USDA’S ROLE AND PARTNERS: MEETING THE NEEDS AND CHALLENGES OF SOCIA LLY DISADVANTAGED, BEGINNING, SMALL FARMERS, UNDERSERVED AND UNSERVED COMMUNITIES

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USDA Partnerships

Foundations

Non Governmental Organizations

Land Grant Colleges and Universities

DHHS; EPA
NIH, NSF,
State Depts. of Agric.;
Others

Socially Disadvantaged Farmers & Ranchers

Beginning Farmers and Ranchers

Small Farmers and Ranchers

Underserved Unserved Groups
USDA Service Centers
USDA COMMUNITY-BASED ORGANIZATIONS:
Working with Small Farmers and Ranchers
U.S. Farmers Markets
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http://farmersmarkets.usda.gov
MEETING THE NEEDS AND CHALLENGES

- Access to markets, land, credit and capital
- Development of Cooperatives
- Promote training and mentoring opportunities
- Provide leadership opportunities
- Acquire appropriate skills
- Promote partnership and collaboration
OUTREACH METHODS

● Word of mouth, One-on-One
● Stakeholder meetings (formal and informal)
● Hands-on Workshops
● On-Farm Research and Demonstration
● Networking, Radio/TV
● Conferences, Community Events
Office of Advocacy and Outreach
Website: www.outreach.usda.gov
Phone: 202-720-6350

- Small and Beginning Farmers and Ranchers Program
- Outreach and Assistance For Socially Disadvantaged Farmers and Ranchers Program (2501 Program)
- Farmworker Program
- Higher Education Initiatives
Agricultural Marketing Service

www.ams.usda.gov

- Farmers Market Promotion Program
- Specialty Crop Block Grant Program
- Federal State Marketing Improvement Program
FARM SERVICE AGENCY
www.fsa.usda.gov

- Farm Ownership and Operating Loan Program
- Beginning Farmers and Ranchers Loan Program

NATURAL RESOURCES CONSERVATION SERVICE
www.nrcs.usda.gov

- Conservation Innovation Grants
- Environmental Quality Incentives Program
NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF FOOD AND AGRICULTURE

www.nifa.usda.gov/

● Beginning Farmer and Rancher Development Program

● 1890 Institutions Teaching, Research and Extension Capacity Building Grants Program

● Community Food Projects

● Hispanic Serving Institutions Competitive Grants Program

● Small and Medium Sized Farms

● Sustainable Agriculture Research and Education Program (SARE Program)
USDA-Rural Development
www.rd.usda.gov

- Farm Labor Housing for Farmworkers
- Rural Cooperative Development Grants
- Small Socially Disadvantaged Producer Grants
- Value-Added Producer Grant
RISK MANAGEMENT AGENCY
www.rd.usda.gov

- Education and Outreach Grant

FOOD AND NUTRITION SERVICE
www.fns.usda.gov

- Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program
- Women, Infants and Children Program
- Senior Farmers Market Nutrition Program
- School Meals

FOREST SERVICE
www.fs.usda.gov

- National Urban and Community Forestry Cost-Share Grant
USDA MINORITY FARM REGISTER

What kind of people have joined?
3,765 registrants as of January 31, 2012

Registrants by Race

- African American: 2,166 (57%)
- White: 778 (21%)
- Unknown: 322 (8%)
- American Indian: 229 (6%)
- Other: 174 (3%)
- Asian: 76 (2%)
- Hawaiian: 20 (1%)

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Registrants by Ethnicity

- Non Hispanics: 3,187 (85%)
- Spanish-Speaking Hispanics: 321 (8%)
- English-Speaking Hispanics: 257 (7%)
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THANK YOU!

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6th National Small Farm Conference
www.tnstate.edu/smallfarmconference

Overview of Small Farm Programs at the Land Grant Colleges and Universities
www.nifa.usda.gov/familysmallfarms.cfm