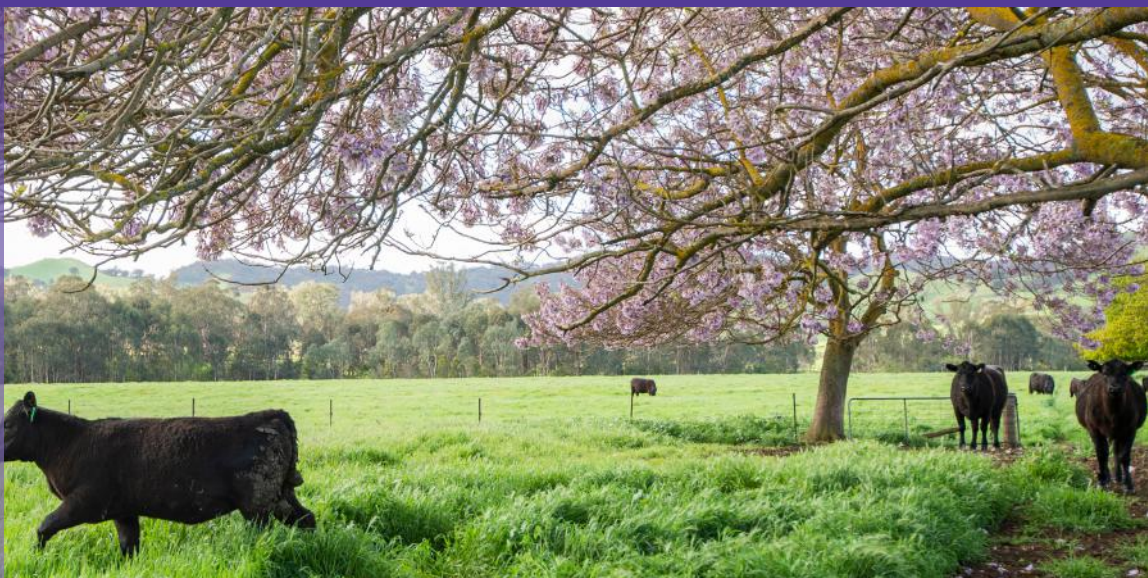


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## FHF Executive Director Selected as Aspen Institute Food Leaders Fellow

Freedmen Heirs Foundation is thrilled to announce that Seanicaa Edwards Herron, our Founder and Executive Director, has been selected as a 2024 Aspen Institute Food Leaders Fellow. Alongside a diverse cohort of industry leaders, Seanicaa will work towards creating a fairer, more sustainable, and healthier food system. Seanicaa shared her enthusiasm stating, "I am eager to contribute my experiences and insights while learning from fellow leaders who are equally passionate about driving positive change". Read the full announcement by clicking the link below.

[READ MORE](#)



## Freedmen Heirs Foundation Highlights

# In Case You MISSED IT

### Red Springs, NC

In May, Freedmen Heirs Foundation Farmer Liaisons, Julius Tillery and Sedrick Rowe attended the 3rd Annual Day of Healing presented by Briarwood Cattle Farms, LLC in Red Springs, NC. This first-generation beef cattle farm produces and sells premium quality grass-fed beef, free-range chicken, and pork. The farm is committed to supporting veterans, students, and the community through sustainable agriculture education while exemplifying a dedication to health and quality in its products.

**Pictured on the right:** Sedrick Rowe, Marvin Frink (Co-Owner, Briarwood Cattle Farm), and Julius Tillery



During the visit, Julius and Sedrick connected with other attendees and engaged in the day's activities. The day promised a full agenda that kicked off with a calming chair yoga session, followed by a prayer and a continental breakfast. Attendees then took part in a farm tour showcasing a No-Till Drill Demo and forage planting. In the afternoon, attendees networked over lunch and guest speakers delivered enlightening presentations on topics such as agromedicine, agribusiness planning, and suicide prevention.



**Photo description:** Mr. Frink highlights the practices he uses to maintain his cattle operation.



**Photo description:** The North Carolina Cooperative Extension Office discusses conservation practices and how forages are managed.

## Small Business Sustainability

# Empowering Small Businesses and Farmers for a Sustainable Future

Read below on how the inaugural HORIZON Summit brought together global leaders with the goal of changing the dynamic of agriculture investments for small businesses and farmers

Last month, the UNUM One Foundation launched its global summit for small businesses and farmers, called HORIZON, with a stop in Monroe, LA. The event attracted leaders and subject matter experts from around the world. The conversations, panel discussions, and training sessions provided practical solutions and information on topics such as scaling and increasing profits globally, protecting land rights, diverse market sales opportunities, and the impact of technology and climate on agriculture's supply chain. Each panel offered insights into the current state of agriculture, emphasizing actionable steps for success.

One notable panel, "Beyond the Field: Economic and Social Strategies for Today's Farmers," featured Julius Tillery, Freedmen Heirs Foundation Farmer Liaison; Gary Barrett, Director of USDA Forest Services National Partnership Office; Allison Johnson, USDA Office of Partnership and Public



Engagement; and Virendra Chhikara, Center Director of the Louisiana Small Business Development Center at the University of Louisiana Monroe.

Tina Taylor, Co-Founder and Chair of the UNUM One Foundation and General Partner of UNUM Capital Investments shared her perspective.

"I come from a rural community in North Carolina and have seen the impact of limited resources on farming families and small businesses. I want to shift the paradigm. We are bringing together leaders from across the globe to discuss the future of agriculture and technology in unprecedented ways. I'm thrilled by the innovative ideas and solutions that emerged from this event, particularly in sustainable farming and new funding models for small businesses. It's also crucial to highlight those who are pioneering change and setting the standard for economic impact. Our 2024 Gala honorees include Mamadou Toure, Senator Regina Barrow, and Jo-Ann Lawrence. My goal for HORIZON is to ensure that every participant feels their time was well



**Photo description:** Pictured from left to right: Girard Melancon, Ph.D; Allison Johnson, Gary Barrett; Julius Tillery; and Virendra Chhikara



## Small Business Sustainability

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invested and knows they have a trusted resource dedicated to their unique growth and success. Each business owner's journey will be different, but HORIZON is committed to supporting them every step of the way."

Julius Tillery also gave his overall perspective of the inaugural event.

"As a representative of Black farmers at the Horizon Summit, I felt incredibly comfortable around this agriculturally focused and aware group. This conference was centered around a global emphasis on investment in agricultural opportunities. Numerous panel discussions brought leaders in finance, fashion, politics, governmental agencies, United Nations representatives, tech leaders, and more to the table. Keynote Speaker, Mamadou Toure held a powerful discussion centered on the emphasis of international investment opportunities awareness. After attending the Horizon Summit event, I realized the importance of dreaming big in order to achieve our goals. In today's world of agriculture, we have more opportunities to make connections that didn't exist before. As a farmer, I know that adapting to the global market is nothing new. However, what is new

is our ability to network and connect with more people to address these challenges more effectively and efficiently. Our networks are no longer limited to just local connections. By making connections at this conference, I believe that our farming communities should start thinking on a national and international scale. During his keynote speech, Mamadou Toure shared that there are 300 million middle-class Africans on the continent of Africa. This made me realize that agricultural innovation provides vast opportunities to make a positive impact and we should tap into these resources from around the world to bring about these changes."

The HORIZON Summit also had speaker sessions that focused on topics around small business training and various global investment opportunities.

**If you are interested in learning about the UNUM One Foundation and attending the upcoming global agriculture investment summits, please visit their website at [www.unumone.org](http://www.unumone.org).**



## Agribusiness Spotlight

### Delta Diamond

#### Mission Statement

To provide exceptional grain services with integrity and accountability to our fellow consumers and the planet by developing a diverse food supply eco-system which contributes to the revitalization of the Delta.

#### About the Business

Delta Diamond provides customers and partners with high-quality products and services via superior personnel, attention to detail, and excellent customer service. Delta Diamond is led by Leigh Allen, who serves as the Chief Executive Officer. Leigh has over twenty years of experience in consulting, exports, the federal government (Executive and Legislative), as well as serving as a former Executive Director of a national agriculture producer non-profit.

Delta Diamond features a 400,000 bushel slip form concrete grain elevator, a modern seed cleaning plant, two 10,000 bushel per hour elevator legs, and a 28,000 square foot warehouse. Licenses and certifications include MS Grain Dealer & Warehouse License and MS Seedsmen's Certificate. Delta Diamond is also SUSTA Export Readiness Training Certified and a member of the National Grain and Feed Association with pending memberships to the USA Rice Merchants and Mid-South Grain Association.

#### Services

Delta Diamond is engaged in a full range of grain services including:

- **Storage**
- **Cleaning**
- **Conditioning**
- **Treatment**
- **Warehousing**

Delta Diamond also has the capability to separate GMO and/or non-GMO grains.

#### Commodities

Corn	Yellow Field Peas
Rice	Wheat
Soybean	Specialty Grains



#### Motto

Sustainability-Driven  
Agriculture

#### Business Hours

Monday - Friday  
8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. \*

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Cleveland, MS 38732

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\*Closed on weekends. Hours are  
subject to change during harvest.

## Agripreneur Spotlight

# An Agriculture Visionary: Nicole N'diaye's Journey to Sustainable Farming and Community Empowerment

Read below on how Nicole is using her platform to cultivate sustainability and social equity through her agribusiness NAHE, LLC

Nicole N'diaye's journey into farming began with a profound realization of the economic potential within the cannabis industry. In 2016, she visited a medical dispensary, spending \$1,000 and recognizing the lucrative opportunities. However, the high barriers to entry for a medical license, including \$225,000 in non-refundable application fees and \$2 million in operational capital, led her to pivot towards hemp and CBD cultivation. By 2018, following a commodity report by Governor Cuomo, Nicole secured a hemp license and partnered with the Amish, shifting her focus



from pharmaceutical-grade medical marijuana to hemp and CBD.

Nicole founded NAHE, LLC in 2018 and the agribusiness manages ten hemp farms under the NAHE Farm brand in rural upstate New York, specializing in

organic practices and local community engagement. The farms cultivate eleven acres of hemp for fiber and CBD oil, emphasizing sustainability and social equity. NAHE Farms' mission is to develop character, strength, and truth in hemp products and address environmental issues by providing reliable natural hemp farming and products for years to come.

Recently, Nicole has expanded her agricultural pursuits to include food production. NAHE, LLC is now exploring the cultivation of a



variety of crops to enhance food security and provide fresh, locally-grown produce to communities. This new venture aligns with Nicole's dedication to social equity, aiming to address food deserts and improve access to nutritious food in underserved areas.

Looking ahead, Nicole's vision for NAHE, LLC includes building a robust food production system that complements their existing hemp operations. She plans to leverage the farm's sustainable practices to grow organic fruits and vegetables, ensuring high-quality produce for local markets.

Furthermore, Nicole's commitment to community empowerment is evident through NAHE, LLC's various programs, including an impact reparation initiative for incarcerated youth and a recycling program. Additionally, Nicole is collaborating with local schools and community organizations to create



## Agripreneur Spotlight

educational programs that teach urban agriculture and healthy eating habits.



Nicole's passion for education extends beyond farming. She is developing a three-week introductory agricultural course to teach virtually at a trade school in Hampton, VA. This course aims to inspire the next generation of farmers and

agripreneurs, emphasizing the importance of sustainable and equitable farming practices.

Nicole N'diaye's dedication to farming, community engagement, and industry advocacy marks her as a prominent agripreneur, continuously striving to innovate and uplift through her work with NAHE, LLC.

**To learn more about NAHE Farms, please visit [www.naheus.com](http://www.naheus.com).**



## Upcoming Events

## Webinars and Live Events

Freedmen Heirs Foundation (FHF), Foundation for Food & Agriculture Research (FFAR), and Resources for the Future (RFF) are collaborating to conduct a webinar series — **Assessing Opportunities and Barriers for Minority Producers Transitioning to Climate-Smart and Regenerative Agriculture Programs** — and an in-person convening event in early 2025.

This webinar series and in-person convening will be guided by community insights and will be used to shape a research framework as well as the creation of resources that enhance the impact of climate-smart agriculture investments for minority farmers.

The next webinar will be on **Friday, August 9, 2024, at 1:00 pm EST**. This session will provide an overview of the science as it relates to soil health and economics as well as the opportunities and barriers to increased adoption of regenerative soil health practices.

Click the link below to join the discussion.

[REGISTER HERE](#)

Join us for our next webinar session — **Plowing Forward: Harvesting Heritage and Leveraging Cultural Marketing Magic and Innovation** — on **August 20, 2024, via Zoom at 1:30 pm CST/2:30 pm EST**.

Our guest speaker, Dr. Veronica Womack, Executive Director of the Rural Studies Institute and Founder of the Black Farmers Network, will discuss how strategic cultural marketing can unlock new opportunities for growth and empowerment through strategic approaches.

Don't miss this opportunity to learn how this dynamic connection revitalizes ancestral practices, documents history authentically, and unlocks new opportunities for advancement and expansion.

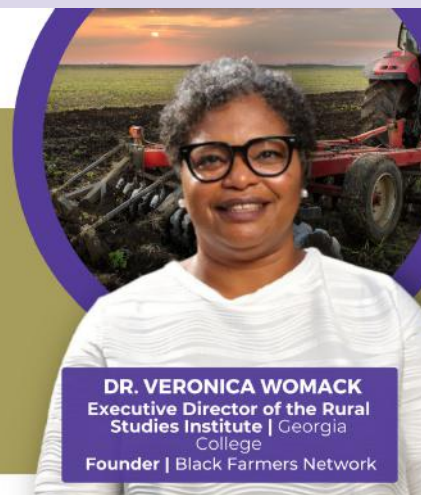
Click the link below to register to attend this thought-provoking discussion.

[REGISTER HERE](#)


## LIVE WEBINAR

**Plowing Forward:  
Harvesting Heritage and  
Leveraging Cultural  
Marketing Magic and  
Innovation**

Held Virtually via Zoom



**DR. VERONICA WOMACK**  
Executive Director of the Rural  
Studies Institute | Georgia  
College  
Founder | Black Farmers Network



## Upcoming Events

# In-person Events

### The Common Market Southeast 2024 Farmer Town Hall Meetings

The Common Market Southeast is hosting its first annual Farmer Town Hall meetings now through August. The purpose of these meetings is to introduce The Common Market to farmers, celebrate the work of the Common Market Southeast partners, share customer reflections, and create an environment that encourages relationship-building between farmers and buyers, public officials, agricultural agencies, and nonprofits.

Click the link below to register.

**REGISTER HERE**

#### 1st Annual Common Market Farmer Town Hall SAVE THE DATE



*Farmers, please join us for one of the following dates from 9:30 a.m.-4 p.m. EST:*

July 10: Ft. Valley State University,  
46 Camp John Hope Road, Ft. Valley, GA

July 17: Georgia Grown Innovation Center,  
25 S. Terrell St., Metter GA

August 1: The Common Market Southeast,  
1050 Oakleigh Dr., East Point, GA

- Gain valuable insights from wholesale sales projections for 2024-2025 & feedback from The Common Market buyer partners.
- Get an overview of GAP Certification.
- Receive introductions to Ag support service providers.

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## In-person Events

### Farmer Stakeholder Meeting

Croatan Institute's Racial Equity, Economics, Finance, and Sustainability (REEFS) Program is hosting its inaugural Farmer Stakeholder meeting on **Thursday, July 25, 2024**, from 12:00 - 4:00 pm ET in Gibsonville, NC. The meeting will feature informative panel discussions, an array of breakout sessions, and on-site technical assistance.

The deadline to secure your spot is **Monday, July 22, 2024**. Click below to learn more and to register for this event.

[LEARN MORE](#)[REGISTER HERE](#)

## Farmer Stakeholder Meeting

Thursday, July 25, 2024

📍 Gibsonville, North Carolina





# In-person Events

## Food Entrepreneur Training Available

Food Entrepreneur Training is available in Georgia! Are you starting a new food business or preparing to launch one? Join the Georgia Manufacturing Extension Partnership's one-day training program tailored for food entrepreneurs in Georgia.

The training sessions focus on improving food safety practices and fostering business development for farmers and food entrepreneurs. The program also encourages networking among industry experts and fellow entrepreneurs. The next in-person session is on **August 7, 2024**.

Click on the link below to learn more.

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## 2024 National Black Grower's Council (NBGC) Model Farm Series



Date	Location	Host	Focus Crops
May 23-24, 2024	Tanner, AL	Darden Bridgeforth and Sons	Corn, Cotton, Soybeans & Wheat
June 6-7, 2024	Pine Bluff, AR	Conyer Farms LLC	Corn, Rice & Soybeans
June 27-28, 2024	Greenville, MS	Smith Farms	Corn & Soybeans
July 25-26, 2024	Bastrop, LA	Armstrong Farms	Corn, Rice & Soybeans
August 29-30, 2024	Montezuma, GA	James Farms	Cotton, Peanuts & Soybeans

For more information go to:

<https://nationalblackgrowerscouncil.com/> or call (202) 641-4197

NBGC Annual Meeting - December 2024– Information coming soon



## In-person Events

### The State of the Soil Conference

Join us in Kentucky this September for a one-of-a-kind experience at the inaugural State of the Soil conference presented by Black Soil KY, which will feature Freedmen Heirs Foundation, The Farmers' Truck, and Farm Credit Mid-America!

Connect with like-minded individuals, attend engaging sessions, and enjoy farm-to-table dining experiences. Let's cultivate change together! The deadline to register to attend this event is **August 25, 2024**.

Click the link below to learn more and to register. Freedmen Heirs Foundation friends and allies will receive \$50 off the Full 3-day registration by using promo code **FHFSOS24**!

[MORE DETAILS](#)[REGISTER HERE](#)



In-person Events

# The State of the Soil Conference Sponsorship Levels

Become a Sponsor and help us amplify the voices of Black farmers and promote a more equitable agriculture sector.



\$1,000 | Seed

- Recognition on event website and social media
- Inclusion in event program

\$5,000 | Cultivate

- All benefits of Seed Sponsor
- Logo placement on event signage
- One complimentary ticket to the event

\$10,000 | Harvest

- All benefits of Cultivate Sponsor
- Logo placement on promotional materials
- Verbal recognition during the event
- Two complimentary tickets to the event

\$15,000 | Sustain

- All benefits of Harvest Sponsor
- Prominent logo placement on event materials
- Opportunity to distribute promotional items
- Three complimentary tickets to the event

\$20,000 | Legacy

- All benefits of Sustain Sponsor
- Exclusive logo placement on main stage
- Recognition as a presenting sponsor in press releases
- Five complimentary tickets to the event



## In-person Events

### Esther Manor Farm-to-Table Experience

Join Esther Manor Farm on **October 19, 2024**, at **2:00 pm EST**, for an exhilarating afternoon, celebrating African culture through food, fashion, music, and games! Savor a mouthwatering barbecue feast featuring authentic African dishes while enjoying the vibrant beats of Afro-beat music. Feel the pulse of traditional African drums and witness a captivating fashion show. Gather around the bonfire for storytelling sessions, all in support of Esther Manor Farm programs.

Don't miss this unforgettable event celebrating Africa's rich heritage and a worthy cause! Click the link below to register.

**REGISTER HERE**



## Farm - To - Table

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EXPERIENCE

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SATURDAY,  
OCTOBER 19, 2024

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BEAVERDAM, VIRGINIA

RSVP: [INFO@ESTHERMANORFARM.COM](mailto:INFO@ESTHERMANORFARM.COM)



### FARM-TO-TABLE PROGRAM

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**2:00**  
DOORS OPEN  
FOOD + DRINKS BAR

**2:45**  
TRADITIONAL OPENING CEREMONY

**3:00**  
FARM TOUR + PRESENTATION  
PARTNER HIGHLIGHT

**4:00**  
FASHION SHOW

**4:30**  
TRADITIONAL GAMES  
DANCING  
MUSIC

**5:00**  
CLOSING

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MORE INFO: [INFO@ESTHERMANORFARM.COM](mailto:INFO@ESTHERMANORFARM.COM)



## Farmer Resources

# Programs and Reports

Welcome to our Farmer Resources section, a dedicated space to provide you with valuable tools and information. Explore comprehensive reports and programs as well as funding opportunities designed to provide support for a variety of farming projects and initiatives. Additionally, for those seeking to grow their team or find new career paths within the agriculture industry, we've included a section on employment opportunities that span a range of roles and expertise.



## USDA Program Deadlines

Learn more about important dates and deadlines for USDA programs and events.

[LEARN MORE](#)

## 2025 SWCS Emerging Leaders Program

The Soil and Water Conservation Society (SWCS) Emerging Leaders Program is a comprehensive leadership program that aims to develop future conservation leaders through an interdisciplinary approach. This program combines educational modules, mentorship, and practical projects to cultivate resilient professionals. Participants selected for this program will enhance their skills, build connections, and spark a passion necessary to create positive change within their communities.

The deadline to apply is **August 15, 2024**. Read more about the program below.

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## July 2024 Lending Rates

USDA's Farm Service Agency (FSA) provides loans to agricultural producers to help start or expand their farming operations, purchase equipment and storage structures, or meet cash flow needs. Click Explore to view this month's interest rates for loans offered through FSA.

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## Programs and Reports

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### USDA NASS Crop Production Report

This monthly report contains crop production data for the U.S., including acreage, area harvested, and yield. The report also contains a monthly weather summary, a monthly agricultural summary, and an analysis of precipitation and the degree of departure from the normal precipitation map for the month. Click below to view current and archived reports.

[VIEW REPORT](#)

### USDA World Agricultural Supply and Demand Estimates (WASDE) Report

The World Agricultural Supply and Demand Estimates (WASDE) report is prepared and released by the World Agricultural Outlook Board (WAOB). This report is released monthly and provides annual forecasts for supply and use of U.S. and world wheat, rice, coarse grains, oilseeds, and cotton. The report also covers U.S. supply and use of sugar, livestock & meat, poultry, eggs, milk, and dairy products; as well as Mexico's supply and use of sugar. Read July's report by clicking the link below.

[VIEW REPORT](#)

### Secretary of Agriculture Briefings on WASDE and Crop Production Reports

The WASDE and Crop Production briefings can be watched every month beginning at 12:05 pm ET on NASS' Youtube Channel. The briefings will be streamed live just moments after the reports are made public. Click below to watch the most recent briefing.

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## Farmer Resources

# Additional Information

## Our Latest Webinar Is Now Available on YouTube

Last month's webinar — **Enhancing Your Farm's Business Management Practices: The Agribusiness Way™**— is now available on our YouTube Channel. During this session, Darrell Tennie, Chief Executive Officer of the Tennie Agricultural Group, LLC, gave a special presentation that specifically focused on farm business management practices.

Click the link below to view the discussion.

[WATCH NOW](#)

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## Watch Now | Assessing Opportunities and Barriers for Minority Producers - Session 1

Session 1 of the **Assessing Opportunities & Barriers for Minority Producers Transitioning to Climate-Smart & Regenerative Agriculture Programs** webinar series is available for viewing. This webinar aimed to highlight the state of minority producers and the economic opportunities/impacts of climate change and climate-smart/regenerative agriculture investments.

Watch the webinar by clicking the link below.

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## Additional Information

### Georgia Farmers, Ranchers, Forest Landowners

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## Additional Information

The Georgia Heirs Property Law Center (the “Center”) is a not-for-profit law firm that helps low- to moderate-income heirs property owners, nonprofits, and municipalities remediate fractured title, increase equity, and transfer wealth to the next generation.



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LAW CENTER

*Heirs property is the hidden story behind blight, farm loss, natural disaster devastation, and generational poverty in Georgia.*



### Legal Support

The Center offers direct legal services for families, individuals, organizations, and municipalities to resolve heirs property. Services include title audits, heirs determination, probating estates, and title clearing.

### Land Loss Prevention

To prevent heirs property, the Center works with clients to create an estate plan (a last will and testament, advanced directive for health-care, and a financial power of attorney).



### Asset Education

The Center works with nonprofit and governmental partners to provide outreach and education and to help clients develop land and home management plans, qualify for USDA, Disaster Recovery, and other programs.

The total tax-appraised value of  
probable heirs property in Georgia is  
**\$47 billion.**

*Heirs property is the **problem.**  
Clear title is the **solution.***

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## Farmer Resources

# Funding Opportunities

## The Georgia ACRE Collective 2024 Farmer Infrastructure Grants

The Georgia ACRE Collective aims to drive social impact by affecting public health results, enhancing regional economies, and addressing climate change effects. The initiative encourages schools, hospitals, businesses, and other community entities in metro Atlanta to consider factors beyond cost when making wholesale purchases.

The 2024 Georgia ACRE Collective Farmer Infrastructure Grants support this goal by aiding in funding minor on-farm enhancements for qualifying farmers.

The deadline to apply for this grant opportunity is **July 19, 2024**. Click the links below to learn more and to apply.

[LEARN MORE](#)[APPLY](#)

## USDA-FFAR Innovation Challenge: “Nourishing Next Generation Agrifood Breakthroughs”

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) and the Foundation for Food & Agriculture Research (FFAR) are accepting research proposals to support projects aimed at fostering innovations that merge human health, climate-smart agriculture, and social justice, equity, and opportunity to enhance nutrition security.

The deadline to submit applications is **July 29, 2024 at 5:00 pm EST**. Click the link below for more information.

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## Funding Opportunities

### Southern SARE Education Grant

Proposals for the Southern SARE Education grant are being accepted. These grants allow non-profit organizations to implement sustainable agriculture initiatives that are not rooted in research. Proposals should focus on areas that align with Southern SARE's program goals and must meet the basic requirements in order to be considered for funding.

The deadline to submit applications is **August 2, 2024 at 12:00 p.m. EST.**

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### Black Farmer Fund Rapid Response Fund

Funding is available for Black farmers and food business owners in the Northeast who experience acute emergencies that hinder their normal operations. This fund intends to provide direct financial assistance quicker than traditional funding options.

For more information, click the links below.

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### Harvest for Health Breakthrough Crop Challenge

FFAR in partnership with the Global Alliance for Improved Nutrition (GAIN) introduced the Harvest for Health Initiative. This initiative aims to speed up the growth of underutilized crops, enhancing food diversity in the market. To encourage more private sector funding in the development of underutilized crops, Harvest for Health is initiating the Breakthrough Crop Challenge. This challenge focuses on creating a predictive model to evaluate underutilized crops for their potential as sources of functional ingredients or nutrients.

Applications are open now through **August 7, 2024.** To learn more about this opportunity, click the link below.

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## Funding Opportunities

### West Michigan Young Farmers Coalition Farmer of Color Land Fund

Applications are now being accepted for the West Michigan Farmer of Color Land Fund. The goal of this fund is to address past generational injustices by empowering the creation and expansion of BIPOC-owned green growing spaces in urban and rural settings of West Michigan.

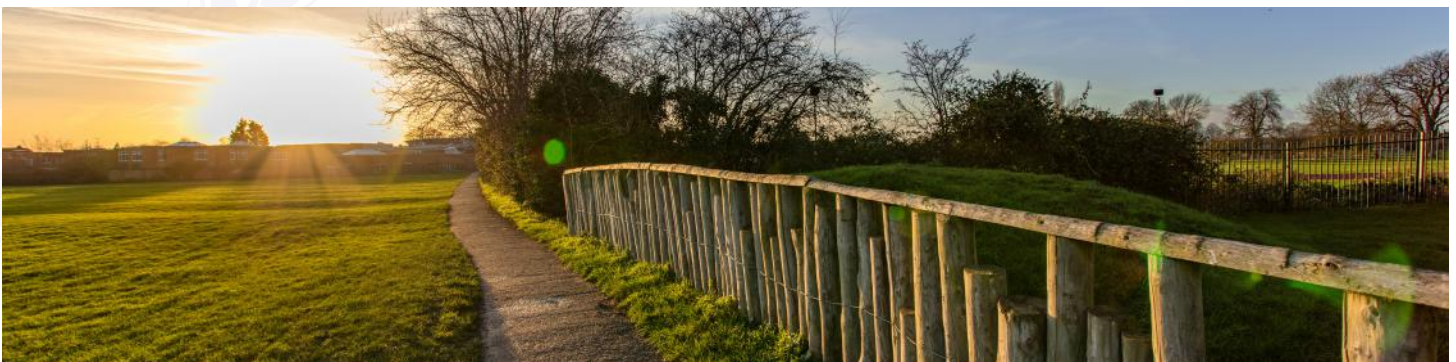
The deadline to apply is **October 31, 2024**. For more information about this funding opportunity, click below.

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### Farm and Food Workers Relief Program

The Farm and Food Workers Relief Program (FFWR) aims to cover expenses for essential personal, family, or living costs linked to the COVID-19 pandemic. This includes but is not limited to, expenses accrued for the purchase of personal protective equipment (PPE), dependent care, as well as costs related to quarantines and testing.

Additional information can be found by clicking on the link below.

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## Funding Opportunities

### USDA Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS)

The U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS) plays a crucial role in enhancing both domestic and international opportunities for U.S. growers and producers. By collaborating with a diverse range of organizations, AMS extends its support to rural America and the broader agricultural sector, through the creation of programs designed to meet specific needs within the agricultural sector.

Please note that grant opportunities are available throughout the year with varying deadlines. Click Explore to see the full list of opportunities and which program(s) align with your needs. Select the program you wish to learn more about to view details that include the grant opportunity deadline.

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Farmer Resources

# Employment Opportunities

## The Center for Heirs' Property Preservation

The Center for Heirs' Property Preservation is currently looking to fill several positions within their organization. Click the link below to learn about the job opportunities available and to apply.

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## American Soybean Association

The American Soybean Association (ASA) is seeking a State and Industry Relations Manager to join their team. In this role, the State and Industry relations manager will help ASA grow their relationships with corporate stakeholders, manage programs, and strengthen state relationships.

Click below to see the full job announcement and to apply.

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## Sustainable Agriculture and Food Systems Funders

Sustainable Agriculture and Food Systems Funders (SAFSF) are searching for a Program Director to join their team. The Program Director will be responsible for overseeing the development, coordination, and management of all program components, which involve creating, arranging, and implementing both an annual program plan and an annual in-person Forum.

To learn more about this position, click below.

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## Croatan Institute

The Croatan Institute is currently recruiting for multiple positions within their team. Click the link to view available positions and submit your application.

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## Employment Opportunities

### American Farmland Trust

American Farmland Trust is hiring a Deputy Director of Climate & Soil Health. The Deputy Director will oversee internal operations, program planning, communications, financial spend down, and staff development. They will also play a role in defining the division's programmatic growth strategy and annual work plans to ensure project outcomes and budgeted targets are met. Click the link below to learn more about this opportunity.

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### The Nature Conservancy

The Nature Conservancy is seeking to fill several national and global positions. Whether you're passionate about conservation, environmental science, or sustainable development, there's a role that could be the perfect fit for your skills and aspirations.

Explore the opportunities by clicking the link below.

[LEARN MORE](#)

## Do You Have Resources or Information You Would Like to Share?

If you wish to contribute an event, program, funding or employment opportunity, please email us with your resources at [info@freedmenheirs.org](mailto:info@freedmenheirs.org).

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