THE 8TH ANNUAL NORTH CAROLINA MINORITY FARMERS AND LANDOWNERS CONFERENCE

Dear Conference Participants:

The 8th Annual North Carolina Minority Farmers and Landowners Conference will be held on **Wednesday and Thursday, June 27-28, 2012**, at the Gateway Convention Center and Hotel, 51 Winstead Avenue, Rocky Mount, NC 27804 (252) 937-8992.

The committee is requesting your presence to attend this agricultural/educational event at **no cost** to you.

The committee is looking forward to a great and informational conference in June. This endeavor can only happen with your attendance and participation.

The program agenda for this year has been changed. Our goal is to bring more useful and beneficial information to our limited resource farmers, landowners and ranchers and to assist in making better informed decisions regarding your farm enterprises and the retention of your land. This conference is one of the few annual conferences where the audience is primarily minority with a huge portion representing rural North Carolina. However, we have attracted out-of-state attendees that have family land in North Carolina.

This year, participants will not arrive at the hotel on the morning of June 27th. Scheduled tours will begin first. Participants will meet at their assigned location to be transferred to the tour locations and then to the hotel. The buses will transfer the participants back to their original destinations after adjournment on Thursday, June 28th.

Please call your assigned area person for bus details.

This year’s conference includes the following tours:

**Central district:**
- Area representative: Fletcher Barber Jr., phone # 919-707-3065
- BioFuels Center of NC, Oxford, NC
- Barker Family Farm, Oxford, NC

**Southeast district:**
- Area representative: Cliff Sutton, phone # 919-707-3068
- NC Coalition of Farm and Rural Families Packing Shed, Rose Hill, NC
- Cherry Research Farm, Goldsboro, NC

**Northeastern district:**
- Area representative: Jamison Eley, phone # 252-398-7220
- Newlife CDC-Farm Incubator 222, Plymouth NC
- Tidewater Research Center, Plymouth, NC

Please see attached tour schedule/agenda for your area. If you have any questions, please contact your area representative.

Scholarship will cover your tours, hotel accommodations (shared room only) meals and educational information received during the conference. (If you do not have a roommate, one will be assigned) Please do not call the hotel to make your reservations. The committee will make all necessary lodging arrangements for your convenience.
NOTE: When completing your registration form, please only send one form for shared rooms. (Each roommate does not need to submit separate forms) If you need to cancel your reservation after it has been received and processed, please call immediately so we can assign that room to another participant on a waiting list and remove your name from the registration list. Rooms not cancelled will have to be paid by the conference funds at a lost. The conference fund cannot afford the loss. Please call registration chairperson, Ada Beatty at 910-874-3244 (Cell), just as soon as you realize you will be unable to attend. If you have not made contact with Ada by 10:00 am on Wednesday, June 27, 2012, your room reservation will be cancelled. Lodging rooms are limited and will be assigned on a first-come first-serve basis.

Registration deadline is June 1, 2012. After this date, please call Ada for availability information.

Please mail all registration forms to Ada D. Beatty; 6089 NC 210 Hwy E; Harrells, NC 28444 or fax to 910-532-4233. If you fax the form, please call Ada to let her know it has been faxed. Please print and complete all information in order that we may update our database and print name tags.

If you are interested in displaying an exhibit or if you have any questions regarding this correspondence, please call Ada at the above phone number for information.

The conference committee is looking forward to seeing you on June 27th to begin the tours.

Sincerely,

Jamison Eley, Conference Chairperson
Ada D. Beatty, Registration Chairperson

Enclosures: Tentative Agenda
            Registration Form
REGISTRATION FORM

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NO REGISTRATION FEE FOR FARMERS AND LANDOWNERS

Please complete and return this registration form to Ada D. Beatty, 6089 NC 210 Hwy E, Harrells, NC 28444. Contact phone number: Cell (910) 874-3244 (fax: (910) 532-4233)

Registration deadline: June 1, 2012

Each participant must list a roommate. No single occupancies.

Please print: Name tags will be printed from this ID information

Name: ____________________________________________________________

Organization/Company’s Name: ______________________________________

Contact Phone Number:

Title: ______________________________________________________________

Please place a check beside the tour in which you plan to attend:

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_____ Northeastern District: Area representative: Jamison Eley, phone (252) 398-7220
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WEDNESDAY, JUNE 27, 2012

FARM TOURS

Participants will board buses from three different locations in North Carolina.

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<td>Depart from: Hillsborough</td>
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<td>Meet at Packing Shed:</td>
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<td>Depart from: New Market Shopping Center Ahoskie, NC</td>
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<td>Newlife CDC-Farm Incubator 222 McNair Rd Plymouth NC 27961</td>
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2nd Tour

| Barker Family Farms 2615 Gela Rd Oxford, NC 27565 | 10:00 am | 11:00 am | Cherry Research Farm 201 Stevens Mill Rd Goldsboro, NC 27530 | 10:30 am | 11:30 am | Tidewater Research Center: 207 Research Station Road Plymouth, NC 27962 | 9:30 am | 10:30 am |

3rd Tour (travel time 30 mins)

| | | | | | Timber Farm-TBA | 11:15 am | 12:00 pm |

12:30 pm – 3:30pm: Lunch & Tour at Harrell Family Farm: 1083 Conoconnara, Halifax, NC
4:30 pm-approx.Arrive at Gateway Center and Hotel in Rocky Mount, NC:
Hotel check-in

6:00 pm – 8:30 pm
Reception/Hor d’oeuvres, Presentations
USDA and Politicians
Debrief from Tours and Announcements

DAY TWO: THURSDAY, JUNE 28, 2012

7:00 am – 8:00 am Breakfast & Presentations
8:00 am – 9:00 am Conservation Planning Workshop
9:00 am – 10:00 am Risk Management - Crop Insurance
10:00 am – 10:15 am Hotel check-out & prepare for departure
10:30 am Depart from Gateway Center for final tours

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<td>Piedmont Food &amp; Ag Processing Center 500 Valley Forge Road Hillsborough, NC 27278</td>
<td>Tobacco Farm Life Museum US Hwy 301 North Kenly, NC (919) 284-3431</td>
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Travel back to respective locations for trip home.