



MISSISSIPPI MINORITY FARMERS ALLIANCE
8th ANNUAL RURAL AMERICA SMALL FARMERS CONFERENCE
“Equity, Economic Development, Education, and Entrepreneurship in Rural America”
Saturday, January 22, 2022 • 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Join Zoom Meeting

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Facilitator: *Dr. Elizabeth B. Myles, Associate Director*
Alcorn State University Mississippi Small Farm and Agribusiness Center

Continental Breakfast: 7:30 a.m. – 8:00 a.m.

AGENDA

Prayer.....	Ms. Bre Jones, 4-H Club Member
Scripture.....	Ms. Coretta Richardson, 4-H Club Member
4-H Pledge.....	Helping Hands Natural Resources 4-H Club
Welcome.....	Ms. Akeelah Patton, 4-H Club Member
8:00-8:15	Purpose.....Ms. Carolyn Jones, Director, Mississippi Minority Farmers Alliance
	Community Health Update.....Dr. Vernon Rayford, Chairman, NEMS Coalition Against COVID
8:15 – 8:30	Community Engagement.....Hon. Paul Lyles, Mayor Shannon, MS Congressman Rickey Thompson
8:30 – 8:45	Policy Center Update.....Ms. Eloris Speight, Director, SDFR Policy Research Center, Alcorn State University
8:45 – 9:00	Entrepreneurship.....Dr. Cindy Ayers, CEO, Foot Print Farms
9:00 – 9:15	Education.....Ms. Manola Erby, 1890 4-H Program Leader/Youth Specialist, Alcorn State University
9:15 – 9:30	Financial Business Structure.....Darrell Tennie, CEO, The Tennie Group
9:30 – 9:45	Economic Development.....Mr. Wes Miller, Broader Horizons Ms. Zahn Patin, Director, MS Minority Development Agency
9:45 – 10:00	Equity.....Mr. Brandon Presley, Northern District Public Service Commissioner
10:00 – 10:30	Introduction of Special Guest.....Ms. Latrice Hill, USDA National Outreach Director Special Guest: Mr. Thaddeus Fairley, MS State Executive Director, Farm Service Agency
10:30 - 11:00	Introduction of Keynote Speaker.....Mr. Kurt Readus, State Conservationist, Mississippi Keynote Speaker: Mr. Terry Cosby, Chief, USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service
11:00 – 11:45	Partnerships.....Mr. Anthony Branick, Director Greene Skye Ms. Ruth Canada-Painter, HUSA Engagement and Outreach Program Officer, Heifer International
11:45 – 12:00	Legislative Update.....Congressman Trent Kelly, Mississippi 1st District



****Lunch****



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