already formed Equity Commission. More information is available in the Federal Register Notice.

President Biden signed an Executive Order On Advancing Racial Equity and Support for Underserved Communities Through the Federal Government and committed to creating an Equity Commission as part of his rural agenda and commitment to closing the racial wealth gap and addressing longstanding inequities in

agriculture. Section 1006 of the American Rescue Plan directed USDA to create the Equity Commission and funded the effort along with an additional \$1 billion in funding to support forward-looking activities that will advance equity and opportunity for historically underserved farmers, ranchers, and forest landowners. The funding will be used to remove gaps that currently exist in USDA program benefits, improve access to resources, and restore trust and confidence in the Department for groups that have not had equal access to such resources through a combination of grants, loans, pilot programs, technical assistance, cooperative agreements, and more. USDA touches the lives of all Americans each day in so many positive ways. In the Biden-Harris Administration, USDA is transforming America's food system with a greater focus on more resilient local and regional food production, fairer markets for all producers, ensuring access to safe, healthy and nutritious food in all communities, building new markets and streams of income for farmers and producers using climate smart food and forestry practices, making historic investments in infrastructure and clean energy capabilities in rural America, and committing to equity across the Department by removing systemic barriers and building a workforce more representative of America. To learn more, visit www.usda.gov.

USDA Heirs' Property Relending Program

Have you inherited land without a clear title or documented legal ownership? The Heirs' Property Relending Program (HPRP) can help you resolve heirs' land ownership and succession issues on agricultural land.

Heirs' property issues have long been a barrier for many producers and landowners to access USDA programs and services, and this relending program provides access to capital to help producers find a resolution. The program's benefits go far beyond its participants. It will also keep farmland in farming, protect family farm legacies and support economic viability.

What Is Heirs' Property?

Heirs' property is a legal term that refers to family land inherited without a will or legal documentation of ownership. It has historically been challenging for heirs to benefit from USDA programs because of the belief that they cannot get a farm number without proof of ownership or control of land. Learn more about heirs' property and how USDA can help establish a farm number.

How the Program Works

This program works differently than other USDA programs. Rather than USDA providing the loan directly to producers, the loan will be provided to intermediary lenders, who then relend the funds to producers like you.

1. USDA provides loans to eligible lenders
Intermediary lenders (cooperatives, credit unions, nonprofit organizations who have worked with socially disadvantaged, limited resource, or beginning farmers) can apply for loans up to \$5 million at 1% interest from August 30, 2021, to October 29, 2021.

Farm Service Agency (FSA) will select and announce lenders.

2. Heirs apply directly to lenders

(Heirs Property Relending Program Continued)

Heirs can apply for up to \$600,000 directly to lenders for loans and assistance.

Heirs and lenders will need to repay the loan as directed by the 2018 Farm Bill. Heirs will repay the loan to lenders at the interest rate set by the intermediary lender. Intermediary lenders will repay USDA at the 1% interest rate.

3. Heirs resolve title issues

Heirs may use the loans to resolve title issues by financing the purchase or consolidation of property interests and financing costs associated with a succession plan.

Document for legal title

4. Heirs obtain legal title

Once heirs obtain legal title, they can apply for USDA programs, loans, grants, and services. They can also apply for other U.S. government resources, such as FEMA.

In Major Step to Implement American Rescue Plan, USDA Announces Membership of Newly Formed Equity Commission

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WASHINGTON, D.C. The U.S.

Department of Agriculture (USDA) announced the members of the newly established Equity Commission and its Subcommittee on Agriculture. The Commission held its first public meeting on February 28, 2022. As authorized and funded by the American Rescue Plan Act, the launch of the independent Commission delivers on President Biden's commitment to create an independent Equity Commission and provide it with the necessary resources to support its mission to address historical

discrimination at USDA. The launch of the Commission follows the one-year anniversary of the Biden-Harris Administration's Executive Order On Advancing Racial Equity and Support for Underserved Communities Through the Federal Government. The 15-member commission and its Subcommittee on Agriculture will provide recommendations to the Secretary on policies, programs, and actions needed to address equity issues, including racial equity issues, within the Department and its programs, including strengthening accountability and providing recommendations to the Secretary on broader and more systemic equity issues at USDA.

There are future plans to launch an additional Subcommittee focused on rural community and economic development. "USDA acknowledges we have not done enough to provide all farmers and ranchers an equal chance of success and prosperity, and we are striving to change that," said Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack. "This Commission will support our work to build a USDA that does not ignore or leave anyone behind anyone as we dismantle barriers that historically underserved communities have faced in accessing USDA programs and services."

"We are serious about our efforts to end discrimination across all areas of the Department," said Deputy Secretary Jewel Brounagh, Co-Chair of the Equity Commission. "Participation by a diverse group of representatives is key to the success of the Equity Commission and for USDA to build trust among those we serve."

The new commission members are:

Arturo S. Rodriguez, California
Hazell Reed, Arkansas
Toni Stanger-McLaughlin, Washington
Derrick Johnson, Mississippi

Ronald Rainey, Arkansas

Mireya Loza, District of Columbia
Charles Rawls, Virginia
Shorlette Ammons, North Carolina
Poppy Sias-Hernandez, Michigan
Todd Corley, Ohio

Yvonne Lee, California
Elizabeth Lower-Basch, Virginia
Shirley Sherrod, Georgia
Ertharin Cousin, Illinois
Rick Smith, Missouri

The new agriculture subcommittee members are:

Shari Rogge-Fidler, Illinois
Savonala Horne, North Carolina
Alexis Racelis, Texas

Gina Eubanks, Louisiana
Michelle Hughes, Virginia
Kari Jo Lawrence, South Dakota
PJ Haynie III, Virginia
Russell Redding, Pennsylvania
Janssen Hang, Minnesota
Erica Lomeli Corcoran, California
Sarah Vogel, North Dakota
Gary Matteson, New Hampshire
Jennie Stephens, South Carolina

More details on each member and about the first Equity Commission meeting can be found at www.usda.gov/equitycommission.

As part of the application and selection process, USDA sought members who can share the voice and experiences of farmers, ranchers, and farmworker groups, people of color, women, Tribal and Indigenous communities, individuals with disabilities, individuals with limited English proficiency, rural communities, and LGBTQI+ communities. Other important perspectives included those from the small business community and higher education institutions, among others.

“I want to thank everyone who invested the time and energy to submit an Equity Commission nomination. We were overwhelmed by the amount of applications we received,” said Vilsack. “I encourage all who applied and the American public to engage with the Commission and help inform discussions as it works to develop equity recommendations for USDA.”

Deputy Secretary Jewel Bronaugh and United Farm Workers President Emeritus Arturo S. Rodriguez will serve as Co-Chairs of the Commission. USDA touches the lives of all Americans each day in so many positive ways. In the Biden-Harris Administration, USDA is transforming America’s food system with a greater focus on more resilient local and regional food production, fairer markets for all producers, ensuring access to safe, healthy and nutritious food in all communities, building new markets and streams of income for farmers and producers using climate smart food and forestry practices, making historic investments in infrastructure and clean energy capabilities in rural America, and committing to equity across the Department by removing systemic barriers and building a workforce more representative of America. To learn more, visit www.usda.gov.

Ms. Alexia N. Moore
Announced As ALCDC 2022 Youth
Program 1st Place Oratorical Leadership
Competition Winner
Forrest City High School Class of 2022
Planned Agribusiness Major-Arkansas State University

The Equity and Equality Challenge for Minority Youth to
Become Beginning Farmers

Is a little different if you are a woman you don’t get to experience the agriculture extension and training service

that men get to have. As it states in the WorldBank.org knowledge of farming techniques is critical to productivity. However, women farmers have inadequate access to agricultural extension and training services.” We can have women working in agriculture business, yet women still face many obstacles that men don't experience. As women we don’t get much access to training, machinery, and new technologies. Men have no problem getting access to land and other resources or their farms, but things are a little different for a woman. It's more difficult to access land ownership, extension services, and finance.

(Ms. Alexia N. Moore continued)

I have researched the possibility of becoming a female poultry farmer. As shown in my research, what it is like being not just a woman but an African American woman in the poultry industry and it’s a lot harder being an African American woman in the poultry industry because we are often overlooked and made to feel invisible. According to Urban Wire “Women of color are either compared with men within their same racial or ethnic group or compared with a white woman... When viewed this way; their unique challenges are often hidden.” There I found the quote “All the women Are White; All the Blacks are men.” This quote speaks to how African American Women are invisible in scholarship and some social movements, it easily applies to other women of color within the broader discussion of equality.

<https://www.worldbank.org/en/topic/agriculture/brief/women-farmersgetting-to-equal>

<https://www.ifpri.org/blog/achieving-agricultural-sustainability-dependsgender-equality>

<https://www.urban.org/urban-wire/visibility-women-color-crucial-first-step-toward-equality>

Pictured left to right LaShica Miller, [ALCDC](#) Vice-President, Chief Financial

Operation Officer, Alexia Moore, Youth 1st Place Oratorical Winner, and Dale Muhammad



ALCDC Previous Youth Day Annual Conference



ALCDC OPPORTUNITY JUSTICE FOR BLACK, SOCIALLY DISADVANTAGED, AND VETERAN FARMERS AND RANCHERS

Beginning Farmers and Ranchers Program

The Arkansas Land and Community Development Corporation (ALCDC) Beginning Farmers and Ranchers Program has been implemented to recruit and provide training and technical assistance to new and existing beginning farmers and ranchers throughout its 42-county service area in rural Arkansas. This project exclusively serves military veterans, socially disadvantaged, and limited resource farmers and ranchers.

The project has been implemented to recruit and retain new and existing beginning farmers and ranchers with intensive technical training; close the opportunity gap for African American, socially disadvantaged, and veteran farmers and ranchers in rural Arkansas by facilitating access to farming and business resources, creating greater chances for successful business operations by performing individualized participant assessments/evaluations and leveraging regional partnerships to address each participant's specific needs; and Fostering business partnerships and professional associations with other farmers and ranchers through collaborative learning, networking, and training opportunities.

For 41 years, ALCDC programs have provided services for rural communities predicated on human resources – the quality, capability, and dedication of staff, volunteers, members, and strategic partnerships with collaborating organizations

ALCDC Is Now Accepting Applications for Its Youth Program

Arkansas Land and Community Development Corporation (ALCDC) Youth Enterprise and Careers in Agriculture and Entrepreneurship (YECAE) is now accepting applications for new youth participants. Applications will be accepted through May 31, 2022

The ALCDC (YECAE) program has been established for more than thirty (30) years. By service delivery design, the program assist youth in developing healthy lifestyles, and in establishing professional careers in agriculture and related fields including, conservation, economics, and bio-systems, (ALCDC YECAE Program Continued)

agricultural engineering, communications, dietetics, family sciences, human nutrition, community development, and entrepreneurship, Participants progress through four program phases:

- 1. Healthy Lifestyles** –Participants are taught healthy lifestyles. According to the Centers for Disease Control (CDC), the academic success of America's youth is strongly linked with their health and is one way to predict adult health outcomes. ALCDC has always taught that education is a key for escaping poverty. Toward that end, we are adding the Healthy Lifestyles component to our existing elements of our youth program. This component works to assist our youth to develop skills and knowledge to mitigate or minimize health-risk behaviors such as early sexual initiation, violence, poor nutrition, physical inactivity and substance use are consistently linked to poor grades and test scores and lower educational achievement.
- 2. Character Development** – Participants are taught leadership skills, interpersonal skills including written and oral communication, presentation skills, and social skills
- 3. Entrepreneurship**- Including niche markets, financial risks, business planning structure and organization. This group is also taught the basics of agriculture with emphasis on conservation and sustainable farming.
- 4. The Business of Farming** – Participants engage in the hands-on aspects of farming. Projects include actual production of fresh produce, working in farmers' markets/food hubs and working with row crop farmers. The role of the USDA and its impact on agricultural and related activities in our area are learned benefits of this phase. In addition to classroom sessions, participants learn directly from producers how agriculture works and how USDA services, particularly NRCS foster sustainable farming, conserve our natural resources while also increasing sustainable profitability. During this phase

(ALCDC YECAE Program Continued)

of the program participants learn the overall impact of agriculture in our economy and daily lives.

5. Professional Work Experience – Participants are afforded the opportunity of serving as interns in NRCS and other USDA Agencies' offices. Knowledge and experience of how the government serves agriculture is obtained. Of serious importance, participants get exposure to a professional work environment and real-life experience what careers in agriculture can mean.

6. Career Planning

Development/Leadership Training – Monthly leadership training workshops and career planning seminars are conducted. Participants execute assignments and participate in exercises are that designed to prepare them for leadership roles in school, in the community, and for life. Participant's interest and future occupational opportunities are analyzed and discuss with the eventual output being a 10-year career plan for each participant. The plans list goals and action plans for achieving the goals for the participant's chosen occupation, technical goals, social goals, interpersonal skills, oral/ written communication skills and financial are all listed in time intervals over the ten years.



Arkansas Land & Community Development Corporation (ALCDC) Farm Program Division conducted Hybrid (Virtual/ In-Person) Outreach Meeting in Mound Bayou, Mississippi, in partnership with Alcorn State University Demonstration Farm, March 10, 2022. The goal of the meeting was to provide training, technical assistance and educational information for farmers and landowners on One USDA program services and opportunities.

Charles Lea, USDA NRCS State Outreach Coordinator for Mississippi conducted the USDA NRCS workshop session focusing on One USDA, conservation, and resource opportunities. Other summit presenters were, John Coleman, Farm Manager for Alcorn State University, Susan Lawrence, Marketing Specialist for MS, Dept. of Agriculture, and Heather Collins, USDA Rural Development Program Specialist.

The event offered opportunities for participants to receive guidance and information on the comprehensive equality program opportunities and resource that exist for beginning farmers, landowners, socially disadvantaged, underserved, and veteran population. Participants were able to gain an understanding of program capital, conservation programs, farm financing, and grant programs, along with other USDA equity and equality program service delivery.

Individual needing additional information or assistance regarding the USDA program service delivery should call Arkansas Land and Community Development Corporation (ALCDC) at (870) 734-3005 for an appointment with a program service technical advisor or visit the ALCDC web site at _alfdc.webs

In order to receive the benefit of conservation program services, one must fill out the questions on the application like the following below. Here is just an example and part of the actual application.

U.S. Department of Agriculture

NRCS-CPA-1200 Natural Resources Conservation Service

October 2021

CONSERVATION PROGRAM APPLICATION

1. Do you have a customer record with the Farm Service Agency (FSA)? ☐ Yes ☐ No

2. Interested in participating in the following (select all that apply): ☐ Agricultural

Conservation Easement ☐ Environmental Quality Incentives Program
Program-Wetland Reserve Easement (EQIP)

☐ Agricultural Management Assistance (ACEP-WRE)

(AMA) ☐ Regional Conservation Partnership

Program(RCPP) ☐ Conservation Stewardship Program (CSP) **3.**

Applicant Information:

Select the business structure and enter the legal name, and tax identification number for all applicants who will be participants on the contract or agreement including the decision maker.

a) If applicant is a legal entity or joint operation, do you have appropriate documents including proof to sign for the entity or joint operation?

☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A

4. Land Information. The following questions apply to the land being offered for enrollment through this application.

a) Land Type (check all that apply):

☐ Private Land

☐ Public Land: ☐ Federal Government ☐ State Government ☐ Local Government

☐ Indian Land: ☐ Allotted ☐ Tribal Trust Land ☐ Tribal Non-Trust Land ☐ Other **b)**

Control of Land Documentation (check all that apply):

☐ Deed or other evidence of land ownership

☐ Written lease agreement

☐ Other agreement or legal conveyance (describe): _____

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c) Is the land currently enrolled in other USDA conservation program(s)? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Which program(s):

d) Organic Certification:

☐ Certified Organic by the National Organic Program (NOP)

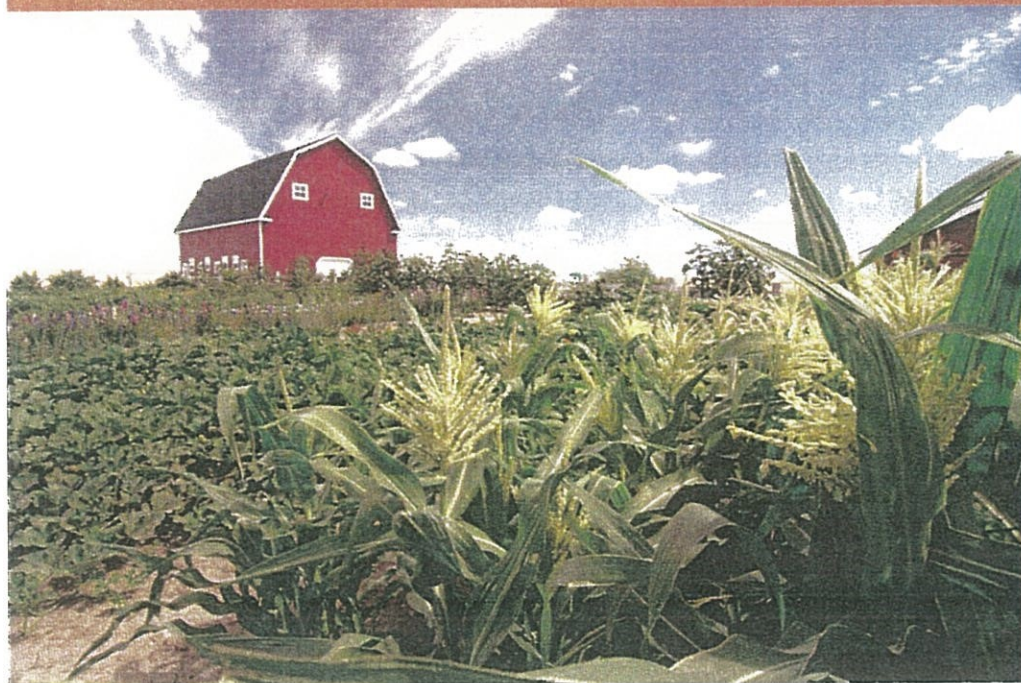
☐ Transitioning to become Certified Organic by the NOP

☐ Exempt from Organic Certification as defined by the NOP

☐ Not Applicable

e) What is the primary crop type(s)?

f) What is the primary livestock type(s)?



4

Easy Steps to Get Started With FSA

Jump-Start Your Farming or Ranching Operation With FSA

Do you farm or ranch and want to grow your operation or make improvements?

The Farm Service Agency offers financial assistance to help farmers start a farm, expand their operation, improve natural resources or recover from natural disasters. Get started today to see how FSA can help you.

1

Contact Us

Contact your local Farm Service Agency County Office to schedule an appointment. You can find your local county office online at <http://offices.usda.gov>.

2

Bring Documents

During your first visit, be sure to bring:

- ☐ Proof of identity (driver's license, social security card, IRS EIN number)
- ☐ Proof of Ownership (copy of recorded deed)
- ☐ Leases
- ☐ Entity Identification Status (articles of incorporation, trust & estate documents, partnership agreement)

3

Consult With Us

We will sit down with you one-on-one, review your documents and register your farm with FSA. Registering your farm allows you to apply for FSA programs. We then discuss what programs and loans are best to help you accomplish your goals. As a registered farm, you also will receive monthly newsletters, have access to various resources and be eligible to vote in FSA County Committee Elections.

4

Apply

After we determine your eligibility to participate in FSA programs and loans, we walk you through the application process. More information may be needed depending on the program.

Stakeholder Notification

USDA Designates 20 Arkansas Counties as Primary Natural Disaster Areas

This Secretarial natural disaster designation allows the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Farm Service Agency (FSA) to extend much-needed emergency credit to producers recovering from natural disasters through [emergency loans](#). Emergency loans can be used to meet various recovery needs including the replacement of essential items such as equipment or livestock, reorganization of a farming operation or the refinance of certain debts. FSA will review the loans based on the extent of losses, security available and repayment ability.

According to the [U.S. Drought Monitor](#), these counties suffered from a drought intensity value during the growing season of 1) D2 Drought-Severe for 8 or more consecutive weeks or 2) D3 Drought-Extreme or D4 Drought-Exceptional.

Impacted Area: Arkansas

Triggering Disaster: Drought **Application**

Deadline: Dec. 8, 2022 **Primary Counties**

Eligible:

Arkansas	Clark	Drew	Miller
Arkansas	Cleveland	Ashley	Columbia
		Hempstead	Nevada
Bradley	Dallas	Lafayette	Ouachita
Calhoun	Desha	Lincoln	Sevier
Chicot		Little River	Union

Contiguous Counties Also Eligible:

Arkansas:

Grant Jefferson Montgomery Polk Monroe Howard Prairie Pike Phillips Lonoke Hot Spring

Louisiana: Bossier, Claiborne, Morehouse, Webster, Caddo, East Carroll, Union, West

Carroll **Mississippi:** Bolivar, Issaquena, Washington

Oklahoma: McCurtain

Texas: Bowie, Cass

More Resources

On farmers.gov, the [Disaster Assistance Discovery Tool](#), [Disaster Assistance-at-a-Glance fact sheet](#), and [Farm Loan Discovery Tool](#) can help you determine program or loan options. To file a Notice of Loss or to ask questions about available programs, contact your local [USDA Service Center](#).

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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 its 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, home ownership 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 needs. Members receive ALCDC updates and news through our newsletters, news bulletin and weekly e-letters.

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

City, State, Zip Code: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Please return your application and tax-deductible contribution to: ALCDC/ALFDC
Membership Program • P.O. Box 743 • Brinkley, AR 72021

ALCDC/A/ LFDC program and services are available without regard to race, color, national origin, religion, sex, disability, or familial status.



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The Advancer is a publication of the Arkansas Land and Community Development Corporation. It is printed and circulated as a public service and communication resource for our membership and constituents. This publication is also circulated to a broad range of organizations and residents throughout the Delta and the United States.

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 alcdc1934@yahoo.com

You may correct your mailing address on the label above and fax back to (870) 734-4197 or call Mary Harris at (870) 734-3005.

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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.

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