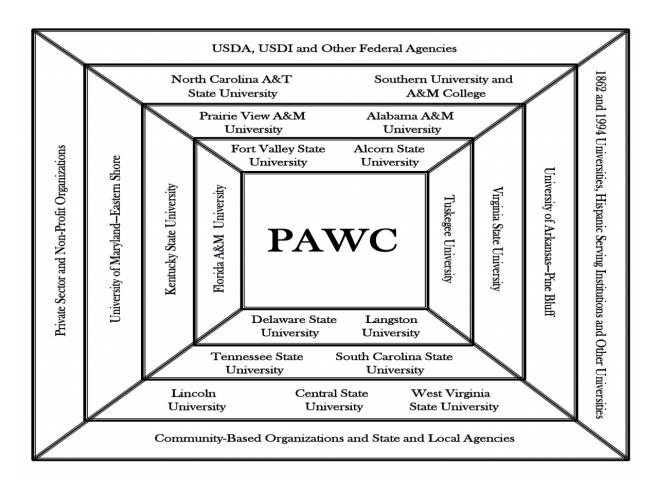
PAWC VISION AND MISSION STATEMENTS



Vision

The Professional Agricultural Workers Conference (PAWC) is a forum committed to a world that values and promotes equal opportunity and equitable access to information and technology for the sustainable development of communities and natural resources.

Mission

To enhance the skills and contributions of agricultural and related professionals (business, government, university, and community professionals) involved in discovering, disseminating, and using emerging technologies, information, problem-solving, policy

formulation, and strategy development for advancing people and communities.

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PAWC Bus Schedule

November 16-18, 2025

Sunday, November 16, 2025

	From:	To:	Departure Time
1	Renaissance Montgomery Convention Center	Tuskegee University Kenny Hall	7:00 AM
	Tuskegee University Kenny Hall	Renaissance Montgomery Convention Center	9:00 AM
2	Renaissance Montgomery Convention Center	Tuskegee University Kenny Hall	11:00 AM
	Tuskegee University – BTW Monument	Renaissance Montgomery Convention Center	2:30 PM
3	Renaissance Montgomery Convention Center	Tuskegee University- Monument	3:30 PM
	Tuskegee University BTW Monument	Renaissance Montgomery Convention Center	5:00 PM
4	Renaissance Montgomery Convention Center	Tuskegee University BTW Monument	9:00 PM

Monday, November 17, 2025

	From:	To:	Departure Time
1	Tuskegee University BTW Monument	Renaissance Montgomery Convention Center	6:30 AM
	Renaissance Montgomery Convention Center	Tuskegee University BTW Monument	1:00 PM
2	Tuskegee University – BTW Monument	Renaissance Montgomery Convention Center	2:00 PM
	Renaissance Montgomery Convention Center	Tuskegee University -BTW Monument	5:30 PM
3	Renaissance Montgomery –	Tuskegee University – BTW Monument	10:30 PM

Tuesday, November 18, 2025

	From:	To:	Departure Time
1	Tuskegee University BTW Monument	Renaissance Montgomery Convention Center	6:30 AM
	Renaissance Montgomery Convention Center	Tuskegee University- BTW Monument	2:30 PM
2	Tuskegee University – BTW Monument	Renaissance Montgomery	4:00 PM
	Renaissance Montgomery	Tuskegee University - BTW	9:00 PM

RENAISSANCE MONTGOMERY HOTEL & SPA AT CONVENTION CENTER



Second Floor BIBB STREET Garage/ RENAISSANCE. Starlight Foyer Elevators MONTGOMERY HOTEL & SPA AT THE CONVENTION CENTER 8 Stairs & Elevator Second Floor XXWomen's Restroom MOLTON STREET Garage & Spa (8th Floor) 6 Walkway to Parking Deck & Spa Elevator Montgomery Meeting Rooms Riverview Meeting Rooms 3 X Administration & 6 Elevato Riverview Meeting Rooms TALLAPOOSA STREET

EXPLORE MONTGOMERY & TUSKEGEE

Visit Tuskegee University's Historic Campus!

Please note that all visitors must register with the campus police department to access the campus. Utilize the following link to obtain a visitor's pass.

https://www.tuskegee.edu/police/index.html



Experience African American History at the Legacy Museum, the National Memorial for Peace and Justice, and the Freedom Monument Sculpture Park!

Utilize the following link to purchase tickets.

https://legacysites.eji.org



Discover Hidden Gems in Tuskegee by Trolley Car!

Utilize the following link to purchase tickets.

www.tuskegeehistorictours.com



AgTech Hackathon@Tuskegee University November 14 – 16, 2025

DAY 1: Kickoff & Ideation (Friday, November 14)

Time	Activity	Details
4:00 PM	Registration Opens	Check-in, name badges, refreshments
5:00 PM	Welcome & Opening Ceremony	Remarks from the Dean of CAENS
5:10 PM	Hackathon Kick-off	Review guidelines, judging criteria, and theme overview
6:00 PM	Team Pitches	Participants' introduction, and each team merges.
7:00 PM	Hacking Starts	Teams begin planning and prototyping.
8:00 PM	Coaches Check-in	Mentors rotate to provide feedback
8:30 PM	Hacking ends	Transportation from the University to the Hotel

DAY 2: Build, Learn, and Iterate (Saturday, November 15)

Time	Activity	Details
8:00 AM	Arrive to begin Hacking	Breakfast snacks available
9:00 AM	Workshop 1 – Coding workshop	Python, Machine Learning, Deep Learning, GitHub – Nick and Erin from Bayer -Virtual
10:00 AM	Hacking Continues	Teams refine their solutions
12:30 PM	Working Lunch	
1:30 PM	Hackathon Break – Tech Showcase	Displays of drones, sensors, & Ag robotics- Dr. Bernard
2:30 PM	Hackathon resumes	
6:00 PM	Dinner break	
7:00 PM	Continue Hacking	
8:00 PM	Speaker	Richard Chungong, Founder/Owner Produce
		Matrix and Dash In Between Creative Agency
		Affiliation: Kansas Black Farmers Association

DAY 3: Present Demos & Celebrate (Sunday, November 16)

Time	Activity	Details
8:00 AM	Travel to the University	Dr. Bernard assists with transportation
8:30 AM	Teams finalize deliverables	Hacking ends
9:00 AM	Final project submission	Link for submission to be provided
9:30 AM	Final showcase/ presentation begins	10mins per team + Q&A
12:00 PM	Lunch + Judging Deliberation	

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2025 AGENDA AT A GLANCE

TIME	ACTIVITY	LOCATION	
		Tuskegee University –	
8:00 am - 9:00 pm	Ag Tech Hackathon	Campbell Hall	
		Tuskegee University –	
1:30 pm – 8:00 pm	TAPS High School Program	Henderson Hall	
		Renaissance - Montgomery	
5:00 pm – 8:00 pm	PAWC Help Desk	CC Registration Booth	
		Renaissance - Montgomery	
5:00 pm – 8:00 pm	Exhibit Setup	Concourse All	
		Renaissance - Montgomery	
6:00 pm – 9:00 pm	PAWC General Registration	CC Registration Booth	

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SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 2025

AGENDA AT A GLANCE

TIME	ACTIVITY	LOCATION
	GSD Student Competition Check-In &	Tuskegee University-
7:30 am – 8:30 am	Continental Breakfast	Kenny Hall
		Tuskegee University –
7:30 am – 11:00 am	PAWC Conference Registration	Kenny Hall
	2025 Global Agriculture & Agribusiness	Tuskegee University –
8:00 am – 1:00 pm	Case Study Competition	Kenny Hall
		Tuskegee University –
8:00 am – 1:00 pm	AgTech HACKATHON	Campbell Hall
	Tomorrow's Agricultural Professional	Tuskegee University –
9:00 am – 4:00 pm	Symposium - High School Program	Henderson Hall
12.00	PANICE LIVE	Renaissance Montgomery
9:00 am – 12:00 pm	PAWC Exhibit Setup	Concourse All
12.00	COD OL 1 LO LIVE DE LA	Tuskegee University
9:00 am – 12:00 pm	GSD Student Competition Part I	Kenny Hall
	Legacy Museum & National Memorial for	
1000	Peace and Justice Tour (on your own)	
10:00 am – 4:00 pm	https://legacysites.eji.org	EJI- Montgomery
	Tomorrow's Agricultural Professional	Tuskegee University –
11:00 am – 4:30 pm	Symposium – Collegiate	Henderson Hall
		Tuskegee University
12:00 pm – 12:45 pm	GSD Student Competition Lunch	Kenny Hall
		Tuskegee University
1:00 pm – 4:00 pm	GSD Student Competition Part II	Kenny Hall
		Renaissance Montgomery
1:00 pm – 3:00 pm	Exhibit Setup	Concourse ALL
•	Tuskegee Historic Tours (on your own)	
	Tickets can be purchased directly at	
1:00 pm – 3:00 pm	https://www.tuskegeehistorictours.com	Tuskegee, AL
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		Renaissance Montgomery
2:00 pm – 6:00 pm	PAWC Registration & Help Desk	CC Registration Booth
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9:00 pm – 11:30 pm	PAWC Professional Meet & Greet	Hospitality Suite

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 2025 AGENDA AT A GLANCE

TIME	ACTIVITY	LOCATION
7.00 12.00	DAWG D	Convention Center
7:00 am – 12:00 pm	PAWC Registration	Registration Booth Convention Center
7:00 am – 12:00 pm	PAWC Help Desk	Registration Booth
7:00 am – 8:00 am	Breakfast	Exhibit Hall A
8:00 am – 9:30 am	83 rd PAWC Opening Session	Exhibit Hall A
9:30 am – 10:00 am	Break & Visit with Exhibitors	Exhibit Hall Foyer
10:00 am – 12:00 pm	Concurrent Sessions I	See Below
Session 1	Everyday Plant – Powered Living	Montgomery 5
Session 2	Strategies for Writing & Submitting a Winning Grant Proposal	Montgomery 7
Session 3	Restoring Alabama's Black Belt Prairie Landscapes	Riverview 1
Session 4	Heirs Property – Ethics & Outreach	Riverview 2
Session 5	Innovations in Plant Science & Regenerative Practices	Riverview 3
Session 6	Digital Technologies & Machine Learning Applications in Agriculture & Food Science	Riverview 4
Session 7	Agroforestry Practices for Sustainable Production	Riverview 5
Session 8	Investing in Our Youth on and Off the Farm	Riverview 7
12:00 pm – 1:45 pm	L.A. Potts Succes Stories Recognition	Exhibit Hall A
2:00 pm – 3:00 pm	Professional Poster Setup	Alabama B, C, & D
2:00 pm – 4:00 pm	Concurrent Sessions II	See Below
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Session 14	Research in Plant and Soil Science	Riverview 4

Session 15	Feeding a Growing World	Riverview 5
	Protecting our Environment & Land	
Session 16	Conservation Strategies	Riverview 6
	Heirs Property: Research and	
Session 17	Outreach	Riverview 7
2:00 pm – 5:00 pm	PAWC Registration	CC Registration Desk
3:00 pm – 6:00 pm	PAWC Help Desk	CC Registration Desk
	Professional Poster Reception &	
4:00 pm - 5:30 pm	Visit with the Exhibitors	Alabama B,C,D
	PAWC Local Business Spotlight	255 Commerce Street
	Reception aboard the Harriott II	Montgomery AL
	Riverboat (Pre-registration required	(across from the
6:30 pm – 9:00 pm	& limited to ticketed guests	Renaissance)
	Student Networking Session	
9:00 pm – 11:00 pm	Hosted by GWC MANRRS Chapter	Alabama B C, D
	Meet the PAWC Advisory Board	
9:00 pm - 11:30 pm	Networking Session	Hospitality Suite

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 2025

7:00 am – 12:00 pm PAWC Registration & Help Desk – *CC Registration Booth*

7:00 am – 8:00 am Breakfast – Exhibit Hall A

Breakfast will end promptly at 8:00 am

8:00 am – 9:30 am 83rd PAWC Opening Session – Exhibit Hall A

Presiding: Lonnie Hobbs Jr., Kansas State University

Invocation: Iris Cole-Crosby, University of Arkansas Pine Bluff

Greetings & Welcome from Tuskegee University

Olga Bolden-Tiller, Tuskegee University

Greetings & Welcome from PAWC Advisory Board John Williams, PAWC Advisory Board Chair

Part I: Strengthening Our Legacy & Cultivating a New Era in Farming with Adrian Nelson, Nelson & Sons Farm

Moderated by Olga Bolden-Tiller, Tuskegee University Olga Bolden-Tiller, Tuskegee University

Part II: The National Policy Research Center Update *Dr. Eloris Speight, National Policy Research Center*

Remarks & Recognition of Sponsors from PAWC Co-Chair Tasha Hargrove, Tuskegee University

9:30 am – 10:00 am Coffee Break & Visit with Exhibits – *Concourse All*

10:00 am – 12:00 pm Concurrent Sessions I

CONCURRENT SESSION I

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8	Riverview 7	Investing in our Youth on and off the Farm

SESSION 1: EVERYDAY PLANT-POWERED LIVING

Meeting Room - MONTGOMERY 5

Moderator: Kendy Alvarez, Mayor of Lewisburg, PA

Presenter: Fiona Lewis, LLBJ Culinary & Wellness Enterprises, LLC

Description:

This engaging workshop introduces the fundamentals of plant-based nutrition and lifestyle wellness. Participants will discover how to create easy, affordable, and nourishing meals using whole, seasonal ingredients—perfect for busy schedules and budget-conscious eaters.

SESSION 2: STRATEGIES FOR WRITING & SUBMITTING A WINNING GRANT PROPOSAL

Meeting Room - MONTGOMERY 7

Moderator: Nadine Jackson, Virginia State University

Part A: Understanding the Grant Submission Process (60 minutes)

Presenters: Denis Ebodaghe¹, Nadine Jackson², & Sheree Lesch³

¹ Virginia State University – Small Farm Outreach Program & Retired USDA -National Institute of Food and Agriculture (NIFA), ² Nadine Jackson, Virginia State University – Small Farm Outreach Program, & ³Sheree Lesch, Virginia State University – Retired USDA Grants Management

Part B: Growing Stronger Proposals: Strengthening Grant Proposals – Through Innovation & Impact (60 minutes)

Presenters: Shannon Coleman¹, Christine Strohm², and Angela Walla² ¹Alabama A & M University and ²Texas Tech University

SESSION 3: RESTORING ALABAMA'S BLACK BELT PRAIRIE LANDSCAPES

Meeting Room - RIVERVIEW 1

Moderators: Ashunti Johnson, Tuskegee University & Harli Willis, Alabama Soil & Water Conservation Committee

Presenters:

- Al Schotz, Botanist/Ecologist, Auburn University Dr. Al Schotz is responsible for the development and oversight, as well as the analysis and dissemination of information of the botanical and natural community for the Natural Heritage Program at Auburn University.
- Claude Jenkins, Senior Biologist, Alabama Wildlife Federation Claude Jenkins serves as the senior biologist for Alabama Wildlife Federation, assisting landowners in protecting wildlife habitats in the Black Belt Region.
- *Christopher Joe, Landowner* Christopher Joe is an entrepreneur and landowner in the Black Belt Prairie, with extensive knowledge in the field of natural resources. He is very familiar with the Black Belt Prairie Initiative's mission and conservation practices involved in renewing native prairies.

SESSION 4: HEIRS PROPERTY ETHICS & OUTREACH

Meeting Room - RIVERVIEW 2

Moderator: Kara Woods, National Policy Research Center **Description:**

Heirs property, land transferred without the benefit of a probated will, incurs numerous challenges due to its undivided co-tenancy of ownership. Despite recent legislation, such as the Uniform Partition of Heirs Property Act (UPHPA), there are still impediments to the use of heirs property that impact personal and family wealth creation and local community development. This Panel examines questions of ethics in terms of how research is used and open to the public, as well as how heirs property practitioners, researchers, and lawyers interact with those with heirs property challenges.

SESSION 5: INNOVATIONS IN PLANT SCIENCE & REGENERATIVE AND SUSTAINABLE PRACTICES

Meeting Room - RIVERVIEW 3

Moderator: Billie Grant, Tuskegee University

Presenters:

 Seasonal Variations in Greenhouse Gas Fluxes from Soil in an Alley Cropping System- (20 minutes)

Rumita Sanwa Limbu¹, L. Karki^{1,2}, & D. Gurung^{3. 1}Department of Agriculture, Food and Resource Sciences, ², UMES Extension, University of Maryland Eastern Shore. ³Department of Food and Resource Economics, University of Florida

 Effect of Shade Inside a Wiregrass Tunnel House on the Yield of Cucumbers(Cucumis sativus (L)) and Selected Environmental Parameters (20 minutes)

Victor Khan^{1,2}, Billie Grant¹, George Hunter¹, Edward Sparks², Jeffrey Moore¹, J. Currington³, J. Currington III³, and Russell Johnson, Sr.²

¹Tuskegee Extension Cooperative, Tuskegee University, ²George Washington Carver Agricultural Experiment Station, Tuskegee University, ³Currington Associates.

• Yield Response of Container-Grown Parthenocarpic and Open-Pollinated Varieties of Cucumbers (*Cucumis sativus* (L.)) – (20 minutes)

Donald Carter III¹, McKenzie Carter¹, George Hunter¹, Justin Tate¹, Billie Grant¹, C. Moorer², S. Woodley², Edward Sparks³, Russell Johnson³, and Victor Khan^{1,3}

¹Tuskegee University Extension Service, ²Community Service Leaders, Camden and Mt. Willin, AL, ³G.W.C. Agricultural Experiment Station, Tuskegee University

• Response of Three Varieties of Okra (*Abelmoschus esculentus* (L) Moench) Grown in Containers (20 minutes)

K. Underwood; ¹ J. Peterson², D. Barnett², P. Barnett², J. Kynard³, A. Benison⁴, George Hunter¹, Justin Tate¹, Billie Grant¹, c. Moorer², S. Woodley², Edward Sparks³, Russell Johnson³, and Victor Khan^{1,3}

¹Tuskegee University Cooperative Extension Program, ²Community Service Leaders, Camden and Mt. Willin, AL, ³G.W.C. Agricultural Experiment Station, Tuskegee University

• Response of Five Varieties of Collards (*Brassica oleracea* (L) var. *acephala* (DC) Grown on Mulched Soil in a Wiregrass Tunnel House (20 minutes)

George Hunter¹, Edward Sparks², Billie Grant¹, Jeffrey Moore¹, J. Currington³, J. Currington III³, R. Johnson² Sr. and Victor Khan^{1,3}

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Session 6: Digital Technologies and Machine Learning Applications in Agriculture and Food Systems

Meeting Room - RIVERVIEW 4

Moderator: Rui Chen, Tuskegee University

Presenters:

• AI-Enabled Smart Agriculture: Multispectral Drones, Crop Phenotyping Robots, Field Diagnostics, and Crop Wizard Decision Support Gregory Bernard and Rajeev Menon, Tuskegee University

• Agriculture 4 The Culture

Richard Chungong, Produce Matrix and Dash In Between Creative Agency, Kansas Black Farmers Association

• The Future of Livestock Management Zechariah Myrick and Steve Myrick, Livestock Technologies

• Fused IntelligenceTM: Blending Human Expertise and AI to Build Culture, Brand, and Growth
Robert Crowne, Founder, Culturefy, Inc.

Session 7: Agroforestry Practices for Sustainable Production, Resilient Environment, and Rural Food and Financial Security

Meeting Room - RIVERVIEW 5

Moderator: Uma Karki, Tuskegee University

Presenters:

- Silvopasture For Resilient Environment and Sustainable Production System Uma Karki, Tuskegee University
- Comparison Of Selected Environmental Parameters Between Silvopasture and Open Pasture Systems

Arjun Acharya, Tuskegee University

 Methane Emission And Immunological Response Of Hair Sheep Grazing Silvopasture Vs. Open Pasture

Sagar Acharya, Tuskegee University

• Agroforestry And Opportunities For Additional Income Streams For Landowners

Colmore Christian, Alabama A &M University

• Climate-resilient alley cropping of fruits and vegetables for rural food and financial security - Lila Karki, University of Maryland Eastern Shore

Session 8: Investing in our Youth on and off the Farm

Meeting Room – RIVERVIEW 7

Moderator: Christopher Lemons, Eco-Paradigm & Gratitude Botanical Farms

Part A:

- The College Choice Journey: Understanding College Decision Drivers Among High School Students Choosing Land Grant Institutions (20 minutes)
 Lonnie Hobbs, Jr., Zelia Wiley, & Madison Neal, Kansas State University
- Leveraging Student Engagement Through Competitive Programming: A Case Study of Gamma Sigma Delta, The Honor Society of Agriculture, At Tuskegee University (20 minutes)

 Lucy Asare-Baah, Marceline Egnin, Gregory, Bernard, Tasha Hargrove, & Olga

Part B:

• Youth Recidivism & Labor Support on Farms – (60 minutes)

Panelists:

Charles Greenlea, Eco-Paradigm & G4 Farms
Treyveon Blanchard, Eco-Paradigm
Kwanz-Opp, Gangsta to Growers
Zieair Clinton – Gangsta to Growers & Eco-Paradigm

Bolden-Tiller, Tuskegee University

12:00 pm – 1:45 pm L.A. Potts Success Stories Luncheon – Exhibit Hall A

Presiding

Miles Robinson, Tuskegee University

Invocation

William Hodge, Tuskegee University

Welcome & Greetings

Raymon Shange, Tuskegee University

Lunch

Recognition of Success Stories

Barrett Vaughan, Tuskegee University

2:00 pm - 4:00 pm Concurrent Sessions II

Concurrent Sessions II

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16	Riverview 6	Protecting our Environment & Land Conservation Strategies
17	Riverview 7	Understanding Heir Property at the Community Level Part II

Session 9: B.A.D.D.I.E Over 40TM: Midlife Women's Wellness

Meeting Room - MONTGOMERY 5

Moderator: Kendy Alvarez, Mayor of Lewisburg, PA

Presenter: Fiona Lewis, LLBJ Culinary & Wellness Enterprises, LLC

Description:

This specialized session focuses on how plant-based nutrition and lifestyle habits support women's health during the menopause transition and beyond. Grounded in real life—not restrictions—this workshop offers practical tools to manage energy, mood, hormones, and digestion with ease.

Session 10: From Concept to Reality: Innovations on the Ground

Meeting Room - MONTGOMERY 7

Moderator: Miles Robinson, Tuskegee University

Presenters:

• Evaluating Drone Technology Training Effectiveness for Louisiana 4-H Extension Agents: A Pre-Post Assessment Study (20 Minutes)

Benita Komunjeru, Louisiana State University

• Redefining Urban Ag in the 21st Century
James Brady, Omnigro & Moringatang-Con10u2farmL3c

• Farmers Click: Connecting Students, Farmers through Agri-Tech Mel Dowdell, Willie Torrey, Sandra Adams, Farmers Click International LLC

Session 11: Program & Policy Updates: Strategies for Navigating Today's Economy

Meeting Room - RIVERVIEW 1

Moderator: Jennifer Howard, Rural Coalition

Presenters:

• National Policy Research Center: Research Analyst Update Kara Woods, National Policy Research Center

• Farm Loan Hangups: Strategies for a Successful Interaction with USDA Farm Service Agency

Jose Ernesto Colon Villafane, Aaron Coote, Jermel Steele & Jennifer Howard; Rural Coalition

• The Impact of Tariff and Trade on Black and Brown Farmers Quinton Gray, Gray and Associates

Session 12: On the Ground Support for Farmers and Community-Based Organizations

Meeting Room - RIVERVIEW 2

Moderator: Barrett Vaughan, Tuskegee University

- RMA's Navigator Program (60 minutes)
 LaGrand Elliott, Chimere Hampton, Tiana Scurry & David Stephens, University of Arkansas System Division of Agriculture, Southern Risk Management Education
- Innovations for More Effective Farmer Instruction and Learning (60 minutes)
 Joseph Hugh, Institute for Social and Economic Development (ISED)

Session 13: Cooperative Marketing of Livestock (Beef and Goat) in the Southeast

Meeting Room - RIVERVIEW 3

Moderator: Veronica Royal Tuskegee University

Presenters:

- Marketing Beef Calves for Truckload Sales by an Alliance of Black Farmers Ralph Noble, South Carolina State University & Handy Kennedy
- Eco-Resilience from Farm to Fork: Developing a Robust Mobile Meat Processing Network for the Value-Added Small Ruminant Industry in the Southeast

Derris Burnett, Tuskegee University

• Understanding Safety and Regulatory Aspects of Farm-Direct Processing and Marketing of Meat Products

Clarissa Harris, Tuskegee University

• Goat Myology: Increasing the Value of Goat Carcasses Through Muscle Profiling and Economic Analysis

Maxwell Mkunga, Tuskegee University

• Challenges And Opportunities In Goat Production and Marketing For Small-Scale Farmers in the United States

Katuwal Raj Dharma¹, L. Karki^{1,2}, & E. Escobar^{1,2}

¹ Department of Agriculture, Food, and Resource Sciences, ²UMES Extension University of Maryland Eastern Shore

Session 14: Research In Plant & Soil Science

Meeting Room - Riverview 4

Moderator: Desmond Mortley, Tuskegee University

Part A:

• Evaluating Improved Tomato Varieties for Commercial Production under Controlled Cover Structures in Belize (20 minutes)

Maximilliano Ortega & Daniel Juan, University of Belize

- Growing Lotus for Edible Tubers & Ornamental Flowers (20 minutes) Changzhen Wang, Kentucky State University
- Consumer Segment of Low-Carbon Greenhouse Tomatoes (20 minutes) Varziri Azita and Rui Chen, Tuskegee University

Part B: From Systems to Sustainability: Hydroponic Vegetable Production and Profitability (45 minutes)

• Controlled Environment (Hydroponic) Vegetable Production Jeremy Pickens, Auburn University

• Cost-Benefit Analysis of Cherry Tomato Production in a Medium-Sized Greenhouse: A Case Study

Rui Chen, Tuskegee University

Session 15: Feeding a Growing World

Meeting Room - RIVERVIEW 5

Moderator: Jim Embry, Sustainable Communities Network

Part A

• Future of Food: Engaging Agriculture and Education in the Protein Transition (60 minutes)

Jeremy Eltz & Janie Butler, The Good Food Institute

Part B

 Reimagining Rural Food Systems: The Black Belt Marketing and Innovation Center as a Catalyst for Regional Food System Development (20 minutes)
 Kenisha Gordon and Kristin Woods, Tuskegee University

Session 16: Protecting our Environment & Land Conservation Strategies

Meeting Room - RIVERVIEW 6

Moderator: Tej Gautam, Tuskegee University

- Assessing The Detection and Distribution Of Per- And Polyfluoroalkyl Substances in the Lower Tallapoosa Sub-Basin
 Brianna Smith & Rashidah Farid-Tilghman², Tuskegee University
- Integrating Land Use Planning to Preserve Working Landscapes Sam Cook, Society of American Foresters

Session 17: Heirs Property: Research and Outreach

Meeting Room - RIVERVIEW 7

Moderator: Folashade Adalumo-Ntam, Tuskegee University

Presenters:

• Holding on to the Land: Heirs' Property Education and Impact in Urban and Rural North Carolina (20 minutes)

Biswanath Dari.¹, Kurt Smith², Noah Ranells², Andrew Branan², Wykia Macon², Barbara Worley², Marcus William², Alyssa McKim³, Clarisse Owens², Terence Wood¹

¹North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University, Greensboro, NC, ²North Carolina State University, Raleigh, NC

• Overview of Current Research, Outreach, and Policy: Heirs Property Policy Initiatives

Robert Zabawa, Tuskegee University

2:00 pm - 5:00 pm PAWC Registration - CC Registration Booth

3:00 pm - 6:00 pm PAWC Help Desk - CC Registration Booth

4:00 pm – 5:30 pm Professional Poster Reception & Meet the PAWC Advisory Board

– Alabama B, C, D

6:30 pm – 9:00 pm Local Business Spotlight Dinner Cruise aboard the Harriott II

Riverboat (pre-registration required and limited to ticketed guests)

- Harriott II Riverboat

7:00 pm – 11:00 pm PAWC Professional Networking Session – *Hospitality Suite*

 $8:00\ pm-11:00\ pm$ Rep Your University at the 83^{rd} PAWC Boots on the Ground

Networking Event – *Alabama B, C, D*

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TIME	ACTIVITY	LOCATION	
7:00 am – 8:00 am	Breakfast	Exhibit Hall A	
7:00 am – 12:00 pm	PAWC Registration	CC Registration Booth	
8:00 am – 9:30 am	The John Brown Memorial Plenary Session	Exhibit Hall A	
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Session 20	Strategies for Meat Processing	Riverview 2	
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Session 22	Strategies for Growing Local Economics, Farms, and Communities	Riverview 4	
Session 23	Reimagining the 1890 & 1862 Land-Grant System	Riverview 5	
Session 24	Organic Farming	Riverview 7	
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4:15 pm – 5:15 pm	Special Screening	Exhibit Hall A	

5:15 pm – 6:15 pm	PAWC Networking	Hospitality Suite
	George Washington Carver Public	
	Service Hall of Fame Awards	
6:30 pm – 8:30 pm	Banquet	Exhibit Hall A
9:00 pm – 11:30 pm	PAWC Networking Session	PAWC Hospitality Room

7:00 am – 8:00 am Breakfast- Exhibit Hall A

Breakfast will end promptly at 8:00 am

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8:00 am – 9:30 am The John Brown Memorial Plenary Session – Exhibit Hall A

Presiding: William Hodge, Tuskegee University

Part I: Remembering & Honoring the Legacy of Mr. John Brown, Jr.

Tasha Hargrove & Miles Robinson, Tuskegee University

Part II: Women Leading the Way

Moderator: Tasha Hargrove, Tuskegee University

Panelists:

- Kendy Alvarez, Mayor of Lewisburg, PA
- Dara Cooper, Co-founder of the national Black Food and Justice Alliance
- Zelia Wiley, Kansas State University
- Laren Rose Miller, Miller3Group

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Session 18: Voices in Agriculture: Innovative Programs from the Field

Meeting Room – **MONTGOMERY 5**

Moderator: Zelia Wiley, Kansas State University

Part A:

• Voices in Agriculture: Digital Storytelling with CHFP Fellows (60 minutes) Lindsey Lunsford, Adrianna Cornie, and Keesha St.John, Tuskegee University

Part B:

• Terra Madre Report Back: Black Farmers, Scholars & Students Connect in Italy! (30 minutes)

Jim Embry, Sustainable Communities Network/Slow Food UISA

• The Moses Project (30 minutes)
Curtis Pitts, The Moses Project

Session 19: Research & Outreach in Food, Nutrition, & Wellness

Meeting Room – RIVERVIEW 1

Moderator: Norma Dawkins, Tuskegee University

Presenters:

• Racial Disparities in Obstructive Sleep Apnea (OSA): The Role of Nutrition John Onuh, Tuskegee University & Ellis Morrow, Texas Southern University

- The Journey: Individualized And Community Raised-Bed Gardening: An Innovative Approach to Access to Fresh Fruits and Vegetables in Alabama Black Belt Counties Norma L. Dawkins and Isabella Jiminez. Department of Food and Nutritional Sciences, Tuskegee University
- Blueberries As A Dietary Intervention For Blood Pressure Control: Mechanistic Of A High-Fat Diet-Induced Obesity Model
 ¹DAVID OPIRI, ²Jossy Onuoha, 2Dr. Chasity Bradford, ² John Onuh, ¹Dept. of Human Sciences, University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff, 2 Dept. of Biology, Tuskegee University
- "This Beautiful Southland of Ours": George Washington Carver's Rural Health Agenda in the Alabama Black Belt

Camille Goldmon, University of North Carolina- Chapel Hill

Session 20: Value-Added on the Farm

Meeting Room – RIVERVIEW 2

Moderator: Derris Barnett, Tuskegee University

Presenters:

• What's on the Plate? Consumer Voices on Beef Choices in Underserved Communities

Imani Murphy and Clarissa Harris, Tuskegee University

 Pasture Poultry & Backyard Processing: Practical Approaches for Small-Scale Farmers

Alicia Jordan, Triple J Farm/Boots on the Farm Consulting LLC/Alabama State Association of Cooperatives

• What is aquaculture?: Strategies for Growing Local Farms in the Black Belt Christopher Davis, USDA – Economic Research Service

Session 21: Silvopasture in the Southeastern U.S.: Exploring Opportunities, Challenges, and Adoption Potential

Meeting Room – RIVERVIEW 3

Moderator: George Hunter, Tuskegee University

Presenters: Tej Gautam1, Uma Karki1, Josha Idassi2, Colmore Christian3, and Lila Karki4

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Session 22: Strategies for Growing Local Economies, Farms, and Communities

Meeting Room - RIVERVIEW 4

Moderator: Christopher Lemons, Eco-Paradigm

Presenters:

• Faith and Community-Based Organization Leading the Way to a Healthier, More Resilient Community (45 minutes)

Bobby Wilson, Metro Atlanta Urban Farm

• Perceptions of Black Producers Toward Their Role in United States Agriculture: A Q Methodology Study

Courtney Brown¹ and Tania Peebles²
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The National Women in Agriculture Association: Evaluating the Contributions
of US Chapter Leaders in Community Empowerment
Liliane Poincon, Anita Anatharam, Marilyn Swisher, Kevin Ash, & Jorge RuizMenjivar University of Florida

• Making Visible Subjugated Knowledge in Co-op Theory and Practice Thomas Gray, USDA Rural Business-Cooperative Service

Session 23: Reimagining the 1862 and 1890 Land-Grant System & HBCUs

Meeting Room - RIVERVIEW 5

Moderator: Robert Zabawa, Tuskegee University

Presenters:

• A Comparative Analysis of the Land-Grant System through a Structured Literature Review of the Morrill Acts of 1862 and 1890

Aaron Golson, North Carolina A & T State University

• Reimaging Ecological Education at HBCUs: Implementing the Four-Dimensional Ecology Education Framework

Rashidah Farid-Tilghman¹ and Maheteme Gebremedhin²
¹Tuskegee University and ²Kentucky State University

• Intersection of Solidarity Economics and Land Grant Institutions: How can land grant institutions participate in the solidarity economy of their communities? Reylan Cook & Dania Davy, A Safety Net for the Future of Village Farming

Session 24: Organic Farming

Meeting Room – RIVERVIEW 7

Moderator: Kokoasse Kpomblekou, Tuskegee University

Presenters:

• Risk Management and Resource Utilization for Transitioning Organic Farmers in the United States

Juan Carlos Rodriguez, Florida Organic Growers

• Morphological Features of Mixed Cover Crops Biochar Produced at Three Pyrolysis Temperatures

David Baah, Muhammad Irfan, Kokoassee Kpomblekou, Tuskegee University

 Potential Effects of Biochar on Okra Yields and Nitrate Leaching in an Organic Fertilizer-Amended Soil

Muhammad Irfan¹, Madlyn Milledge¹, Kokoassee Kpomblekou¹, & Franklin Ouarcoo¹

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 Organic Okra Production at Tuskegee University Organic Agriculture Institute Research Farm: Sustainable Practices for Community Food Security

Ashmita Nath¹, Kokoasse Kpomblekou¹, and Franklin Quarcoo¹

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Session 25: Research in Animal Science

Meeting Room – RIVERVIEW 1

Moderator: Henry English, University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff

Presenters:

 Evaluate the Diagnostic Accuracy of a Laser Methane Detector Against the Green Feed for On-farm Measurements of Greenhouse Gas Emissions from Meat Goats

Hossam Ismael, Santosh Chaudhary, Mariline Hilaire, Vivian Kanyi, Heba Abdol, & Byeng Min, Tuskegee University

 Post-Thaw Viability Assessment Of Buck Sperm Cryopreserved With Different Semen Extenders

Raheem Davian Murray^{1*}, Olivia Chika Greenwood¹, Mustafa Hitit¹, Mustafa Bodu¹,², Zeynep Erdogan¹, Muhammet Rasit Ugur³, Andres Pech Cervantes¹, Erdogan Memili¹

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• Implementing a Silvopastoral System (SPS) Model at the University of Belize Central Farm Campus: Towards Sustainable and Profitable Beef Cattle Production

Daniel Juan & Maximillino Oretga, University of Belize

• Enhancing Profits: Preconditioning Benefits for Small and Resource-Limited Cattle Producers

Parshuram Rimal, B. Budha, & N. Gurung, Tuskegee University

 Reproductive Performance of Straightbred Dexter And Crossbred Mashona X Dexter Heifers

Emily Hayes¹, Janani Oates¹, Cevat Tartan¹, Heather Riggs¹, & Richard Browning, Jr¹, ¹Tennessee State University

• Effect of Selenium Fertilization on Carotenoid and Glucosinolate Accumulation in Two Cress Varieties Grown Hydroponically

A.O. Adeyeye¹, T. Nzaramyimana¹, & C. Teets¹, Kentucky State University,

Session 26: It's All About the Honey

Meeting Room – RIVERVIEW 2

Moderator: Kandi Williams, University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff

Presenters:

Beekeeping & Fortifying Pollinators 101
 Jim Embry, Sustainable Communities Network & Atrus Ballew Farm

• Tuskegee Honey: Strategies for Success

Session 27: Plant Science

Meeting Room - RIVERVIEW 3

Moderator: Victor Khan, Tuskegee University

Presenters:

- Integrated Farming for Sustainable Catfish and Leafy Green Production in Aquaponics Systems: Implications for Small-Scale Producers

 Kamal Gosh¹, Tremar Ivey, Ander Compere¹, Sebastian Moreno¹ Isis Williams¹,

 Lenoard Kibet¹, Jovan Jones¹, Heaven Fontenet¹, and Jasmine Price¹

 Department of Agriculture and Natural Resources, Langston University.
- Sunn Hemp: Harvest Management and Genotype Effects on Sunn Hemp (*Crotalaria juncea* L.) Forage Characteristics as Cover Crop and Its Nutritive Values

Min Byeng Ryel, Hilaire Marline, Ismael Hossaam, Chaudhary Santosh, Kanyi Vivian, Abdo Heba, & Gurung Nar, Tuskegee University

- Efficacy of Biochar in Mitigating Soil Salinity and Enhancing Sunflower Production: Effects on Soil Physicochemical Properties, Ion Dynamics, and Crop Yield
 - Muhammad Irfan, Gamal El Afandi, Santosh Sapkota, Amira Moustafa, and Salem Ibrahim, Tuskegee University
- Yield of "Alamo" Turnips (*Brassica rapa* (L) var. (DC) Metzg. *Utilis*) Planted at Two Intra Row Spacing with One or Two Plants/Hill in Mulched Soil in a Wiregrass Tunnel House

Justin Tate, Billie Grant, Tameka King, Edward Sparks, Jeffrey Moore, **Tuskegee University**, J. Currington, J. Currington II, **Currington Associates**, R. Johnson, Sr. and Victor Khan, **Tuskegee University**

Session 28: Preconditioning of Beef Cattle-Sustainable Management Practices

Meeting Room - RIVERVIEW 4

Moderator: Russell Johnson, Tuskegee University

Presenters:

- Preconditioning Nutrition Practices
 - Nar Kaji Gurung, Tuskegee University
- Economic Benefits of Preconditioning for Small and Resource-Limited Cattle Producers

Rimal Parshuram, Tuskegee University

• Impact of Controlled Breeding on Management and Marketing of Preconditioned Calves

Ralph Noble, South Carolina State University

- Forage Systems for Backgrounding Beef Steers in the Southeastern USA Jose Dubeux, Jr., University of Florida Leanne Dillard, Auburn University
- Farmer's Perspectives on Preconditioning of Beef Calves Michel Fullenwider, Beef Producer

Session 29: Financial Tools for Growing Your Wealth

Meeting Room - RIVERVIEW 5

Moderator: Gwen Harris, Tuskegee University **Presenters:**

- Land & Liberation Through Valuation: How ROV Protects Legacy and Black Wealth in the \$106 Trillion Transfer
 Thaddaus Dawson, Jr., 10KBA Inc. & 10,000 Appraisers Foundation (10KAF)
- Bitcoin and Agriculture: Growing Food, Energy, and Wealth for the Next Generation

Rich Chungong, Dash In Between & Produce Matrix

4:15 pm – 5:30 pm Growing the Movement: Hip Hop Farmer Screening of the Pilot Episode & Conversation by Pickingreens Production + We Can Dig It & Refreshment Break – *Exhibit Hall A*



5:30 pm - 6:15 pm

PAWC Networking - Hospitality Suite

6:30 pm - 8:30 pm

George Washington Carver Public Service Hall of Fame Awards Dinner – Exhibit Hall A

Presiding Ron Howell, Virginia State University

Invocation
Ron Smith, Tuskegee University

Dinner

Presentation of GWC Award I and II Robert Zabawa, Tuskegee University

Closing Comments
Olga Bolden-Tiller, Tuskegee University

PROFESSIONAL POSTERS

1. Analysis of a Community Garden on a University Campus: Outcomes and Participant Benefits

Fiona Zhang, Flintridge, Sacred Heart Academy, Jon Phillips, Cal Poly Pomona, & Beth McCoy, Azusa Pacific University

- 2. Regulatory Environment, Market Structure, and Agricultural Insurance Development: Evidence from a Panel Threshold Regression Model Rui Chen, Tuskegee University & Shisen Li, Shijazhuang Institute of Railway Technology, China
- 3. Beyond the Classroom: The Next Generation of Agribusiness Leaders
 Tasha Hargrove, Antonio Hutchins, Allenson Denkins, Madison Eilland, Michael
 Hill, Austin Stokes, Cameron Dervin, Deinkepiribo Harry, Isabella Gates, Kirsten
 Hayes, Olivia Hutchinson, & William Johnson, Tuskegee University
- 4. Bridging the Digital Divide: FVSU Cooperative Extension's Pathways to Building a Digitally Resilient Georgia

 Yolanda McFerrin and Terrence Wolfork, Fort Valley State University
- 5. Partnerships for Student Success: A Comparative Analysis of MANRRS Impact Across 1862 and 1890 Land Grant Institutions Zelia Wiley, Lonnie Hobbs, Jr., Charles Carpenter III, & Selena Gilyot, Kansas State University

GAMMA SIGMA DELTA STUDENT COMPETITION

1. PLANT-BASED MEAT FORMULATIONS BASED ON LENTIL, WHEAT GLUTEN, SOY, AND PEA PROTEINS: RAW MATERIAL FUNCTIONAL PROPERTIES AND END PRODUCT QUALITY

BOWE, CAYDEN D¹, S. Sheikhizadeh² and S. Alavi²¹Dept. of Food Science and Nutritional Sciences, Tuskegee University, Tuskegee, AL 36088. ²Dept. of Grain Science & Industry, Kansas State University, Manhattan, KS 66506

2. ONION PEEL EXTRACT REDUCES INTESTINAL SALMONELLA ENTERITIDIS COLONIZATION IN BROILER CHICKS

IWUOZO, ODINAKA C¹, H. Kang², and Y. Fasina¹. ¹Dept. of Animal Sciences, North Carolina A&T State University, Greensboro, NC 27411, 2Food and Nutritional Sciences, Department of Family and Consumer Sciences, North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University, Greensboro, NC 27411

3. ANALYSIS OF LAND USE AND LAND COVER DYNAMICS THROUGH REMOTE SENSING IN THE BLACK BELT REGION OF ALABAMA, ALONG WITH RAINFALL VARIABILITY

IBRAHIM. SALEM¹, G. El Afandi, A. Moustafa, M. Irfan, R. Algendy, and S. Sapkota. Dept. of Agriculture and Environment Sciences, Tuskegee University, AL 36088, USA.

4. WEATHER-DRIVEN VARIABILITY IN PESTICIDE DRIFT DURING AERIAL APPLICATIONS IN MACON COUNTY, ALABAMA

MOUSTAFA, AMIRA, G. El Afandi, M. Ifan, and S. Ibrahim Dept. of Agriculture and Environmental Sciences, Tuskegee University, AL 36088, USA.

5. ASSESSING LEARNING OUTCOMES OF HYDROPONICS INSTRUCTION AMONG UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS PARTICIPATING IN A REEUSPONSORED INTERNSHIP

CARPENTER, CHARLES III¹, Z. Wiley², J. Cowan³, and L. Hobbs, Jr.⁴, ¹Kansas State University, ²Student and Staff Success Office, ²Entomology Department, ³Horticulture Natural Resources Department, ⁴Agricultural Economics Department, College of Agriculture, Kansas State University, Manhattan, KS 66502

6. ADVANCING DATA LITERACY THROUGH IMAGE CLASSIFICATION: A CNN CASE STUDY ON BUTTERFLIES

CHI, JENNIFER, and C. Nindo. Dept. of Agriculture, Food and Resource Sciences, University of Maryland Eastern Shore, Princess Anne, MD 21853

7. ROLES OF COLD PLASMA TREATMENT ON THE FUNCTIONAL PROPERTIES OF PLANT-BASED PROTEINS

AISHAT ADEJOH O, and John Onuh. Dept. of Food and Nutritional Sciences, Tuskegee University, 1200 W Montgomery Rd, Tuskegee, Alabama 36088.

8. EVALUATING FERMENTATION OUTCOMES IN NON-TRADITIONAL PRODUCE: SAFE PRACTICES FOR POST-HARVEST LOSS REDUCTION KOIRALA MOHAK¹, and S. Acharya². ¹Cooperative Research, Lincoln University, Missouri, 820 Chestnut Street, Jefferson City, MO 65101, ²Faculty Advisor,

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9. MICROALGAE - WHAT IS IT GOOD FOR? AN INTEGRATIVE ANALYSIS OF NUTRIENT REMOVAL AND BIOMASS ACCUMULATION IN ALGAL TURF SYSTEMS FOR AQUACULTURE PRACTICES

MCKINLEY, KAYLA, and G. Ozbay. College of Agriculture, Science & Technology, Delaware State University, Dover, DE 19901

10. EXPLOITING GENOMIC VARIABILITY IN LISTERIA FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF MOLECULAR DIAGNOSTIC MARKERS

OSEI, VIONA, E., Kuufire, R. Nyarku, K. Bentum, T. James, A. Elrefaey, T. Samuel, and W. Abebe. Center for Food Animal Health, Food Safety and Defense, Dept. of Pathobiology, College of Veterinary Medicine, Tuskegee University, Tuskegee, AL, 36088.

11. SENSITIVITY OF DIMETHOMORPH, ETHABOXAM, MANDIPROPAMID, AND OXATHIAPIPROLIN FUNGICIDES TO PHYTOPHTHORA CAPSICI IN MISSISSIPPI

POPOOLA, ABDUL-LATEEF ¹, Md. Aktaruzzaman² and Emran Ali¹. ¹Dept. of Agronomy and Biotech, Alcorn State University, MS, 39096; ²Dept. of Plant Pathology, University of Georgia, GA, 30602.

12. FOOD SECURITY AND COMMUNITY JUSTICE: EXPLORING THE LINKS BETWEEN CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEMS AND EQUITABLE ACCESS TO FOOD

JOHNSON, DESTNEY, and S. C. Hatter. Dept. of Criminal Justice, Grambling State University, Grambling, LA 71245

13. APIGENINIDIN CHLORIDE (3-DA) DISRUPTS SPHINGOLIPID SYNTHESIS OF *TOXOPLASMA GONDII*

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14. PROTECTING SMALL FARMS AND BUSINESSES: EVIDENCE ON INSURANCE ADEQUACY AND PREMIUM BURDEN FROM HURRICANE-AFFECTED COMMUNITIES

ODEYOMI, OMOWUNMI, and G. Ejimakor.

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15. SOCIO-DEMOGRAPHIC PREDICTORS IN PARTICIPATION OF HEIRS' PROPERTY EDUCATION

KHADKA, RAKSHA¹, L. Karki^{1, 2}, P. Bhandari², and N. Cook².

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16. THE IMPACT OF BREXIT ON U.S.-U.K. AGRICULTURAL TRADE RELATIONS

GIBBS, KENDALL D., JR., and D. Adu.

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17. MAPPING FOOD ACCESS IN EAST BATON ROUGE PARISH: A NETWORK-BASED GIS ASSESSMENT OF GROCERY AND HEALTHY CORNER STORES PROXIMITY

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18. FRUIT TREES AS TOOLS FOR ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE: INTEGRATING FRUIT TREE ACCESS AND URBAN FORESTRY IN ZACHARY PARISH, LOUISIANA

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19. INVESTIGATING THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN METEOROLOGICAL CONDITIONS AND PM2.5 CONCENTRATIONS ACROSS DIFFERENT COUNTIES IN ALABAMA

SAPKOTA, SANTOSH, Gamal El Afandi, Chastity Bradford, Muhammad Irfan, Salem Ibrahim, Amira Moustafa, and Reda Algendy.

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20. OPTIMIZING NITROGEN, PHOSPHORUS, AND POTASSIUM MACRONUTRIENTS TO ENHANCE QUINOA GROWTH, PHYSIOLOGY, AND YIELD IN THE MIDWEST

NESA, NUR U., T. J. Fatema, N. Grato, P. Safiullah, X. Zhang, and A. Addissu. Dept. of Agroecology and Sustainable Agriculture, Lincoln University, Jefferson City, MO 65101

21. DESIGN AND CHARACTERIZATION OF COTTONSEED OIL—CARNAUBA WAX—PECTIN EMULSION GELS AS THERMALLY STABLE FAT REPLACERS IN PROCESSED RED MEAT: FUNCTIONAL INSIGHTS TALUKDER, SUDIPTA, L. Alegro, and R. Silva.

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22. STRENGTHENING THE AGRICULTURAL WORKFORCE PIPELINE: PROFESSIONAL GROWTH AND NEAR-PEER MENTORSHIP THROUGH 4-H SUMMER INTERNSHIPS

GARNER, A. SOLOMON, L. D. Petrie, and J. C. Ricketts.

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23. EVALUATION OF MICROBIOLOGICAL LOAD, pH, AND STORAGE STABILITY IN HIBISCUS-BEETROOT BEVERAGES CONTAINING TRADITIONAL WEST AFRICAN SPICES

AMENYENU, EMILY, Q. Abbah, and B. Min.

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24. THE EFFECT OF ACCESS TO BROADBAND ON RURAL DEVELOPMENT EFFORTS IN ALABAMA'S BLACKBELT

CORNIE, ADRIANA, and R. Shange.

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25. QUANTIFYING FOOD CROP TRANSITIONS UNDER URBANIZATION USING REMOTE SENSING AND GIS: EVIDENCE FROM EAST BATON ROUGE PARISH, LOUISIANA

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26. EFFECT OF DIFFERENT PLASTIC MULCH COLORS ON THE GROWTH, YIELD, AND VITAMIN C CONTENT OF HABANERO PEPPER

KAMBA, J., and T. Nzaramyimana.

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27. IMPACT OF MAGNESIUM FERTILIZATION ON MINERAL NUTRIENT ACCUMULATION IN HYDROPONICALLY GROWN CRESS

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28. MODULATION OF PHENOLIC ACCUMULATION AND BIOMASS YIELD IN WATERCRESS AND UPLAND CRESS UNDER SELENIUM FERTILIZATION

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29. INFLUENCE OF SELENIUM FERTILIZATION ON CHLOROPHYLL PIGMENTS AND BIOMASS PRODUCTION IN WATERCRESS AND UPLAND CRESS

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30. ALKALINE pH MITIGATES AMMONIA TOXICITY IN CHANNEL CATFISH BY ENHANCING ION REGULATION, ENERGY BALANCE, AND *Rh* GLYCOPROTEINS EXPRESSION

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31. PRE-EXPOSURE TO LOW AMMONIA ENHANCES PHYSIOLOGICAL PERFORMANCE AND GENE EXPRESSION IN CHANNEL CATFISH AGAINST HIGH AMMONIA TOXICITY

ADHIKARI, KASHYAP, T. Bhattacharjee, F. I. Fahim, N. Kafle, S. Bhattarai, R. Lochmann, and A. Sinha.

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32. IRON STRESS MEMORY: PRE-EXPOSURE BOOSTS TOLERANCE AND PERFORMANCE IN JUVENILE CATFISH UNDER HIGH IRON TOXIC STRESS

KAFLE, NISHAN, K. Adhikari, T. Bhattacharjee, F. I. Fahim, S. Bhattarai, S. Jahanbin, R. Lochmann, and A. Sinha.

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33. FUNCTIONALIZING CHITOSAN NANOPARTICLES AGAINST A. HYDROPHILA IN CATFISH: A POTENTIAL ANTIBIOTIC ALTERNATIVE

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34. PEPTIDOGLYCAN HYDROLASES (PGHS) AS ALTERNATIVE ANTIMICROBIALS FOR *STREPTOCOCCUS INIAE* INFECTIONS IN FISH

MCGOWAN, ZACHARIAH, K. Bohara, A. Segree, and G. Ramena.

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35. QUANTUM-LEVEL GREEN LIGHT-EMITTING DEVICES: A NOVEL APPROACH TO ENHANCING FISH HEALTH

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