

Research,  
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National Institute  
of Food and  
Agriculture

1400 Independence  
Avenue SW  
Washington, DC 20250

## Monday - September 25, 2016

**2:00 – 5:00 pm**

## Registration

## Prefunction South

**Tuesday - September 26, 2017**

**7:30 am      Registration Continued**

**7:00 – 8:00 am**

## Breakfast

Wine Bar room

**8:00 – 9:30**

## Introduction

## Grand Ballroom

***Chandra Reddy, PhD & Latif Lighari, PhD – Greetings from Tennessee***

Fitzroy Bullock, PhD & Darlene Gunther - Tennessee State University

Denis Ebodaghe, PhD, Wesley Dean, PhD & Desiree Rucker-Ross, PhD – National Institute of Food and Agriculture (NIFA)

**Topics TBA**

**9:30 – 9:40**

## Break

**9:40 – 11:00**

Gulch	12 South	SoBro
<p><b><i>Veteran Farmers</i></b></p> <p><b><i>Facilitator: William Crutchfield</i></b></p> <p>Strategic Investments to Ensure Long-Term Success of Veteran-owned and Advance Beginning Farmers</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b><i>Anusuya Rangarajan</i></b> <i>Cornell University</i></li> </ul>	<p><b><i>Native American Farmers</i></b></p> <p><b><i>Facilitator: Kynda Curtis</i></b></p> <p>Growing and Management Skills of Native Americans and Limited-Resource Beginning Farmers in the Southwest</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b><i>Russel Tronstad</i></b> <i>University of Arizona, Tucson, AZ</i></li> </ul>	<p><b><i>Minority &amp; Limited Resource Farmers</i></b></p> <p><b><i>Facilitator: Kathlyn Terry</i></b></p> <p>Developing the Next Generation of Sustainable Farmers in Georgia: A Comprehensive Training Program</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b><i>Julia Gaskin</i></b> <i>University of Georgia</i></li> </ul>
<p>Nevada Beginning Farmer and Rancher Development Program</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b><i>Carol Bishop</i></b> <i>University of Nevada, Reno, NV</i></li> </ul>	<p>Healthy Food, Healthy Communities: A collaborative Approach to Producer Education on Native American Reservations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b><i>Patrice Hammond</i></b> <i>South Dakota State University</i></li> </ul>	<p>Groundswell New Farmer Training Programs</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b><i>Elizabeth Gabriel</i></b> <i>Groundswell Farmer Training Programs, Ithaca, New York</i></li> </ul>
<p>Arcadia's Veteran Farmer Program</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b><i>Matt Mulder</i></b> <i>Arcadia Food, Inc</i></li> </ul>	<p>Farmer-To-Farmer Mentoring for Beginning, Immigrant, and Refugee Farmers in Crop Production and Marketing Using the Existing Thirty Year Old Flats Mentoring Program Model</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b><i>Jessy Gill</i></b> <i>World Farmers, Inc Lancaster, MA</i></li> </ul>	<p>The Virginia Beginning Farmer and Rancher Coalition Program: A Participatory Beginning Farmer and Rancher Education and Training Initiative</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b><i>Kimberly Niewolny</i></b> <i>Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University</i></li> </ul>



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11:00 – 11:10 Break

11:10 – 12:30

Gulch	12 South	SoBro
<b>Urban &amp; Organic Farmers</b>  <i>Facilitator: Allison Cecchini</i>	<b>Immigrant &amp; Refugee Farmers</b>  <i>Facilitator: David Mota-Sanchez</i>	<b>Limited-Resource Farmers</b>  <i>Facilitator: Stephanie Simmons</i>
Organic Farming Program  - <b>Lyndsey Antanitis</b> Rodale Institute Kutztown, PA	Educational Tools and Methods for Beginning Refugee and Immigrant Farmers  - <b>Hugh Joseph</b> Third Sector New England, Inc, Boston, MA	Addressing the Training Needs of Hispanic and Limited Resource Beginning Farmers in Nebraska  - <b>Matt Pirog</b> Community CROPS Lincoln, NE
Sustainable Farms for Urban Markets  - <b>Bao Vang</b> Hmong American Partnership St. Paul, MN	Farm Works: Supporting beginning, limited resource farmers, including immigrants and Refugees in the Puget Sound  - <b>Sarah Collier</b> Tilth Alliance, Seattle, WA	Growing Roots: Deepening Support for Diverse New Farmers and Ranchers in California  - <b>Jennifer Sowerwine</b> University of California-Berkley
Empowering New Forest Owners in the Northwest  - <b>Kirk Hansen</b> Northwest natural Resource Group Seattle, WA	Enhancing Food Security, Community & Rural Development & Sustainability for Beginning Farmers & Ranchers,  - <b>Roy Bullock</b> Tennessee State University Nashville, TN	Supporting Pennsylvania New Farmers in the Start-Up, Re-strategizing and Establishing Years  - <b>Lee Stivers</b> Pennsylvania State University – University Park

11:55 – 12:00 Break

12:00 – 12:30 Using and Promoting FarmAnswers.org Grand Ballroom  
Robert Craven, Kevin Klair, Curtis Mahnken, Jeff Reisdorfer,  
Beginning Farmer and Rancher Development Program Clearinghouse  
**\*All PDs required\***

12:30 – 1:50 Working Lunch Grand Ballroom

**Craig Lapine & Hussein Muktar – Cultivating Community**  
Growing Together: Building the Capacity and Skills of Low-Resource Beginning Farmers and Agricultural Service Providers in Maine

**J. Latrice Hill – Assistant to Deputy Administrator for Field Operations Farm Service**  
Introduction to USDA’s mentorship initiative: SCORE

1:50 – 2:00 Break



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<b>Mentoring, Apprenticeships, and Internships</b>  <b>Facilitator: Timothy Prater</b>	<b>Farm Success Building</b>  <b>Facilitator: Katrina Sajovec Altshul</b>	<b>Development Tools</b>  <b>Facilitator: Jan Joannides</b>
Dairy Grazing Apprenticeship: A National Program for Training New Dairy Farmers - <b>Joseph Tomandl</b> Dairy Grazing Apprenticeship, Inc Medford, WI	Infrastructure, Access, and Community: A Plan to Support Beginning Farmers in Indiana - <b>Kevin Gibson</b> Purdue University West Lafayette, IN	Michigan’s Emerging Farmers Strategies and Tools to Enhance Success  - <b>Jennifer Silveri</b>
Growing Farmers Initiative: Equipping Beginning Farmers to Create Economically and Ecologically Resilient Farm Enterprises in New York and Beyond - <b>Zachary Wolf</b> Stone Barnes Restoration Corporation Pocantico Hills, NY	Building On-Farm Success: Resources and Training for Montana’s Beginning Farmers and Ranchers  - <b>Annie Heuscher</b> Community Food & Agriculture Coalition Missoula, MT	University of Hawaii’s GoFarm Hawaii: A regional New Farmer Development Initiative  - <b>Steven Chiang</b> University of Hawaii,
Training, Developing, and Mentoring Beginning Organic and Conventional Dairy and Feed Producers  - <b>David Reed</b> National Farmers Organization, Inc Ames, IA	Successfully Navigating the First 10 Years: Education Targeting Farm Development Stages to Achieve Profitability and Environmental Sustainability  - <b>Garry Stephenson</b> Oregon State University Corvallis, OR	
<b>Veteran Farmers</b>	<b>Native American Farmers</b>	<b>Minority and Limited - Resource Farmers</b>
Supportive, Small Scale, Basic Livestock, Financial Skills and Risk Management Training for Beginning Veteran Farmers Program  - <b>Michael O’Gorman</b> Farmer Veteran Coalition	Generation Indigenous Food: Preparing Beginning Farmers and Ranchers for Success and Resiliency  - <b>Erin Parker</b> University of Arkansas Fayetteville, AR	Farming For Cash: A Continuing Training Program for Veteran, Socially- Disadvantaged, and Limited- Resource Beginning Farmers  - <b>Siddhartha Dasgupta</b> Kentucky State University, Frankfort, KY
A Collective Approach to Providing Resources, Technology and Assistance to Beginning Farmers - <b>Ayanava Majumdar</b> Alabama Extension/Auburn University Auburn, AL	Hmong Agricultural Sustainability Training and Education (HASTE)  - <b>Hli Xyooj</b> Hmong National Development St. Paul, MN	Tuskegee University Beginning Farmer and Rancher Development Program - <b>Robert Zabawa</b>

3:30 – 3:45

Break



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3:45 – 5:00

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<b>Urban and Organic Farmers</b>	<b>Immigrant and Refugee Farmers</b>	<b>Women and Minority Farmers</b>
<b>Facilitator: Ela Chapin</b>	<b>Facilitator: Krish Jayachandran</b>	<b>Facilitator: Jennie Stephens</b>
Advancing Next Generation Urban Farmers: Experiential Education, Mentoring and Employment <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- <b>Gavin Raders &amp; Leah Atwood</b> <i>Planting Justice Oakland, CA</i></li></ul>	Beginning Farmer Training for Socially Disadvantaged Hmong and Latino Immigrants <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- <b>Pakou Hang</b> <i>Hmong American Farmers Association, St. Paul, MN</i></li></ul>	21 <sup>st</sup> Century Management: Enhancing Educational Programming for Beginning Women Farmers <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- <b>Mary Peabody</b></li></ul>
Classroom and Field-Based Training to Assist Beginning Farmer’s Entry into Organic Seed Production <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- <b>Jared Zystro</b> <i>Organic Seed Alliance Port Townsend, WA</i></li></ul>	Roads to Successful Farm Succession <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- <b>John Lawrence</b> <i>Iowa State University of Science and Technology Ames, IA</i></li></ul>	Appalachian Beginning Forest Farmer Program: Growing Opportunities Beneath the Canopy <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- <b>John Munsell</b> <i>Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University, Blacksburg, VA</i></li></ul>
New Organic Stewards: Expanding Community, Resources and Financial Knowledge <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- <b>Jennifer Nelson</b> <i>Midwest Organic and Sustainable Education Service Spring Valley, WI</i></li></ul>	Farmland for the Next Generation: Training the Trainers to Help Beginners Secure Land and Succeed in Agriculture <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- <b>Julia FreedGood</b> <i>American Farmland Trust Northampton, MA</i></li></ul>	Delta Farming Start <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- <b>Donald Green</b> <i>Mississippi Delta Council for Farm Workers Opportunities, Inc Clarksdale, MS</i></li></ul>
Organic Grain Resources and Information Network (OGRAIN): Supporting Beginning and Organic Grain Growers in the Upper Midwest <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- <b>Anders Gurda</b> <i>University of Wisconsin Madison, WI</i></li></ul>	A Pathway to Livestock Farming: Providing Access to Land and a Guiding Hand <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- <b>Robert Bauer</b> <i>Southwest Badger Resource Conservation and Development Council, Inc</i></li></ul> <b>*Topic is Women and Veterans*</b>	South-West Texas StrikeForce Initiative for Beginning Farmers and Ranchers <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- <b>Juan Raygoza</b> <i>The University of Texas – Pan American, Edinburg, TX</i></li></ul>
Windy City Harvest: Training Beginner Farmers for Chicago’s Urban Agriculture Community <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- <b>Kelly Larsen</b> <i>Chicago Horticultural Society Chicago, IL</i></li></ul>		Ultra-Niche Crops for the Progressive, New Farmer <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- <b>Jennifer Matthews</b> <i>Rutgers University, Cape May Courthouse, NJ</i></li></ul>

5:00 – 6:00

Dinner on Your Own

6:00 – 6:30

Poster Set- up

Wine Bar room

6:30 – 8:00

Poster Session

8:00 pm

Tear-down/ Cleanup



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8:00 – 9:20

Breakfast Panel

Grand Ballroom

**Kevin Klair – Beginning Farmer and Rancher Development Program Clearinghouse**

Outcomes and Evaluation – Really?

**Juli Obudzinski, Jan Perez & Ann Williams -**

Evaluating Beginning Farmer Programs: Identifying Outcomes, Impacts and Factors Relating to Success

9:20 – 9:30

Break

9:30 – 10:30

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<b><i>Veteran Farmers</i></b>	<b><i>Minority and Limited - Resource Farmers</i></b>	<b><i>Organic and Urban Farmers</i></b>
	<b><i>Facilitator:</i></b>	<b><i>Facilitator:</i></b>
Building Farm Foundations and Planning for Success: Beginning Farmer Training for Military Veterans in the Intermountain West <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- <b><i>Tammy Howard</i></b> <i>National Center for Appropriate Technology Butte, MT</i></li></ul>	Growing Sustainable Farms: Training and Resources for Beginning Socially-Disadvantaged Farmers <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- <b><i>Laura Hedeem</i></b> <i>Minnesota Food Association Marine on St. Croix, MN</i></li></ul>	Farm School NYC 2016-2019 : Enhancing Educational Experiences, Resources, and Support for Beginning Urban Farmers <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- <b><i>Onika Abraham</i></b></li></ul>
Building Farm Foundations and Planning for Success: Beginning Farmer Training for Military Veterans in the Northeast US <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- <b><i>Margo Hale</i></b> <i>National Center for Appropriate Technology Fayette, AR</i></li></ul>	New Roots for Refugees <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- <b><i>Meredith Walafen</i></b> <i>Catholic Charities of Northeast KS Kansas City, KS</i></li></ul>	Food Sovereignty: Growing Urban Farmers and Farms <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- <b><i>Margaret Morgan – Hubbard</i></b> <i>Engaged Community Offshoots Inc. Riverdale, MD</i></li></ul>
<i>Cultivating Success Idaho</i> <i>Iris Mayes, University of Idaho</i>  <b>*Different Topic*</b>	Farmer Education and Enterprise Development (FFED) for Beginning, Socially-Disadvantaged (BSD) Farmers in the Salinas Valley <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- <b><i>Nathan Harkleroad</i></b> <i>Agriculture and Land-Based Training Association (ALBA) Salinas, CA</i></li></ul>	Growing Good Farmers, Growing Good Food: A Comprehensive Training Program for Ohio’s Organic and Sustainable Beginning Farmers <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- <b><i>Carol Goland</i></b> <i>Ohio Ecological Food and Farm Association Columbus, OH</i></li></ul>
	120 Committed Beginning Farmers and Ranchers <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- <b><i>Calvin King</i></b> <i>Arkansas Land &amp; Community Development Corporation Brinkley, AR</i></li></ul>	Facilitating Success for beginning Farmers and Ranchers in Washington’s remote Island Communities <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- <b><i>Sebastian Aguilar</i></b> <i>Organic Farm School Freeland, OR</i></li></ul>



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	<p>Global Gardens New Farmer Training Project</p> <p>- <b>Katie Painter</b> Jannus, Inc. Boise, ID</p>	<p>Farm Beginnings from Regional to National: Beginning Farmers and Viable Farms Initiative</p> <p>- <b>Amy Bacigalupo</b> Land Stewardship Project Montevideo, MN</p>
	<p>Initiating the Paso Del Norte Immigrant Beginning Farmer and Rancher Development Network</p> <p>- <b>Rigoberto Delgado</b> National Immigrant Farming Initiative Inc. Regional Office El Paso, TX</p>	<p>Enhancing the Sustainability and Viability of Beginning Farmers and Ranchers through Training Exercises, Mentoring and Outreach Programs</p> <p>- <b>Frank Taylor</b> Winston County Self Help Cooperative Jackson, MS</p>

10:30 – 10:45 Break

10:45 – 11:45

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<p><b>Specialized Farming Assistance</b></p> <p><b>Facilitator:</b></p>	<p><b>Mentorship and Apprenticeship</b></p> <p><b>Facilitator:</b></p>	
<p>Laying the Groundwork: A Land Affordability Calculator and National Land Access Training Series to Help the Next Generation of Farmers Succeed</p> <p>- <b>Michael Durante</b> National Young Farmers Coalition Hudson, NY</p>	<p>Wolf’s Neck Farm Dairy Farmer Apprenticeship Program</p> <p>- <b>David Herring</b> Institute for Rural America Ames, IA</p>	
<p>Training and Education to Facilitate Entry into Emerging Specialized Wholesale and Agritourist Markets for Beginning Producers in Remote Agricultural Southern Colorado</p> <p>- <b>Elizabeth O’Rear &amp; Jennifer Visitacion</b> State of Colorado Economic Development Office Denver, CO</p>	<p>Skagit County Beginning Farmer Development Program</p> <p>- <b>Michael Frazier</b> Viva Farm Burlington, WA</p> <p>Building Selected USDA Programs and Applications of Cooperative Approach to Enhance Beginning Farmers in Developing Viable Farms in Treasure</p> <p>- <b>Samuel Scott</b> North - South institute Sunrise, FL</p>	
<p>Feed Rhode Island: Growing Sustainable Farms</p> <p>- <b>Margaret DeVos</b> Southside Community Land Trust Providence, RI</p>	<p>Growing Self-Reliant Farmers</p> <p>- <b>Susan Willsrud</b> Calypso Farm and Ecology Center Ester, AK</p>	

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RVS for Previous Awardees <i>*Previous Awardees Required*</i>	Results Verification System (RVS) for 2017 awardees <i>*New Awardees Required*</i>	
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12:00 – 12:10	Board the tour buses (Lunch is on bus)
12:10 – 5:00 pm	Tours: bus 1, 2, or 3
5:00	Dinner on Your Own

Thursday – September 28, 2017

8:00 am – 9:00	Breakfast	Wine Bar Room
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9:00 – 10:00

*Parag Chitnis, PhD – Deputy Director at the National Institute of Food and Agriculture*  
The Changing Face of Agriculture

*J. Latrice Hill – Assistant to the Deputy Administrator for Field Operations Farm Service*  
Farm Service Agency Listening Session

10:00 – 10:15	Break
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10:15 – 11:30	Round tables & Gift Exchange	Grand Ball Room
	<i>Topics TBA</i>	

11:30 – 12:00	Meeting Close
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