



USDA/NRCS Education & Outreach

Beginning Farmer and Rancher
Resources and Opportunities

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ALFA Building, 903 S. Airport Road, Jasper, AL 35501

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The next generation of farmers and ranchers will come from everywhere. They may come from farming backgrounds or be new to agriculture; they may be college graduates coming home to farm with their families; or they may be veterans, second career seekers, immigrants and people from all ethnic backgrounds.



The **Beginning Farmer and Rancher Development Program (BFRDP)** is an important tool to provide training, education, and outreach to a **new generation** of agriculture. The USDA provides support to:

- Beginning farmers and ranchers in agriculture by providing access to funding for beginning farmer development, facilitating farmland transition to the next generation of farmers, and improving outreach and communication to military veterans about farming and ranching opportunities.
- New farmers and ranchers may be eligible for **specific benefits** designed to help start a new farming operation.
- Provides support to socially disadvantaged and veteran farmers through access to funding for beginning farmer development; incentives for retiring farmers to sell or lease land coming out of the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) to veteran farmers and ranchers; and improved outreach and communication to military veterans about farming and ranching opportunities.



AGENDA

- Programs Available from USDA
 - Natural Resource Conservation Service
 - Farm Service Agency
 - Rural Development
- Soil & Water Conservation District Support
- Alabama Cooperative Extension System Programs for your Farm
- Alabama Forestry Commission Programs for Timber Management



Please let us know you are coming !!!

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Look forward to seeing you there !

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