

**MISSISSIPPI MINORITY FARMERS ALLIANCE**  
**5th ANNUAL SAVING RURAL AMERICA SMALL FARMERS CONFERENCE**

SATURDAY, JANUARY 19, 2019  
NORTH MISSISSIPPI AGRIBUSINESS CENTER (THE MARKET)  
30010 SHEPHERD DRIVE EAST, OKOLONA, MS 38860

**"BUILDING PARTNERSHIPS TO ACHIEVE SUSTAINABILITY"**

**AGENDA**

**8:00-8:30 REGISTRATION & BREAKFAST**

Prayer.....*Michael Chalmers*  
National Anthem.....*Helping Hands Natural Resources 4-H Club*  
Welcome.....*Addison Patton, Vice-President*  
Purpose.....*Carolyn Jones, Director*

**Session I – USDA PARTNERS**

8:30-8:45.....*Orlando Ellerby, Mississippi Forestry Commission*  
8:45-9:00.....*Rockiell Woods, Director, National Center for Appropriate Technology*  
9:00-9:30.....*Eloris Speight, Director, SDFR Policy Research Center Office of the President, Alcorn State University*  
9:30-10:00.....*Darrell, Tennie, CEO, the Tennie Group*  
10:00-10:15.....*Mike Montgomery, Owner, Montgomery Restaurant, Pontotoc, MS*  
10:15-10:30.....*Brennen Washington, Sustainable Agriculture and Research and Education (SARE)*  
10:30-10:45.....*BREAK*

**Session II – AG EDUCATION PARTNERS (Colleges & Universities)**

10:45-11:00.....*Anthony Reed, Alcorn State University, School of Agriculture and Applied Sciences*  
11:00-11:15.....*Robert Bishop, Mississippi State University STEM Program*  
11:15-11:30.....*Dr. Cassandra Hawkins, Mississippi Valley State University*  
11:30-11:45.....*Dr. Finis Scribling, Tennessee State University Extension Service*  
11:45-12:00.....*Dr. Elizabeth Myles, Marketing Specialist Alcorn State University*

**Session III – COMMUNITY PARTNERS**

12:00-12:15.....*Debra Sutton, Family Nurse Practitioner, CEO, CreateOne Health & Wellness LLC*  
12:15-12:30.....*Alise Parks, SAAFON*  
12:30-12:45.....*Dr. Cindy Ayers, Owner Foot Print Farms*  
12:45-1:00.....*Gwen Pratt and Robbins Family Heirs' Property Success Story*  
*Thomas & Mary Freeman, Owners, Freeman's First Forty Favorites*  
1:00.....*Lunch/ Member Presentations*

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Mid-South Progressive Agricultural Group Farm Conference**, January 26, 2019 – Holly Springs MS  
**MMFA Marketing Workshop**, February 9, 2019, North Mississippi Agribusiness Center (The Market)  
**Helping Hands Natural Resources 4-H Club Black History Program**, February 17, 2019 (The Market)  
**Tuskegee University 127th Annual Farmers Conference**, February 18-23, 2019, Tuskegee AL  
**Northeast MS Fruit & Vegetable Growers Association Annual Conference**, February 26, 2019, Verona, MS  
**Mississippi Small Farmers Conference**, April 1-3, 2019 Tunica, MS  
**Mississippi Women in Agriculture Conference**, July 28-30, 2019, BancorpSouth Convention Center, Tupelo MS



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1<sup>st</sup> person (singular)



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