



2021 BFRDP Project Director Meeting

October 26 – 27, 2021

2 – 5 p.m. ET

Tuesday, October 26

Day one zoom: <https://z.umn.edu/BFRDP-Day1>

2pm ET: Welcome & comments

- Carrie Castille, Director (USDA-NIFA)
- Deb Hamernik, Deputy Director (Institute of Food Production and Sustainability, USDA-NIFA)
- Kevin Kephart, Deputy Director (Institute of Bioenergy, Climate and the Environment, USDA-NIFA)
- Shafiqur Rahman, Division Director (Ag Systems, USDA-NIFA)
- Dr. Venu (Kal) Kalavacharla, Deputy Director (Institute of Youth, Family and Community, USDA-NIFA)
- Keith Harris, DFCS Acting Division Director (USDA-NIFA)
- Kenya Nicholas, Project Director (2501 Program, USDA)
- Crystal Kyle, National Program Leader (Beginning Farmer and Rancher Development Program, USDA-NIFA)
- Denis Ebodaghe, National Program Leader (Beginning Farmer and Rancher Development Program, USDA-NIFA)

2:20 ET: Keynote: Mitigating Structural Impediments and Challenges Affecting Small and Medium Sized Beginning, Social Disadvantaged, Veteran, Women Tenant and Limited Resource Farmers and Ranchers in the Delta and Southern States.

Samuel Scott, North-South Institute

3:05 ET: Break

3:20 ET: Concurrent Session #1

Concurrent #1A: Developing visually-based resources for refugee and other beginning farmers,

Hugh Joseph, Katie Painter, ISED Solutions

<https://z.umn.edu/BFRDP-1A>

Concurrent #1B: Beginning Farmer Training in Central Wyoming - Our Pilot Year,

Joanne Slingerland, Ethan Page, Central Wyoming College

<https://z.umn.edu/BFRDP-1B>

Concurrent #1C: Entrepreneurship and Marketing Capacity Building to Access Specialty and High-Value Markets among Latino Farmers in Missouri and Nebraska,
Eleazar Gonzalez, Lincoln University Cooperative Extension
<https://z.umn.edu/BFRDP-1C>

3:40 ET: Concurrent #2

Concurrent #2A: Growing Local: Urban and Innovative Farming in New Orleans
Marianne Cufone, Recirculating Farms
<https://z.umn.edu/BFRDP-2A>

Concurrent #2B: Good Bones: Building infrastructure through adaptation,
Lynn Gregory, Anne Fanatico Appalachian State University - Boone, NC
<https://z.umn.edu/BFRDP-2B>

Concurrent #2C: Latino Immigrant Farmworkers Transition to Organic Farming Futures (LIFT-OFF),
Nathan Harkleroad, Agriculture and Land-Based Training Association (ALBA)
<https://z.umn.edu/BFRDP-2C>

4:00 ET: Break

4:15 ET: 2018 BFRDP Enhancement Teams Panel
<https://z.umn.edu/BFRDP-Day1>

BFRDP Farm Financial Management Resource,
Curtis Mahnken, Center for Farm Financial Management, University of Minnesota

Energy Answers,
Dan Ciolkosz, Penn State University

The Courage to Lead: Native BFR in Indian Country will Provide Us the Future We Seek,
Erin Parker, Indigenous Food and Agriculture Initiative, University of Arkansas School of Law

5:00 ET: Adjourn

Wednesday, October 27

Day two zoom: <https://z.umn.edu/BFRDP-Day2>

2pm ET: What is Farm Answers and what is the BFRDP Clearinghouse?

Bob Craven, BFRDP Clearinghouse, Center for Farm Financial Management
Curtis Mahnken, BFRDP Clearinghouse, Center for Farm Financial Management
Jeff Reisdorfer, BFRDP Clearinghouse, Center for Farm Financial Management

2:15 ET: Concurrent #3

Concurrent #3A: Organic Seed Production Trainings: Curriculum, Internships, and Training Intensives,

Micaela Colley, Natalia Pinzon, Amber McConnon, Organic Seed Alliance

<https://z.umn.edu/BFRDP-3A>

Concurrent #3B: Utilizing Survey Models to Document Impacts for BFRDP Programs,

Krista Ehlert, Ken Olson, Stacy Hadrick, South Dakota State University

<https://z.umn.edu/BFRDP-3B>

2:35 ET: Break

2:45 ET: USDA Programs for Beginning Farmers Panel

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USDA Beginning Farmer Program

Sarah Campbell, USDA BFR Coordinator

Natural Resources Conversation Service

Ron Harris, Director of Outreach and Partnerships Division, USDA/NRCS

Value Added Producer Grants, USDA Rural Development

Gregory York, Management and Program Analyst, Direct Programs Branch, USDA-Rural Development

Mike Daniels, Direct Programs Branch, USDA-Rural Development

Amy Cavanaugh, Chief, Direct Programs Branch, USDA-Rural Development

2501 Program, USDA Office of Partnerships and Public Engagement

Kenya Nicholas, Project Director, 2501 Program, Office of the Secretary

Farm Service Agency

Amanda Robertson, FSA Regional BFR Coordinator, Farm Service Agency

4:05 ET: Break

4:15 ET: Keynote

Jim Hafner, Land for Good

5:00 ET Adjourn

*Schedule subject to change