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SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 1

9:00 AM – 12:00 PM

SRSA EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETING

12:00 PM – 5:00 PM

REGISTRATION

1:00 PM – 2:15 PM

PAPER SESSION 1

Industrial Agriculture: Poultry and Quality of Life

Presider: Quentin Jenkins, Louisiana State University

From Goldschmidt to Globalization: The Socio-Economic Impacts of Large-Scale Poultry Production in East Texas
Daniel Argo, Sam Houston State University
Caron Cates, Sam Houston State University
Mirenda Harris, Sam Houston State University
Douglas H. Constance, Sam Houston State University

Farmland, Feathers, and Fowl: Corporate Chickens and Property Values in East Texas
Caron Cates, Sam Houston State University
Douglas H. Constance, Sam Houston State University

30 Years of Broiler Production: The Louisiana Experience
William D. Heffernan, University of Missouri-Columbia
David Lind, University of Missouri-Columbia

PAPER SESSION 2

Public Interest in Private Forest Decision Making: Controversies Over Hardwood Chip Mills in the South

Organizer: Sarah T. Warren, North Carolina State University
Presider: Donald E. Voth, University of Arkansas
Public Interests in Private Property: Conflicts Over Wood Chip Mills in North Carolina
Sarah T. Warren, North Carolina State University

A Comparative Analysis of the Impacts of Chip Mills in North Carolina on the Timber and Tourism Industries
P.B. Aruna, North Carolina State University

Social Factors in Policy Initiation: The Case of Chip Mills in Missouri
Bernard J. Lewis, University of Missouri

Discussant: Donald E. Voth, University of Arkansas

2:30 PM – 3:45 PM

Opening Address

Presider: Jack Thigpen, North Carolina State University

Keynote Address: The Devil’s Bargain: The Structural Transformation of Rural America
Keynote Speaker: Don Albrecht, Department of Rural Sociology, Texas A&M University

3:00 PM – 4:00 PM

SAAS Board Meeting

4:00 PM – 6:30 PM

SAAS General Session

Serving a Changing Food System

Sponsored by the Farm Foundation and the Southern Agricultural Economics Association

7:00 PM – 8:00 PM

SAAS Reception

MONDAY, JANUARY 29

8:00 AM – 5:00 PM

REGISTRATION

Conference Center, East 103
8:00 AM – 9:15 AM

PAPER SESSION 3  East 102

The Rural-Urban Continuum and Rural Communities

Presider: D. Clayton Smith, Western Kentucky University

Decomposing Population Change in the Rural-Urban Continuum: A Spatial Visualization of County, Place, and Nonplace Territory Growth in the United States
Frank M. Howell, Mississippi State University
Shu-Chuan Lai, Mississippi State University
Gregory A. Works, Mississippi State University

Using Visitor Employed Photography to Examine the Relevance of Lynch's Urban Theory of Small Rural Communities
Dorothy Jenkins, Louisiana State University

Sustainable Rural Communities
Donald E. Voth, University of Arkansas
John Ikerd, University of Missouri - Columbia

PAPER SESSION 4  East 103

The Big Bend (West Texas) People and Goat Development Project

Organizer: George K. Floro, Big Bend People and Goats, Inc. and Sul Ross State University
Presider: Paul A. Wright, Big Bend People and Goats, Inc. and Sul Ross State University

Assessing the Impact of a Positive Public Presence for Goat Raisers and Their Animals
George K. Floro, Big Bend People and Goats, Inc. and Sul Ross State University
Paul A. Wright, Big Bend People and Goats, Inc. and Sul Ross State University
Members of Big Bend People and Goats, Inc.

What Grassroots Goat Raisers in the Three Municipal (County) Border Area in the Mexican State of Chihuahua Have Going For Them.
George K. Floro, Big Bend People and Goats, Inc. and Sul Ross State University
Paul A. Wright, Big Bend People and Goats, Inc. and Sul Ross State University
Sergio Gallegos Ochoa, Rural Development District No. 9, Chihuahua, Mexico
9:30 AM – 10:45 AM

PAPER SESSION 5

Urban Agriculture, Environmentalism, and Alternative Food Systems

Presider: Mirenda Harris, Sam Houston State University

Socio-Geographical Patterns of Urban Agriculture
Frank M. Howell, Mississippi State University
John K. Thomas, Texas A&M University

Mediation-Fostered Quality: An Examination of Environmental Negotiations from a Power Process Perspective
Carla Norris-Raynbird, Texas A&M University

Foundationalism, Multiculturalism, Emancipation, and Alternative Food Systems
Alessandro Bonanno, Sam Houston State University

PANEL SESSION 1

The Big Bend (West Texas) People and Goat Development Project

Organizer: George K. Floro, Big Bend People and Goats, Inc. and Sul Ross State University

Introducing the Mini-Vidas Equipment Being Tested in the Texas Department of Health Laboratory.
Po Chang, MT (ASCP), Ph.D., Texas Department of Health
Members of Big Bend People and Goats, Inc.

Introducing Goat Racing as a Public Youth Activity in the Big Bend Regional Area
George K. Floro, Big Bend People and Goats, Inc. and Sul Ross State University
Members of Big Bend People and Goats, Inc.

11:00 AM – 12:45 PM

PRESIDENTIAL ADDRESS/AWARDS LUNCHEON

To Be Announced

Presider: Donald R. McDowell, North Carolina A&T University
Presenter: Rosalind P. Harris, University of Kentucky
Presidential Address: Jack Thigpen, North Carolina State University
PLENARY ADDRESS

Sustaining Rural Communities through Sustainable Agriculture

**Organizer:** Douglas H. Constance, Sam Houston State University  
**Presider:** Douglas H. Constance, Sam Houston State University  
**Presenter:** John Ikerd, Professor Emeritus, Department of Agricultural Economics, University of Missouri-Columbia

2:30 PM – 5:15 PM

PANEL SESSION 2

Sustainable Food Systems

**Organizer:** Douglas H. Constance, Sam Houston State University  
**Presider:** Douglas H. Constance, Sam Houston State University

**The View from the Activists**  
Mary Hendrickson, Food Circles Networking Project Co-Director, University of Missouri-Columbia  
Michelle Stephens, Public Policy and Rural Development Director, Kerr Center for Sustainable Agriculture  
Sue Johnson, Director, Texas Organic Growers Association

**The View from the Producers**  
Russell Kremer, Osage Independent Pork Producers Association, Bonnotts Mill, Missouri  
Richard and Peggy Sechrist, Homestead Healthy Foods, Fredericksburg, Texas  
Kim Barker, Oklahoma Agriculture Leadership Alumni Association, Waynoka, Oklahoma

**Sustainable Food Systems: Institutional Barriers and Opportunities**  
William D. Heffernan, Professor, Department of Rural Sociology, University of Missouri - Columbia  
Jim Horne, President, Kerr Center for Sustainable Agriculture  
John Ikerd, Professor Emeritus, Department of Agricultural Economics, University of Missouri-Columbia
2:30 PM – 3:45 PM

PAPER SESSION 6  
East 103

Satisfaction Issues and Social Indicators

Presider: Fisseha Tegegne, Tennessee State University

Determinants of Farmers' Satisfactions with Quality of Life: A Comparison of Small and Limited Resource Farmers by Race
E. Annette Bitto, Auburn University
Joseph J. Molnar, Auburn University

Community Satisfaction Among Residents of the Florida Parishes, Louisiana
Bonnie L. Lewis, Southeastern Louisiana University
Kellen A. Gilbert, Southeastern Louisiana University
F. Dale Parent, Southeastern Louisiana University

Alabama Farm Operators' Attitudes Toward Local Law Enforcement for Property Crimes: Your County Sheriff’s Office
Quita J. Rosser, Auburn University
John E. Dunkelberger, Auburn University

Social Indicators for Environmental Choices
Dreamal I. Worthen, Florida A&M University

4:00 PM – 5:15 PM

PAPER SESSION 7  
East 103

Business Issues and Globalization

Presider: Conner Bailey, Auburn University

The Diffusion-Adoption Model: Southeastern Beef and Peanut Farmers' Use of Personal Computers and Internet When Making Farm Business Decisions
Laura Hall, Auburn University
John E. Dunkelberger, Auburn University
Wilder Ferreira, Auburn University

Assessment Training and Information Needs for Enhancing Entrepreneurship in Rural Tennessee and Mississippi
Surendra P. Singh, Tennessee State University
Ruthie Raynolds, Tennessee State University
Safdar Muhammad, Tennessee State University
Enefiok Ekanem, Tennessee State University
Fisseha Tegegne, Tennessee State University

**Horse Logging in Rural America**
Shanna Thomas, Auburn University

**Effects of Globalization on the Distribution of Returns from North Carolina Crops**
Godfrey Ejimakor, North Carolina A&T University

**3:15 PM – 5:00 PM**

**SYMPOSIUM**

**To Be Announced**

**Agricultural Commodity Organizations and Future Agricultural Policies (Joint SAEA/SRSA Session)**

**Organizers:** Walter J. Armbruster, Farm Foundation and Louis E. Swanson, Colorado State University

**Moderator:** Walter J. Armbruster, Farm Foundation

**Challenges and Opportunities for Agricultural Commodity Organizations**
Louis E. Swanson, Department of Sociology, Colorado State University

**Perspectives from an Internationally-Traded Commodity**
Michelle Huffman, National Cotton Council

**Perspectives of a Non-Program Industry**
Chuck Lambert, National Cattlemens Beef Association

**5:30 PM – 6:30 PM**

**SRSA BUSINESS MEETING**

East 103

**TUESDAY, JANUARY 30**

**8:00 AM – 5:00 PM**

**REGISTRATION**
Conference Center, East 103
8:00 AM – 9:15 AM

SYMPOSIUM

Government Policies and Social Issues in the South

Presider: John Verburg, Georgetown College

Impact of Government Payments on Select Non-Metro and Farm Dependent Counties in Alabama
Blondel A. Brinkman, Alabama A&M University
Duncan M. Chembezi, Alabama A&M University

A Preliminary Analysis of Alabama Cooperative Extension Programs in Relation to Forestry and Natural Resource Issues
Laura Robinson, Auburn University
Mark Dubois, Auburn University
Conner Bailey, Auburn University

Individual and Contextual Factors Associated with Welfare Caseload Composition in Kentucky
Patricia H. Dyk, University of Kentucky
Julie Zimmerman, University of Kentucky

The Black Belt South's Worst Places for Socioeconomic Quality of Life
Ronald C. Wimberley, North Carolina State University
Libby V. Morris, North Carolina State University

PANEL SESSION 3

Survival of the Fittest: Perceived Direction of Small Farms in North Carolina

Organizer: Mary Mafuyai-Ekanem, Extension Economist/Small Farms Management Specialist, North Carolina A&T University, Cooperative Extension
Presider: Mary Mafuyai-Ekanem, Extension Economist/Small Farms Management Specialist, North Carolina A&T University, Cooperative Extension

Arthur Purcell, North Carolina A&T University, Cooperative Extension
Daniel M. Lyons, North Carolina A&T University, Cooperative Extension
Alton Thompson, North Carolina A&T State University
Larry Atkinson, USDA-Risk Management Agency, Raleigh Regional Office
9:30 AM – 10:45 AM

PAPER SESSION 8
East 102

Latino Issues: Education, Farmers, and Transnational Migration

Presider: Rosalind P. Harris, University of Kentucky

Latino Education in the South
Cruz Torres, Texas A&M University

Old and New Latino Farmers: Facts and Findings
Juan Marinez, National Farm Worker Coordinator, USDA
Victor Garcia, University of Indiana in Pennsylvania

Though the Hole to Climb the Ladder: Peripheral Small Holder Agriculture and Transnational Migration
Diane C. Bates, Sam Houston State University

PAPER SESSION 9
East 103

Food Assistance and Economic Concentration

Presider: Duncan Chembezi, Alabama A&M University

Assessing Use of Non-Profit Food Assistance Centers in Nashville, Tennessee
F. Tegegne, Tennessee State University
E. Ekanem, Tennessee State University
S. Muhammad, Tennessee State University
S. Godwin, Tennessee State University
L. Henderson, Tennessee State University

Public and Private Forms of Food Assistance
Alison M. Gogue, Auburn University
Joseph J. Molnar, Auburn University
Patricia A. Duffy, Auburn University
Conner Bailey, Auburn University

Whither an Alternative? Why Retailer Concentration in the Food Sector Threatens Farmers and Eaters
Mary Hendrickson, University of Missouri-Columbia
William D. Heffernan, University of Missouri-Columbia
**SYMPOSIUM**

**Food Assistance Needs: A Southern Perspective (Joint SAEA/SRSA Session)**

**Organizers**: Lynn Reinschmiedt, Clemson University and Bo Beaulieu, Southern Rural Development Center, Mississippi State University  
**Moderator**: Bo Beaulieu, Southern Rural Development Center, Mississippi State University

**Can Religious Congregations Satisfy Those Who Hunger and Thirst for Justice? An Assessment of Faith-Based Food Assistance Programs in Rural Mississippi**

John P. Bartowski, Mississippi State University  
Helen A. Regis, Mississippi State University  
Neil R. White, Mississippi State University

**Food Stamp Utilization Patterns in Rural Counties in Texas: A Multilevel Analysis of the Micro- and Macro-Level Determinants of Caseload Dynamics**

Steve H. Murdock, Texas A&M University  
Tami Swenson, Texas A&M University  
Steve White, Texas A&M University

**Linked TANF and Food Stamp Program Participation Decisions: Understanding the Direct and Indirect Impacts of Welfare Reform**

Bradford Mills, Gautam Hazarika, and Everett B. Peterson, Virginia Tech University

**Food Stamp Caseload Changes in South Carolina and Mississippi: An Analysis of Rural and Urban Differences**

Mark Henry, Willis Lewis, Lynn Reinschmiedt, Darren Hudson, Clemson University

**PAPER SESSION 10**

**Toxics and Environmental Justice**

**Presider**: Alessandro Bonanno, Sam Houston State University

**A Decade of Toxic Releases in Texas**

John K. Thomas, Texas A&M University
Impacts of Education and Information Sources on Awareness of Environmental Justice: The Cases of the Southern Black Belt
Donald R. McDowell, North Carolina A&T University
Raphael Okafor, North Carolina A&T University

Common Cause: A Comparative Study of Three Alabama Communities Organizing Against Landfills
Lani Merritt, Auburn University

Toxics, Environmental Justice, and the South's Pulp and Paper Industry
Conner Bailey, Auburn University
Christopher Newland, Auburn University
Shanna Thomas, Auburn University

PANEL SESSION 4

Genetically Modified Organisms in the Agrofood System: The Intersection of Science, Economics, Ethics and Policy for Trade and Rural Development

Organizer: Enefiok Ekanem, Cooperative Agricultural Research Program (CARP), Tennessee State University
Moderator: Enefiok Ekanem, Cooperative Agricultural Research Program (CARP), Tennessee State University

C.S. Prakash, Director of the Center for Plant Biotechnology Research, Tuskegee University
Drew Kershen, Earl Sneed Centennial Professor of Law, Oklahoma University College of Law
Gregg Hillyer, Senior Editor, Progressive Farmer, St. Peters, MO
Enefiok Ekanem, Cooperative Agricultural Research Program/Dept. of Agricultural Sciences Tennessee State University
Fisseha Tegegne, Cooperative Agricultural Research Program/Dept. of Agricultural Sciences Tennessee State University
Safdar Muhammad, Cooperative Agricultural Research Program/Dept. of Agricultural Sciences Tennessee State University
Surendra Singh, Cooperative Agricultural Research Program/Dept. of Agricultural Sciences Tennessee State University
1:00 PM – 2:15 PM

PAPER SESSION 11

Social Capital and Development

**Presider:** Gae Broadwater, Kentucky State University

*The Role of Social Capital in the Re-Opening of a Rural Community School*
John Verburg, Georgetown College

*Social Capital, Transaction Costs and Collaborative Problem Solving: Implications for Community Development*
Terrance Thomas, North Carolina A&T University
Anthony Yeboah, North Carolina A&T University

*Community, Community Capacity, and Decentralization in Vietnam*
Sanh Nguyen, University of Arkansas
Frank Farmer, University of Arkansas
Donald E. Voth, University of Arkansas

*A Comparative Analysis of Sociological and Neoclassical Models of Development*
Kenneth L. Robinson, Cornell University
Thomas Lyson, Cornell University
Ralph D. Christy, Cornell University

PAPER SESSION 12

**African American Agriculture: The Literature, Politics and the Land, and Social Movement Strategies**

**Organizer:** Spencer D. Wood. University of Wisconsin-Madison

*The Decline of Black Farmers and Landowners in the Rural South: A Review of the Literature*
Jess Gilbert, University of Wisconsin-Madison
M. Sindy Felin, University of Wisconsin-Madison
Gwen Sharp, University of Wisconsin-Madison

*What's Civil About Civil Society in Mississippi*
Spencer D. Wood, University of Wisconsin-Madison

*Title to be announced*
Jerry Penick, Federation of Southern Cooperatives
2:30 PM – 3:45 PM

PAPER SESSION 13

Education and Schools: Jobs, Violence, and Endowments

**Presider:** Safdar Muhammad, Tennessee State University

**Educated Workforce, Quality Jobs: Still Elusive Goals in the Rural South**
Lionel J. Beaulieu, Southern Rural Development Center, Mississippi State University
Melissa A. Barfield, Southern Rural Development Center, Mississippi State University
Katherine L. Stone, Southern Rural Development Center, Mississippi State University

**High School Teacher’s Perceptions of School-Related Violence: Effects on Fear of Victimization and Perceived Risk**
Brandon H. Ungetheim, Western Kentucky University
D. Clayton Smith, Western Kentucky University

**Labor Force Experiences of Southerners Over A Ten Year Perspective: The Importance of Educational Endowments**
Lionel J. Beaulieu, Southern Rural Development Center, Mississippi State University
Melissa A. Barfield, Southern Rural Development Center, Mississippi State University

2:30 PM – 5:15 PM

PANEL SESSION 5

The North Carolina Small Farms Predicament

**Organizer:** Mary Mafuyai-Ekanem, Extension Economist/Small Farms Management Specialist, North Carolina A&T University
**Moderator:** Mary Mafuyai-Ekanem, Extension Economist/Small Farms Management Specialist, North Carolina A&T University

**Marketing Risk**
John M. O’Sullivan, Marketing and Farm Management Specialist, North Carolina A&T University, Cooperative Extension, Agricultural and Technical State University

**Environmental Risk as It Relates to Human Safety**
J. M. Ibrahim, Energy, Environmental and Safety Specialist, North Carolina A&T University, Cooperative Extension

**Where Do We Go from Here: Risk Management Products?**
Scott W. Lucas, David Wiggins and Pamela Kiessling, Insurance Management

**Financial Risk**
David Warren Hepler, District Director, USDA-FSA Duplin County, Kenansville, NC.

**Developing a Risk-handling Record**
Mary Mafuyai-Ekanem Extension Economist/Small Farms Management Specialist, North Carolina A&T University, Cooperative Extension