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(NASS)

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USDA Office of Outreach, Office of the
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Did you know the 2008 Farm Bill includes the first ever Livestock title, and new incentives and provisions for traditionally underserved groups? Learn more on the web at:

www.ers.usda.gov/FarmBill/2008/

Time Sensitive, Your Response Needed by March 12, 2009

L. Douglas Wilder Building, Suite 203
P.O. Box 9081, Petersburg, Virginia 23806



Second Annual Outreach Conference for Small Farmers and Community Based Organizations

March 19, 2009
9:00 am to 3:30 pm

Conference Theme:

**“New Opportunities for
Virginia’s Producers and
Landowners through the
2008 Farm Bill”**

Hosted by



L. Douglas Wilder Building
Carter G. Woodson Avenue
Petersburg, VA 23806

About the Conference

The United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) and its State Agricultural Agency partners are truly the source of many solutions for the challenges that are facing the agricultural communities around the country.

In order to inform and educate Virginia's producers and land owners about the services they provide, Virginia State University and USDA have formed a partnership to provide the opportunity for growers to learn in detail how they can benefit from USDA services.

At this conference, you will be able to make contact with different USDA agencies, and learn about how to obtain federal loans and grants.

This year's conference will focus on the **2008 Farm Bill** and how it affects Virginia producers and landowners and their communities.

Register by
March 12, 2009



Send Enclosed Registration Form to:






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Conference Goals

To educate Virginia's producers and landowners about current USDA resources available from State Agricultural Agency partners, as a result of the 2008 Farm Bill

To foster and develop existing and new relationships with Virginia's producers and landowners

Who Should Attend

-  Producers
-  Landowners
-  Community Leaders
-  Federal and State Government
-  Educators



“The School of Agriculture is hosting the Second Annual USDA Outreach Conference held at Virginia State University. This conference will provide Virginia's producers, landowners and other participants with a “one stop shop” opportunity to network with USDA agencies.”

Dr. Alma C. Hobbs
Dean/Administrator, School of Agriculture

Conference Agenda

9:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

9:00 am-Conference Opening

(Breakfast served to all registered participants)

Greetings by Dr. Alma C. Hobbs,
Dean/Administrator School of Agriculture;
and USDA Official

9:30 am-USDA Agencies Panel

10:50 am-Break

11:00 am-Producers Panel

12:00 noon-Lunch and Speaker

(Lunch served to all registered participants)

Lunch Speaker: William “Bill” Buchanan,
Director of Civil Rights and Community
Outreach, Risk Management Agency

2:00 pm-Breakout Sessions

3:30 pm-Conference Ends

Driving Directions to
VSU Cooperative Extension
(L. Douglas Wilder Building)

Take Interstate 95. Take Exit 54 (Temple Avenue). Turn left at the traffic light at the end of the exit ramp. Turn left at the second traffic light onto Route 301 (The Boulevard). Continue to the Fourth Red Light. Turn right onto Dupuy Road (Wawa Gas Station is on right-hand corner). Travel approximately ½ mile, the University will be on the left. Enter at Matthew-Jefferson Drive. Make a left into first parking lot entrance for the L. Douglas Wilder Building.



Registration Form

Second Annual USDA Outreach Conference

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Name: _____
Title: _____
Business Affiliation: _____

Mailing Address: _____
City: _____
State: _____
Zip Code: _____

Phone: _____
Email: _____

Please list the names of all individuals you will bring (for example: family members, etc.)

Name: _____
Name: _____
Name: _____
Name: _____
Name: _____

List any dietary restrictions:
List any special accommodations:

Register by March 12, 2009 to Reserve your Space, Materials, and Meals

Send this completed registration form to:
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