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## Climate-Smart Commodities

# American Farmland Trust invites experienced regenerative ranchers to apply for the Grazing Mentor Network (GMN)

We're excited to announce that American Farmland Trust is now accepting applications for experienced regenerative ranchers to join the Grazing Mentor Network (GMN) as paid mentors! This program is a unique opportunity for you to share your expertise and support ranchers in Georgia, Alabama, Mississippi, Pennsylvania, Virginia, and Maryland who are eager to adopt regenerative grazing practices.

### Why Become a Mentor?

As a Grazing Network mentor, you'll have the opportunity to:

- **Support Other Producers**  
Many minority farmers are key players in local food systems, growing food for their communities. Farm bill provisions that support urban agriculture, farmers' markets, and community-supported agriculture (CSA) programs can bolster these efforts while creating opportunities for minority farmers to access new markets.
- **Expand Your Knowledge**  
Gain a deeper understanding of regenerative grazing while building relationships with like-minded ranchers.
- **Earn Competitive Compensation**  
Mentors are paid for their work, with the potential to earn up to \$15,600 over three years through direct mentoring, plus receive additional free training, access to livestock management software, and free-soil sample analysis.

- **Drive Resilient Practices**

Be part of a larger network of regenerative ranchers, exchanging ideas and strategies to build resilient, climate-smart ranching practices.



This initiative, part of a USDA Climate-Smart Commodities grant, focuses on empowering small-scale, historically underserved beef producers by expanding market drivers, grassroots support, and a network of early adopter mentors across Georgia, Alabama, Mississippi, Pennsylvania, Virginia, and Maryland.

### Interested in becoming a mentor?

If you are interested in becoming a mentor, please click [here](#) to complete your application. For questions, contact Richard Watson, AFT's Grazing Mentor Network Manager, at [rwatson@farmland.org](mailto:rwatson@farmland.org).

*This project is funded by United States Department of Agriculture Partnerships for Climate-Smart Commodities. Award Identifying number: NR243A750004G002. USDA is an equal opportunity provider, employer and lender.*

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### Miller Farm: A Story of Passion, Pride, and Produce

Meet Susan Miller, a devoted third-generation farmer and co-owner of Miller Farm in Lincoln County, Kentucky (KY). Susan, alongside her family, continues to uphold a rich tradition of growing fresh produce for the local community.

Farming has been a longtime passion for Susan, a third-generation farmer and co-owner of Miller Farm, a 4.5-acre farm located in Lincoln County, KY. As a child, Susan and her siblings would pick the produce her father grew on their 15-acre farm to fulfill canning company contracts. Now, Susan is keeping her family's legacy alive, with the help of her husband George, and their two daughters. Miller Farm specializes in growing a variety of fresh produce, including beans, potatoes, corn, tomatoes, squash, onions, cabbage, cantaloupe, watermelons, and sweet potatoes using black plastic irrigation and high tunnels.



In 2014, the Miller family was named the Small/Limited Resource Producer of the Year at Kentucky State University's Small Farm Conference. Additionally in 2022, Kentucky Farm Bureau accepted Miller Farm into their Certified Farm

Market Program. Currently, Miller Farm provides fresh produce for CSA baskets and sells its produce at the Lincoln County Farmers Market and on their farming operation.

In addition to being a farmer, Susan is also a family resource center coordinator in the Lincoln County school system with plans to retire soon. She believes in giving back to the community and also serves in several advisory and leadership roles in Lincoln County. Susan is currently a board member for Blue Grass

Community Action, Habitat for Humanity, Kentucky Vegetable Growers Association, and Lincoln County Extension District. She is also a State Extension Advisory Council member, Lincoln County Farm Service Agency state committee advisor, Lincoln County 4-H treasurer, and President of Lincoln County Farmers Market.



**To learn more about Miller Farm, follow them on social media at [@susanmiller1939](https://www.instagram.com/susanmiller1939) on Instagram, Susan Miller on Facebook, or send an email to [susanmiller40@hotmail.com](mailto:susanmiller40@hotmail.com).**

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# Upholding Generational Legacy through Advocacy and Entrepreneurship

Read below on how Patrick Brown maintains Brown Family Farms, a farming operation that's been in his family for over a century while assisting new and beginning farmers with their operations

Patrick Brown is a fourth-generation farmer and entrepreneur who grew up on his family farm in southeastern Warren County, North Carolina (NC). Brown Family Farms was established by Patrick's great-grandfather in the late 1800s. Patrick learned how to cultivate tobacco, soybeans, and wheat alongside his father, who was a third-generation farmer. His father taught him everything he knew about farming, specifically food sovereignty. Today, Patrick continues to farm on land that his family has owned for generations.



The Brown Family Farms' mission is to provide customers with natural, holistic, and carbon-neutral products, such as industrial hemp, natural herbs, and

organic vegetables. Patrick not only cultivates and operates the farm but also has a license to process all of his products. The farm uses a vertically integrated operation that allows for the creation, processing, and distribution of products from the farm and online through the farm's sister website, Hempfinity.

Patrick has been featured at various conferences, on podcasts, and in magazines; specifically the National Black Farmers Association Conference, The Black Equity Network, and *Business View Magazine*. Patrick and his farm were also featured in a short film (*Legacy Regenerated*) produced by Patagonia Films.

Patrick constantly advocates for diversity in agriculture, especially for Black, Indigenous, and People of Color (BIPOC). He is

the Director of Farmer Inclusion for Nature For Justice, a non-profit 501(c)(3). Patrick also teaches future farmers how to start regenerative and sustainable farming operations through his consulting company, The Connect Group NC LLC. In January 2023, Patrick's company was hired as a partner by the Rodale Institute to provide technical assistance on regenerative agriculture practices for the USDA Climate-Smart Commodities initiative throughout selected states in the Southeast.



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& PRODUCE**



**To learn more, visit Brown Family Farm, Hempfinity, The Connect Group LLC, and Nature for Justice.**

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# Esther Manor Farm: A Symbol of Hope and Resilience in the Heart of Virginia's Countryside

Learn of Dr. Patience Fielding's journey to bringing authentic African produce and community fellowship to Beaverdam, VA

Nestled in Beaverdam, Virginia, Esther Manor Farm stands as a beacon of resilience, hope and healing forged amidst the trials of the global COVID-19 pandemic and the racial reckonings in 2020. Founded by Dr. Patience Fielding, a Cameroon-born, African-American woman, Esther Manor farm embodies a rich tapestry of tradition, sustainability, and community.

Amidst the chaos of shutdowns and food shortages, Dr. Fielding found solace in the rolling fields of rural Virginia, reminiscent of her childhood on her grandmother's farm in Bali, Cameroon. There, she grew up with the



art of herbalism and savored the flavors of nutrient-rich local cuisine. Her grandmother had remedies for several illnesses, which included boiling lemongrass to soothe fevers, creating mixtures of papaya and guava leaves to relieve constipation,

and preparing "mayanga" oil out of palm nuts to use as a body moisturizer. Dr. Fielding vividly remembers eating some of her grandmother's favorite African dishes, which were filled with fiber and antioxidants and provided the nutrients needed for one's growing body to flourish.

Esther Manor Farm's mission is to provide healthy and nutritious produce to the community and create an all-inclusive culture steeped in community fellowship and farming. Fueled by memories of her grandmother's remedies and dishes, Dr. Fielding embarked



on a mission to grow nutrient-rich foods, create a space for healing, and facilitate a hub of cross-cultural interaction where visitors can not only savor locally grown produce but also partake in the rich tapestry of traditions that define African agriculture.



Thus, Esther Manor Farm was born, as a testament to Dr. Fielding's vision of fostering not only healthy eating but also cultural

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exchange. Specializing in crops like Bitter Leaf, Njama Njama, and Waterleaf, the farm not only cultivates sustenance but also nurtures sustainable farming practices.

Esther Manor Farm upholds ancestral knowledge by preserving the lessons taught by both Dr Fielding's grandmother and mother. Each practice, from seed selection to harvest rituals, embodies the wisdom passed down through generations, fostering a deep connection to the land. By honoring this heritage, Esther Manor Farm not only sustains its agricultural productivity but also cultivates a profound respect for the wisdom of those who came before.

In addition to its agricultural endeavors, Esther Manor Farm serves as a cultural epicenter, hosting an annual farm-to-table event every fall that celebrates the fusion of

immersed in the rich tapestry of familial lore, fostering a deep appreciation for the farm's heritage and its enduring legacy.

Furthermore, Esther Manor Farm's commitment to health extends beyond the plate. A research study conducted by the National Institute of Health has highlighted the farm's Bitter Leaf for its demonstrated anti-cancer and anti-diabetes properties, adding another layer of significance to the farm's mission. Dr Fielding's grandmother thrived on a diet of fufu, njama njama, bitterleaf, okra, jute leaves enjoying robust health throughout her long life—a testament to the nutritional richness of these staple crops. Her daily consumption exemplifies the profound nourishment provided by these nutrient-dense foods, underscoring their significance in sustaining vitality and well-being.



In a world fraught with uncertainty, Esther Manor Farm stands tall as a beacon of resilience, unity, and unwavering hope. Dr. Patience Fielding's transformative journey from adversity to abundance not only inspires but also embodies the farm's ethos of using food and farming to build community resilience. Through her visionary leadership and the farm's commitment to fostering connections, Esther Manor Farm illuminates a path toward a brighter, more inclusive future for all.

of African and American cuisine and cultures. This event showcases the rich traditions and customs of Africa, offering guests a sensory journey through the flavors and heritage that define Dr. Fielding's vision. The farm-to-table event culminates in a nostalgic storytelling session around the crackling bonfire, reminiscent of Dr. Fielding's cherished childhood evenings preparing food with her grandmother. As the stories unfold under the starlit sky, attendees find themselves

**To learn more about Esther Manor Farm, please visit [www.esthermanorfarm.com](http://www.esthermanorfarm.com) or follow them on [Instagram](#) and [Facebook](#).**

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# 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

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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).**



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### Empowering Communities Through Agriculture

Read below on how Charles Greenlea, founder of ECO-PARADIGM, LLC, is combining his love for people and nature to support healthy communities in Georgia and Alabama

Charles Greenlea's roots run deep in Georgia's red clay soils. A multigenerational resident of Atlanta, and the descendant of a long line of growers, educators, entrepreneurs, and organizers, Charles is positioned to serve his community in a unique way. In 2019, he founded ECO-PARADIGM (EP), LLC in Metro Atlanta's agricultural ecosystem in an effort to help bring balance between ecology and economics for communities of color.

Charles loves people and nature and sees the work he does as an opportunity to support others in sustaining themselves and their communities through land stewardship. He currently sits on the board of [Black Sustainability, Inc.](#), and is an appointed supervisor for the Fulton County Soil and Water Conservation District. When he's not busy



serving his community, Charles enjoys working on his own family farm in Crawfordville, Georgia (known as G4) alongside his wife, Raina, and their two daughters, Tsehai and Mizan.

ECO-PARADIGM is a social enterprise that supports healthy communities by providing regenerative and reparative agricultural services to aspiring and seasoned growers. Services include consultation, training and education, farm infrastructure, site management, and seasonal labor support.



The enterprise's consulting is centered around finding cost-effective, and environmentally-friendly, system-oriented solutions for their clients. ECO-PARADIGM works in partnership with other social enterprises and non-profit organizations



**Photo description:** EP Crew at Phoenix Gardens, Lawrenceville, GA.

**Photo by:** Tabia-Lisenbee-Parker

within the local landscape to facilitate agribusiness and workforce development training programs for adults and youth.

ECO-PARADIGM installs infrastructure such as greenhouses, high tunnels, rainwater catchment systems, irrigation, fencing, trellises, raised beds, and provides

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### From Law to Harvest

Read below to learn how Jacqueline Alexander, JD., a lawyer and farmer, is using innovation to drive sustainable business models

Jacqueline Alexander, J.D. obtained her law degree from Lewis & Clark Law School and currently works as a full-time farmer. She owns and manages Morale Orchards, LLC, a 40-acre pear orchard in Hood River, Oregon. She is also the founder and CEO of Morale Food Co., a start-up value-added food manufacturing company, also located in Hood River. The company specializes in producing freeze-dried and individually quick-frozen (IQF) products for both wholesale and consumer markets. In addition to her professional endeavors, Ms. Alexander is a



highly engaged and busy philanthropist who champions black leadership and disaster relief efforts.

Ms. Alexander has been the owner and operator of Morale Orchards since 2006, when she purchased land her ex-husband's family worked as migrant farm workers in the early 1960s. After taking ownership of the farm, Ms. Alexander has consistently run a profitable operation producing Asian, Bartlett, and D'Anjou pears with yields of over 400 metric tons annually.

In addition to managing the financial and business operations of her orchard, she is a member of the [Fair Food Program](#) with 8 full-time employees and up to 23 seasonal workers.

Ms. Alexander is passionate about diversity and inclusion for minorities and received the



Northwest Mountain Minority Supplier Development Council's 2017 Supplier of the Year Award. She was also acknowledged as one of the top 50 Black-owned businesses in the Portland, Oregon area according to the Portland Business Journal.

Ms. Alexander's commitment to building and providing sustainable business models for growers was initiated after learning first-hand the impacts agricultural food waste can have on the bottom line of her orchard.



In 2015, she focused on transforming farm "cull", imperfect produce that cannot be taken directly to markets, into value-added food products.

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Her company's initial venture is a freeze-drying manufacturing facility — The Puff Factory, Hood River. This facility prepares and processes freeze-dried products for both wholesale and retail markets. Know Your Fruit, a single-origin, freeze-dried fruit snack brand was born from this initiative. The brand uses locally grown fruit to create its products. Ms. Alexander is paving new ways to monetize valuable produce that had previously been designated as food waste and is in discussions with other groups about replicating her scalable and repeatable model for financial and business innovation.



In addition to her professional and entrepreneurial activities, Ms. Alexander and her family have made significant contributions to various organizations, including endowing the Lewis & Clark Law School's annual MLK-speaker series and being the lead donor for Lewis & Clark College's York Memorial, raised in honor of the African American slave who accompanied the school's namesake expedition. Additionally, Ms. Alexander is on the board of SBP — formerly the St. Bernard Project — a disaster recovery nonprofit that started after Hurricane Katrina. She is a member of several food industry associations, including serving on the board of the Upcycled Food Association, a non-profit leveraging market forces to prevent food

waste, as well as a member of the Oregon State Business Council's Food and Beverage Task Force.



**To learn more about Morale Orchards and Know Your Fruit, follow them on Facebook and Instagram or visit [www.knowyourfruit.com](http://www.knowyourfruit.com).**

**Click [here](#) to view "Expressions In Black: Episode 5," where Jacqueline shares detailed insight into her journey.**

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### Reviving a Legacy

Read below on Kendrick Ransome's journey to sustain Black agricultural traditions within his North Carolina community

Kendrick Ransome stands as a beacon of perseverance and tradition in the agricultural sector. As a fourth-generation farmer, Kendrick has taken up the mantle on his family's North Carolina land—a plot first cultivated by his great-grandfather in the early 1900s. This land, which once thrived with livestock, tobacco, and an array of fruits and vegetables, symbolizes more than just agricultural productivity; it represents a rich family heritage and legacy of Black farming resilience in the face of systemic barriers. The original farming activities faced significant



challenges after his great-grandfather's era, leading to much of the land being leased out. However, the essence of self reliance and sustainability never faded.

In 2017, Kendrick reignited his great-grandfather's legacy

with the establishment of Golden Organic Farm. The farm was created not only to produce crops, but to represent the enduring strength of Black agricultural traditions, grounded in sustainable practices.

While the term "organic" now carries specific regulatory meanings, the decision to use it reflects a deeper connection to the ancestral ways of farming that have long been a part of Kendrick's family lineage. Golden Organic Farm's mission is to maintain these traditions, enrich the soil, and ensure the land, rich in history, continues to benefit both the community and future generations. The farm specializes in producing pasture-raised pork and is directly connected to fresh whole

foods. Golden Organic Farm currently offers seeded watermelon and watermelon juice as well as direct-to-customer meat boxes and CSAs.



Kendrick's passion extends beyond farming to youth and community development. He is actively working with local schools, municipalities, and grassroots organizations in North Carolina to integrate farming education into community-focused programs. Kendrick believes it is crucial, particularly for young Black students, to see themselves as leaders in agriculture. He envisions Golden Organic Farm growing into an agricultural incubator for young BIPOC and minority farmers where together, the community cultivates crops and a new generation of land stewards.



**To learn more about Golden Organic Farm, please visit [www.goldenorganicfarm.com](http://www.goldenorganicfarm.com) or follow them on [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#).**

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### From Investment Banking to Agrarian Leadership

Read Dr. Cindy Ayers-Elliott's impactful journey of empowering communities through agriculture and education

Dr. Cindy Ayers-Elliott is the Chief Executive Officer and co-owner of a 68-acre farm and agricultural enterprise in Jackson, Mississippi. Recognized as a distinguished contributor to agriculture, community development, and education, she is affectionately known as “The Agrarian Evangelist”.

Before her agricultural journey, Dr. Cindy held a successful career as an investment banker in New York. She decided to move back to her home state of Mississippi, trading her high heels for sturdy work boots. In 2010, she



began operating Foot Print Farms, Mississippi's largest urban farm dedicated to growing a variety of fruits and vegetables. The farm also raises meat goats and cattle. Foot Print Farm's mission is to grow not only healthy food but also provide youth

outreach opportunities and educate the community about agriculture through agri-tourism. Additionally, Dr. Cindy is the President and Principal CEO of the organization T.I.M.E. —To Improve Mississippi Economics — which provides hands-on training and education to underserved communities.

Dr. Cindy collaborates closely with the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) in partnership with the Farm Service Agency's (FSA) National Urban Agriculture Program (NuAg) and the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP). She is also Risk Management Agency's (RMA)

first-appointed Outreach Ambassador. As Ambassador, Dr. Cindy educates producers in underserved communities on farm business structure, record keeping, and risk management tools.

Her collaborative work also includes contributing to NRCS Racial Equality and serving as an outreach educator for the W.K. Kellogg Foundation MS Ag Innovation Center.



**Photo description:** Dr. Cindy's organization, T.I.M.E., is committed to transforming lives through sustainable farming practices, economic development, and community empowerment.

Dr. Cindy strongly believes that planting seeds in the earth yields fresh vegetables, however, planting seeds in the minds of young people cultivates a new universe of scholars. With her background in finance and experience working with government agencies, she has successfully broken through mountains of red tape and helped make a difference for the disenfranchised in Mississippi.

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**Photo description:** Dr. Cindy is the first USDA Outreach Ambassador for the Risk Management Agency (RMA).

A catalyst for change, Dr. Cindy has received numerous honors and awards, including the 2024 Women United Excellence Award from United Way and being named USA Today's 2023 Women of the Year honoree for Mississippi. In 2022, she was featured as GOOGLE's Hero of Small Business and named 2021 Farmer of the Year by the Mississippi Association of Cooperatives. She was also featured in the HULU docuseries "Searching for Soul Food", Episode 1 entitled "Mississippi", released in June 2023. Additional honors include *Mississippi Business Journal's* Top 50 Businesswomen in Mississippi, Who's Who Among Black Americans, Outstanding Minority Business of Central Mississippi from the Mississippi Minority Business Alliance, Inc., and Women for Progress of Mississippi awardee.

Her commitment to education extends to her efforts in establishing the 2nd Freedom School Summer Program in Washington County, Mississippi. She is also a proud member of the George Washington Carver Future Scientist of America 4-H Club and recently received the Women Entrepreneurs Award from the Jackson State University College of Business. In 2014, she was elected

chairman of the Hinds County Soil and Water Conservation District and is an active member of the Hinds County Board of Commissioners.

Dr. Cindy takes immense pride in her Alma Mater, "Thee" Jackson State University, where she earned her Ph.D. Her signature color combination, pink and green, are the colors of her beloved sorority, Alpha Kappa Alpha, Inc. However, pink also represents her role as a female farmer and green symbolizes the earth and the bounty it produces. She is a proud, loving mother to sons LaGrand and Eric Elliott and a doting grandmother to Christian, Erica, Zoe, and Skylar Elliott. Dr. Cindy's life and career embody a legacy of service, innovation, and dedication to improving her community and the broader agricultural landscape.



**Photo description:** Images from Footprint Farms

**To learn more about Footprint Farms and T.I.M.E., please visit [www.footprintfarmsms.com](http://www.footprintfarmsms.com) and [www.toimprovems.org](http://www.toimprovems.org). You can also follow Foot Print Farms on [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#).**

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### 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**
- **Rice**
- **Soybean**
- **Yellow Field Peas**
- **Wheat**
- **Specialty Grains**



#### Motto

Sustainability-Driven  
Agriculture

#### Business Hours

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

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

## Upcoming Events

# In-person Events

### 2025 The State of the Soil Conference

Mark your calendars for the 2nd Annual State of Soil Conference, hosted by Black Soil KY. The conference is scheduled for September 7-10, 2025, in Lexington, Kentucky. Registration is currently open and will remain available until August 25, 2025. To secure your seat, please click the link below.

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## 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.

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## Farmers.gov | Local DashBoard

Click below to find your state and view local data and USDA resources.

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## AgPlan

Click below to explore this free resource created by the Center for Farm Financial Management at the University of Minnesota.

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## December 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.

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### 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 Decemeber's report by clicking the link below.

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### 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 are 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 Webinars Are Now Available on YouTube

Our latest webinars are now available on our YouTube Channel.

During our November webinar **"From the Soil Up: Making the Case for Regenerative Agriculture,"** our guest speaker, Dr. Timothy Bradford, Jr., Director of Strategic Partnerships at Vayda, uncovered soil health's emerging role in agricultural production and how cover crops can unlock your field's potential. This session also explored the science behind how regenerative agriculture influences healthy soils while addressing common challenges like compaction, nutrient management, cover cropping, and erosion. We also discovered practical strategies for implementing cover crops and other conservation practices to improve soil structure, increase organic matter, and decrease inputs. Click below to watch the discussion.

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In our December webinar titled **"Wholesale Opportunities at Procurement Companies,"** our guest speaker, Lynn Gorsuch, Category Development Manager for Supplier Diversity & Sustainability at Foodbuy, offered valuable insights on how farmers can access wholesale food opportunities with procurement companies and Group Purchasing Organizations (GPOs). Lynn also shared practical steps to assist farmers in navigating this market. Watch the presentation below.

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## Additional Information

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### Assessing Opportunities and Barriers for Minority Producers - Session 4 Available for Viewing

Session 4 of the **Assessing Opportunities & Barriers for Minority Producers Transitioning to Climate-Smart & Regenerative Agriculture Programs** webinar series is available for viewing. This session highlighted the cost benefit analysis and economic discussion of the real cost for minority farmers to transition to climate-smart practices. Watch the webinar by clicking the link below.

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