

Discovery Farms: Collaborative Conservation
The Vines Center, Little Rock
February 15-16, 2023
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Day 1: Farmer Experience: On-Farm Conservation Efforts

		Speaker
8:30-9:00am	Coffee Meet and Greet/Sign in	
9:00-9:20am	Welcome: Introduction and Background	Dr. Deacue Fields/Dr. Daniels
9:20-9:40am	Keynote Speaker	Senator Caldwell (<i>invited</i>)
9:40-10:00am	Poultry BMPs Marley/Moore Farms	Jeff Marley
10:00-10:20am	Stevens Farm	Steve Stevens
10:20-10:40am	Session Break and Q&A	
10:40-11:00am	Dabbs Farm	Terry Dabbs
11:00-11:50am	Farmer Panel Discussion	Panel 1*
11:50-12:00pm	Morning Session Wrap-up and Q&A	
12:00-1:00pm	Lunch Recess	
1:00-1:20pm	Importance of Discovery Farm Program	Helen Denniston
1:20-2:10 pm	Partner Panel Discussion	Panel 2**
2:10-2:30pm	Winter Feeding Hay	Dr. Ann Wells
2:30-2:50pm	Specialty Crops: Peach and Strawberry	Mark Morgan/L. Herrera
2:50-3:00pm	Session Wrap-up and Q&A	
3:15-4:15 pm	Reception and Poster Session	
4:15-5:30 pm	Dinner: Dining Hall	
5:30pm	End Day 1	

Day 2: Research Findings, Soil Health, and Water-Use Efficiency

8:30-9:00am	Coffee/Breakfast	
9:00-9:20am	What is Soil Health?	Dr. Kishan Mahmud
9:20-9:40am	Locally Efficient Microbials	A. Chappell/Dr. K. Mahmud
9:40-10:00am	AR Cover Crop and Soil Health Alliance	Adam Chappell
10:00-10:20am	Session Break and Q&A	
10:20-10:40am	Water Quality	Dr. Shannon Speir
10:40-11:00am	Cool Season Forage Cover Cropping	Jeremy Huff
11:00-11:20am	Increasing Sustainable Rice Production	Dr. Mike Daniels
11:20-11:40pm	Overview of VFT Project	Dr. Julie Robinson/Rita Watson
11:40-12:00pm	Morning Session Wrap-up and Q&A	
12:00-1:00pm	Lunch, Keynote Speaker, Awards	
1:00-1:20pm	Haak Dairy – Water Use: Patterns and Management Considerations	Evan Teague James Burke/Dr. Karl VanDevender
1:20-1:40pm	Automated Irrigation Project	Mike Hamilton
1:40-2:00pm	Poultry Litter for Croplands	Eric Simon
2:00-2:20pm	Session Break and Q&A	
2:20-3:00pm	Conference Recap and Closing Remarks	Dr. Mike Daniels
3:00 pm	Adjourn	

* **Farmer Panel, #1 (Moderator: Dr. Julie Robinson)** – Ellis Bell, Lawrence Conyer, Trent Dabbs, Wes Kirkpatrick, Jeff Marley, Mark Morgan, Mike Wood

****Partner Panel, #2 (Moderator: Dr. Julie Robinson)** – Dr. Jennifer Bouldin, Chris Colclasure, Dr. Steve Green, Amanda Mathis, Dr. Michele Reba, Dan Roe