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Letter from the President

Celebrating Our Local Farmers and the New Spring Season

Dear Community Members,

As we welcome the new season, I am excited to highlight the incredible dedication and financial investment our urban and micro-small farmers are making. This time of year, marks a high point for planting and crop production, and these hardworking individuals play a vital role in ensuring our local supply of healthy, fresh food. Their efforts not only bring vibrant produce to our tables, but they also strengthen the farm-to-table movement that connects us all.

The prosperity of our community is largely attributed to the dedication of local farmers. Supporting local agriculture through farmers markets, direct transactions, or local farm stands constitutes an investment in public health, economic stability, and regional sustainability. Continuing to advocate for these indispensable contributors will foster ongoing positive development in our area.

In addition to supplying fresh and nutritious food, local farmers implement conservation-focused production practices that safeguard natural resources and foster biodiversity. Many utilize crop rotation, effective water management, and soil health strategies to sustain productive farmland and minimize environmental impact. Adherence to recognized agricultural production and management standards ensures both food safety and quality throughout the supply chain. By practicing responsible land stewardship and sustainable techniques, these farmers contribute to the preservation of agricultural resources for future generations while consistently delivering high-quality produce to the community.

Thank you for your ongoing support. Here is to a fruitful and prosperous season for all!

Sincerely,

Dr. Calvin R. King

TALK OF THE LAND

Former Educator Applies Teaching Principles to Sustainable Agriculture: The Inspiring Journey of Joseph Taylor

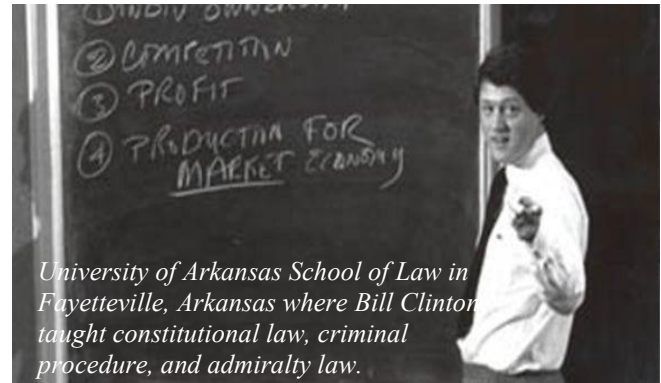
Joseph Taylor, an experienced educator, dedicated his career to teaching high school students within the Pulaski County and North Pulaski School Districts. He consistently exhibited respect for all students and encouraged them to pursue academic excellence. Mr. Taylor highlighted the value of self-investment, emphasizing that such commitment would yield substantial benefits in their future careers and support both professional success and personal satisfaction.



Joseph and Dorothy Taylor have been married for fifty-seven years and are the parents of Joseph Taylor III and Anthony. Mr. Taylor graduated from Harris High School in McAlmont, Arkansas, as a member of the Class of 1959. He served three years in the United States Army and received an honorable discharge in 1962.

In 1969, Mr. Taylor received a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science from Philander Smith College. During this period, he served as a patrolman with the Little Rock Police Department while working toward teacher certification. He subsequently taught at McCellan High School and Cloverdale Junior High School.

Mr. Taylor later earned his Juris Doctor (JD) from the University of Arkansas at Fayetteville, where he studied under Professor Bill Clinton, who would go on to serve as Governor of Arkansas and President of the United States. In 1975, Mr. Taylor and his family returned to Jacksonville, Arkansas, where he joined the faculty at Jacksonville High School as a Social Studies teacher. He remained in that position until his retirement in 2008.



Taylor's experience demonstrates the impact of transferable skills across professions. The commitment he displayed as an educator now informs his approach to agriculture, fostering collaboration between educational principles and farming practices for environmental and community benefit. His adaptability and dedication to continuous learning contribute to sustained achievement, providing a model for others seeking to implement purposeful change in their own pursuits.

In 2011, Mr. Taylor was awarded a \$16,000.00 grant from the United States Department of Agricultural Natural Resource Conservation Service to install an irrigation drip system. Drip systems deliver water and nutrients directly to plant root zones on a frequent but low-volume basis, thereby supporting optimal growth conditions that yield high-quality crops. This process utilizes networks of pipes known as driplines, which are equipped with emitters referred to as drippers that dispense precise amounts of water and nutrients. Mr. Taylor demonstrates consistent dedication and professionalism in his agricultural operations. He commits both

financial resources and personal effort to ensure that his vegetable crops meet stringent quality standards. By adopting conservation practices and implementing crop rotation, Mr. Taylor improves soil health, which is essential for maximizing crop productivity. Furthermore, he minimizes chemical inputs and prioritizes sustainable methods to protect both the environment and the integrity of his produce.

The Taylor family owns three acres of land and leases an additional five acres. Their family farm, located at 12007 E. Valentine Rd, was originally purchased by Mr. Taylor parents during the Korean War in 1924. The family has traditionally raised chickens and cultivated corn to provide feed for their livestock.



Taylor's Lawn Care/Produce Co. specializes in the cultivation of peas, various greens, okra, squash, zucchini, and tomatoes. The company employs agricultural methods grounded in an educational philosophy that fosters growth through perseverance, while emphasizing conservation practices such as comprehensive record keeping, regarded as fundamental. Taylor routinely consults with local specialists, participates in industry workshops, and adopts innovative approaches to enhance productivity and facilitate continuous development on the farm. Through disseminating his expertise and promoting sustainable agricultural practices, Taylor extends his influence well beyond the academic sector, making substantial contributions to the broader community. Clients from neighboring states, including Oklahoma, have commended him for producing the finest greens in Arkansas.



GROWERS AND PRODUCERS: SMALL & URBAN AGRICULTURE INITIATIVES WORKSHOP HIGHLIGHTED PATHWAYS TO PROSPERITY

**Local Workshop Showcases USDA and AR.
State Department of Agricultural Resources for
Economic and Sustainable Growth**



loans tailored to the unique needs of small and urban farmers, ASDA provided resource information on tools designed to support both aspiring and established agricultural entrepreneurs. Throughout the day, participants engaged in interactive sessions led by agricultural experts, who provided practical guidance on leveraging federal and state programs. Attendees also benefited from networking opportunities, connecting with fellow growers and producers to share experiences and best practices.

To cap off the event, ALCDC staff conducted client case intake sessions on-site, ensuring attendees had immediate access to tailored support and follow-up resources. The workshop underscored the importance of collaboration, innovation, and accessible resources in driving prosperity for growers and producers across the region.



Arkansas Land and Community Development convened Growers, producers, and agriculture enthusiasts at the Brinkley Convention Center for a Small & Urban Agriculture Initiatives Workshop, an event dedicated to equipping the community with valuable resources and innovative strategies for economic and sustainable growth. Hosted in collaboration with the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Natural Resources Conservation Services (NRCS), Farm Service Agency (FSA) and the Arkansas State Department of Agriculture (ASDA). The workshop spotlighted a range of NRCS conservation financial programs opportunities, FSA loans and financial programs, and ASDA marketing support for vegetable crops. Key presentations featured the NRCS staff providing educational technical information, emphasizing resource accessibility and best practices for environmental stewardship, highlighting micro-urban farming and conservation financial program opportunities, Farm Service Agency (FSA) provided insights on farm programs and loan opportunities, including direct and micro



Community Economic Development Meeting Offers Education and Training to Growers and Producers in Lewisville, AR

Arkansas Land and Community Development Corporation Hosts Workshop on Small & Urban Agriculture Initiatives

Lewisville, AR – The Arkansas Land and Community Development Corporation (ALCDC) recently convened a Community Economic Development Meeting that emphasized the empowerment of local growers and producers through innovative small-scale and urban agricultural strategies. This workshop assembled farmers, ranchers, and community leaders to examine various resources designed to foster prosperity and sustainable economic advancement.



At the meeting, representatives from the Farm Service Agency (FSA) provided an overview of available farm programs and loan products, including Direct and Micro Loans aimed at supporting small-scale producers in securing necessary funding. Participants were also informed about the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) programs that facilitate micro-urban farming and conservation initiatives, offering expert guidance and resources to individuals interested in urban agriculture.

ALCDC staff reviewed USDA Rural Development (RD) programs, emphasizing a range of available resources such as housing, business development, community facilities, water and sewer infrastructure, internet connectivity, and various grant initiatives. These programs are designed to meet the specific requirements of rural communities and foster local economic development.

The workshop examined strategies for resolving heirs' property issues, offering comprehensive information and resources to assist families in safeguarding and administering inherited land. Furthermore, attendees discussed the advantages of drone technology within agricultural contexts, gaining insight into how drones can improve farming, ranching, and forestry practices while promoting environmental sustainability.

ALCDC staff conducted client case intake during the meeting, enabling systematic follow-up with direct services and facilitating evaluation of the training's effectiveness. By linking growers and producers to essential federal and state resources, the meeting further demonstrated ALCDC's commitment to advancing economic opportunity and promoting sustainable development within Arkansas's rural and urban underserved communities.



Conservation Programs: A Public Benefit That Far Outweighs the Cost

Farmers' Efforts Yield Lasting Value for Communities

Across the United States, conservation programs led by farmers are quietly generating widespread public benefits that significantly outweigh their implementation costs. While these initiatives may require upfront investments and ongoing labor from the agricultural community, the positive outcomes ripple far beyond farm boundaries, touching everything from water quality to soil health in local economies.

At the heart of these programs are practices such as cover cropping, wetland restoration, and reduced chemical use. These efforts help prevent soil erosion, protect drinking water sources, and enhance biodiversity. Cleaner water and healthier soils lead to lower municipal treatment costs and improved public health benefits shared by entire regions, not just individual landowners.

Additionally, conservation programs serve as a buffer against extreme weather events, reducing the risk of costly floods and droughts. By storing carbon in the soil and vegetation, these initiatives also play a role in mitigating climate change impacts, securing a more stable environment for future generations.

Farmers often bear the brunt of implementing these programs, investing time and resources into learning new

methods and maintaining conservation structures. However, the return on this investment is clear: every dollar spent yields multiple dollars in public benefit, from recreational opportunities and wildlife habitat to more resilient rural economies.

The value generated by conservation programs is a testament to the commitment of farmers and the wisdom to support these initiatives. The societal gains clean air and water, thriving ecosystems, and economic resilience demonstrate that the benefits to the public far outweigh the program costs and the dedication required for implementation.

Looking ahead, continued investment in conservation programs promises even greater rewards for society. As public awareness grows and support strengthens, farmers are empowered to expand their efforts, collaborating with local governments and community partners to amplify results. These collective actions not only safeguard natural resources but also foster a sense of stewardship and pride that can be passed down through generations.

Ultimately, the benefits of conservation reach well beyond the fields, enriching the lives of all who depend on clean water, healthy food, and thriving ecosystems. By supporting these initiatives, communities invest in their own well-being and ensure a legacy of environmental responsibility for years to come.

Heirs' Property: A Story of Shared Ownership and Unintended Consequences

Understanding the Complexities When a Tenant in Common Passes Without a Will Creating Heirs' Property Interest



On a quiet street in a small city, two friends, Maria and James, decided to invest in their futures by purchasing a house together. Both had long dreamed of homeownership but knew that pooling their resources was their best shot at owning a place they could call home.

They bought the house as "tenants in common," a form of joint ownership where each person holds a distinct, individual share of the property. Maria owned sixty percent; James owned forty. This arrangement gave them flexibility, each could sell or leave their share to someone else, but it also came with risks they barely considered at the time.

Tenants in Common: The Practicalities

Living as tenants in common meant Maria and James had clear rights to their respective interests. They agreed on house rules, shared expenses, and even maintained a friendly relationship despite their different schedules and lifestyles. While their arrangement seemed straightforward, the legal structure of tenants in common meant that their shares were separated from what happened to one person's share would not automatically affect the other's share.

Death Without a Will: The Turning Point

Tragedy struck unexpectedly when James passed away in his sleep. He was young and healthy, so he had never written a will. James left behind two young children and a former partner, Sarah, who was now the children's guardian. Suddenly, the comfortable arrangement Maria and James had enjoyed was thrown into uncertainty.

Heirs' Property: What Happens Next

Without a will, James's ownership share did not automatically transfer to Maria. Instead, his interest in the house became what is known as "heirs' property." By law, James's share passed to his children, represented by Sarah, under the state's intestacy rules. Maria now found herself sharing ownership with James's heirs, even though she had never met them before.

Legal, Financial, and Interpersonal Challenges

This new arrangement brought a wave of complications. Legally, Maria had to deal with multiple new co-owners of James's underage children, with Sarah acting on their behalf. Any decisions about the property, from selling to refinancing, now require a consensus among all owners. The process of formally recognizing the children's ownership also involved probate court, attorneys, and considerable time and expense.

Financially, Maria faced new challenges. She relied on James's contributions for mortgage payments and upkeep. With his passing, the children's estate had limited resources, and Sarah was hesitant to commit funds toward a property she had no personal connection with. Maria found herself responsible for a larger share of the payments, straining her finances and threatening the home's stability.

Interpersonally, the situation became tense. Maria and Sarah disagreed on the house's future: Maria wanted to stay, while Sarah, acting in her children's interest, preferred to sell James's share to provide for their needs. Communication broke down, and the once-harmonious home became a source of stress and conflict.

The Surviving Owner's Dilemma

Maria had rights as a surviving tenant in common, she still owned her share and could continue living in the home. However, she could not force James's heirs to sell or buy out their interest without going through legal proceedings. The uncertainty made it difficult for Maria to make long-term plans or feel secure in her own home.

The Heirs' Role: Complexity and Conflict

For James's children, their inheritance was more a burden than a gift. As minors, they could not make decisions themselves, and Sarah, as their guardian, had to navigate the legal maze on their behalf. Managing an interest in a house with a stranger was never part of Sarah's plan, leading to frustration and confusion on all sides.

Attempts at Resolution

Various solutions were considered. Maria offered to buy out the children's share, but the estate's valuation process was slow, and Sarah was unsure whether selling was in the children's best interests. Mediation was suggested, but trust had eroded. At one point, the idea of selling the entire property arose, but Maria was reluctant to leave the home she had worked so hard to maintain. Legal fees piled up, and each path forward seemed to lead to more obstacles.

Lessons Learned and Recommendations

This story highlights the unexpected challenges that can arise when property is owned as tenants in common and one owner dies without a will. What began as a simple, hopeful collaboration turned into a complex web of legal, financial, and emotional struggles for everyone involved. The experience taught Maria and Sarah and others watching from the sidelines the critical importance of estate planning, open communication, and understanding the potential pitfalls of joint ownership.

To avoid similar complications, real-estate owners are encouraged to create clear wills, discuss their intentions with co-owners, and consult legal professionals about the best ownership structures for their needs. Taking these steps can help ensure that a dream investment does not become a source of conflict and hardship for those left behind.

For others in similar situations, planning can make all the difference. Creating a will, discussing intentions with co-owners, and seeking professional advice before problems arise can help prevent confusion and heartache later. While Maria and Sarah’s journey was difficult, it serves as a cautionary tale for families navigating shared property ownership, reminding everyone that preparation and clear communication are essential for protecting both relationships and assets.

Arkansas Land and Community Development Corporation has presented this story to help readers gain a clearer understanding of Tenants in Common and Heirs’ Property, highlighting the real-life challenges and lessons that can guide better planning and communication for property owners who may be involved in such a situation or planning to become tenants in common.

The following is a summary statement of Arkansas heirs’ property law.

The new Arkansas Heirs’ Property Law aims to address the challenges faced by families and co-owners of inherited property. It provides clearer processes for resolving disputes, selling, or partitioning heirs’ property, including protection for owners who may wish to retain their share. By establishing guidelines for notice, valuation, and fair division, the law reduces conflict and prevents forced sales, helping families preserve generational wealth and maintain stability in their communities.

If you have any questions or need for additional information regarding heirs’ property, please contact us at (870) 734-3005.

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News Release

USDA Upgrades Rural Housing Programs

Modernization Initiative Will Lower Burdens on Borrowers and Lenders, Improve Service, Speed Access to Credit and Strengthen Oversight

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(Washington, D.C., March 20, 2026) – As part of President Trump’s March 13th Executive Order “Removing Regulatory Barriers to Affordable Home Construction” the U.S. Department of Agriculture today announced the Rural Housing Modernization Initiative, an effort to upgrade how USDA delivers affordable single-family housing through its Rural Development Mission Area.

The initiative strengthens USDA’s two major rural housing programs, the Single-Family Housing Guaranteed Loan Program and the Single-Family Housing Direct Loan Program, by improving service delivery, reducing unnecessary delays, and aligning processes with current market expectations. The upgrades do not change eligibility standards, funding levels or program safeguards.

“These upgrades answer President Trump’s call to have government provide a higher level of customer service and ultimately make home ownership more affordable for rural Americans,” said Rural Development Acting Under Secretary Todd Lindsey. “By improving efficiency and reducing friction, we are helping rural families access affordable credit in today’s housing market while maintaining strong oversight and accountability.”

As part of the initiative, USDA is taking deregulatory action by providing delegated underwriting authority in the Guaranteed Loan Program, allowing qualified lenders to approve and close loans. The change allows lenders to close loans more efficiently and aligns USDA’s requirements with other federal home lending programs at the Departments of Housing and Urban Development and Veterans Affairs. USDA has launched the My RD Loan Portal for direct loan borrowers, providing secure 24/7 access to loan information, payments and account management tools.

“These are practical, program-focused upgrades,” said Rural Housing Service Administrator George Kelly. “Delegated Authority helps guaranteed lenders deliver affordable mortgage options faster and with less bureaucracy to borrowers of the single-family guaranteed loan program, while the My RD Loan Portal provides borrowers of the single-family direct loan program with easier account access.”

Together, these upgrades improve how USDA delivers rural housing assistance by helping borrowers, lenders and taxpayers while preserving program integrity. In the coming months, USDA will further deliver on the President’s Executive Order Removing Regulatory Barriers to Affordable Home Construction through reducing the regulatory burden on new construction and expanding access to housing options.

For more information on the My RD Loan Portal, visit myrdloan.usda.gov.

NRCS Announces Second Application Sign-ups for Agricultural Land Easements

(Washington, D.C., April 29, 2026) - The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) is establishing a second national deadline for agricultural producers and landowners to apply for fiscal year 2026 assistance in the Agricultural Conservation Easement Program (ACEP) through the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS). The new deadline for entities to apply is May 29, 2026. NRCS is providing up to \$200 million in funding for the application period for agricultural land easements.

“At NRCS, we are putting Farmers First by actively working to preserve and protect America’s agricultural land for future generations,” said NRCS Chief Aubrey J.D. Bettencourt. “Through voluntary conservation easements, and strategic partnerships, we are committed to slowing the loss of productive farmland and keeping working lands in the hands of farmers and ranchers.”

The One Big Beautiful Bill Act (OBBBA), signed by President Trump on July 4, 2025, delivers the largest long-term investment in NRCS conservation programs in decades, delivering over \$4 billion in ACEP funding. NRCS began implementation this year.

While NRCS accepts applications on a continuous basis, NRCS uses application cutoff periods to assess and rank applications based on their potential conservation impact. NRCS is offering a second national application period for ACEP Agricultural Land Easements with a May 29, 2026, application deadline. A complete Agricultural Land Easement application only requires the following:

1. Completed form NRCS-CPA-41A, “Parcel Sheet for Entity Application for an Agricultural Land Easement (ALE) Agreement”,
2. Proof of ownership,
3. Written pending offer,
4. Map or geospatial boundary of proposed easement (NRCS provides an [online tool](#) to help you create this map with a geospatial boundary), and
5. Documented access to the easement.

Landowners are encouraged to complete eligibility paperwork with their local Farm Service Agency county office as soon as possible.

Through conservation programs, NRCS provides technical and financial assistance to help producers and landowners make conservation improvements on their land that benefit natural resources, build resiliency, and contribute to the nation’s broader effort to improve natural resource conditions on America’s private lands. Agricultural Conservation Easement Program (ACEP)

ACEP helps landowners, land trusts, and other entities protect, restore, and enhance wetlands; protect the agricultural viability and related conservation values of eligible land by limiting non-agricultural uses of that land that negatively affect the agriculture and conservation values; and protect grazing and related conservation values by restoring or conserving eligible land.

Agricultural land easements provide cost-share assistance to eligible entities to acquire easements from qualifying landowners, preserving agricultural use, including grazing, and protecting associated conservation values on eligible land.

How to Apply

Entities and landowners interested in fiscal year 2026 funding should apply through NRCS at their [local USDA Service Center](#). All applications must be received by May 29, 2026, to be considered in the second round of funding for fiscal year 2026. Funding is provided through a competitive process. NRCS will hold applications received after this date and consider them for subsequent rounds, as funding permits. Interested applicants can view additional state’s [ranking dates](#) online.

Environmental Review Required Before Project Implementation

The National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) requires Federal agencies to consider all potential environmental impacts for federally funded projects before the project is approved.

For all Farm Service Agency (FSA) programs, an environmental review must be completed before actions are approved, such as site preparation or ground disturbance. These programs include, but are not limited to, the Emergency Conservation Program (ECP), Farm Storage Facility Loan (FSFL) program and farm loans. If project implementation begins before FSA has completed an environmental review, the request will be denied. Although there are exceptions regarding the Stafford Act and emergencies, it's important to wait until you receive written approval of your project proposal before starting any actions.

Applications cannot be approved until FSA has copies of all permits and plans. Contact your local FSA office early in your planning process to determine what level of environmental review is required for your program application so that it can be completed timely.

New Feature on Farmers.gov Account: Access Your Current and Prior Years FSA-578, Report of Commodities (Nationwide Producer Print)

A farmers.gov account provides self-service opportunities to Farm Service Agency (FSA) and Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) customers through a secure, authenticated access process.

A new feature now provides access to your current or prior years FSA-578, *Report of Commodities (Nationwide Producer Print)*. Your FSA-578 contains annual crop acreage reporting information submitted to USDA's Farm Service Agency (FSA). If you are a shareholder (operator, owner or other producer) for a crop on the acreage report, you will be able to view, save and/or print your selected annual FSA-578.

How to Access Your FSA-578's

From the Land tab in your farmers.gov account, click Land Overview on the navigation drop-down. On the Land Overview page, you will see an information block that states "View and Print Your Acreage Reports" containing a **View Your FSA-578** button.

ALFDC/ALCDC Information Survey for Service

We are requesting that you complete the following survey and provide the requested information. This will give us added options for providing you with valuable service during these challenging times.

Name: _____ Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

County: _____

Mobile Phone Number: _____ Home Phone Number: _____

Email Address: _____

Is your phone a landline or a mobile? Landline _____

Mobile _____

Do you have access to the internet? Yes _____ No _____

Please check yes or no to all the following that apply:

Landowner: Yes _____ No: _____ Heir Prosperity Interest Holder: Yes: _____ No: _____

Row Crop Farmer: Yes: _____ No: _____ Gardener: Yes: _____ No: _____ Small Farmer: Yes: _____ No: _____

Vegetable Farmer: Yes: _____ No: _____ Rancher (Livestock Operation): Yes: _____ No: _____

Small Business Owner: Yes: _____ No: _____ Veteran: Yes: _____ No: _____ New/Beginning Farmer: Yes: _____ No: _____

Are you presently receiving any service from USDA? Yes: _____ No: _____

If so, which ones apply? _____ Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS)

_____ Farm Service Agency (FSA) _____ Rural Development (RD) _____ Forestry _____ Other

Do you have any conservation program service contracts? Yes: _____ No: _____

If you are an heir or a joint interest holder of land (farm, ranch, or woodland), has this property received any USDA program service? Yes: _____ No: _____

Does your property of interest have a Farm # assigned by USDA Farm Service Agency? Yes: _____

No: _____

Would you like ALCDC assistance with obtaining a farm # from USDA in order to qualify you for additional USDA services? Yes: _____ No: _____

**Please mail the information provided in the survey to: Mary Harris
PO Box 743
Brinkley, Arkansas 72021**



ALFDC/ALCDC Partnership Membership

Renewal From

October 1, 2025 - September 30, 2026

_____ Individual Membership \$25.00 _____ Partnership Membership \$40.00

_____ Organization Membership \$200.00

Check one of the following:

_____ Renewal Membership _____ New Membership _____ Contribution to Organization \$ _____

Total Amount Paid: \$ _____

Member Benefits

Advocacy and Public Relations -ALCDC/ALFDC participates in federal and state hearing sessions that focus on policy development for its members, farmers, youth, and rural and urban residents.

Member Opportunities -ALCDC/ALFDC offers leadership opportunities within the organization for our youth, farmers, and rural and urban residents. As a member you will have the opportunity to serve on advisory committees and serve as volunteer and form local volunteer working groups in support of the organization's service delivery program.

Marketing Opportunities -ALCDC/ALFDC offers cooperative marketing opportunities for rural and urban farmers, and businesses. As a member, we also offer the opportunity to present and set up an exhibition during our Regional Meetings and Annual Conferences, along with facility rental discounts.

Access to Housing, Farming, and Youth Services -ALCDC/ALFDC offers rural and urban residents technical support and training for access to affordable housing, homeownership education, business development, technical assistance and support in accessing farm financial resources for conservation practices, operating expense, youth leadership development, education enrichment, and workforce readiness.

Information and Communication -ALCDC/ALFDC members can communicate with an ALCDC representative via phone or website concerning their farming, housing, business and youth service's needs. Members receive ALCDC updates and news through our quarterly newsletters and weekly e-letters and website.

Name: _____

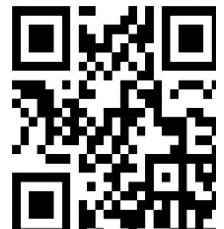
Address: _____

City: _____ **State:** _____ **Zip:** _____

Phone Number: _____ **Email:** _____

**Please return your application and tax-deductible contribution to:
ALCDC/ALFDC Membership P.O. Box 743 Brinkley, AR 72021**

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The Advancer reflects the nature of our work-supplying self-help opportunities and support services to our farmers and others of limited Resources in our forty-two (42) county service area. ALCDC is committed to helping people become more productive and self-sufficient. We appreciate your comments and suggestions. Direct all comments and inquiries about this publication by phone to (870) 734-3005 or e-mail us at alc1934@yahoo.com.

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ALCDC MISSION



The mission of ALCDC is to supply advocacy outreach, technical aid, and training to limited Resources small farmers and all rural residents to alleviate poverty, enhance sustainable farming and strengthen communities' economic sustainability and workforce readiness.

ALCDC services and programs are available without regard to age, race, religion, gender, or physical handicap.

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