

Discovery Farms: Collaborative Conservation Conference

The Vines 4-H Center, Little Rock

February 15-16, 2023

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Day 1- Farmer Experience: On-Farm Conservation, February 15, 2023		
8:30 AM	Registration / Coffee Meet & Greet	
9:00 AM	Welcome: Introduction and Background	<i>Dr. Mike Daniels</i>
9:20 AM	Keynote Speaker	<i>Dr. Deacue Fields</i>
9:40 AM	Poultry BMPs Marley/Moore Farms	<i>Jeff Marley</i>
10:00 AM	Stevens Farm	<i>Steve Stevens</i>
10:20 AM	Session Break and Q&A	
10:40 AM	Dabbs Farm	<i>Terry Dabbs</i>
11:00 AM	Farmer Panel Discussion	<i>Ellis Bell, Lawrence Conyer, Trent Dabbs, Wes Kirkpatrick, Jeff Marley, Mark Morgan, and Mike Wood</i>
11:50 AM	Morning Session Wrap-up and Q&A	
12:00 PM	Lunch Break (Located in Dining Hall)	
1:00 PM	Importance of Discovery Farm Program	<i>Helen Denniston</i>
1:20 PM	Partner Panel Discussion	<i>Dr. Jennifer Bouldin, Chris Colclasure, Dr. Steve Green, Amanda Mathis, Dr. Michele Reba, and Dan Roe</i>
2:10 PM	Winter Feeding Hays	<i>Dr. Ann Wells</i>
2:30 PM	Specialty Crops: Peach and Strawberry	<i>Lizzy Herrera and Mark Morgan</i>
2:50 PM	Session Wrap-up and Q&A	
3:15 PM	Reception and Poster Session (Located in Conference Room #7 and Dining Hall)	
4:15 PM	Dinner (Located in Dining Hall)	
5:30 PM	End of Day 1	

Day 2- Research Findings, Soil Health, and Water-Use Efficiency, February 16, 2023		
8:00 AM	Breakfast (Located in Dining Hall) / Registration	
9:00 AM	What is Soil Health?	<i>Dr. Kishan Mahmud</i>
9:20 AM	Locally Efficient Microbials	<i>Adam Chappell & Dr. Kishan Mahmud</i>
9:40 AM	AR Cover Crop and Soil Health Alliance	<i>Adam Chappell</i>
10:00 AM	Session Break and Q&A	
10:20 AM	Water Quality	<i>Dr. Shannon Speir</i>
10:40 AM	Cool Season Forage Cover Cropping	<i>Jeremy Huff</i>
11:00 AM	Increasing Sustainable Rice Production	<i>Dr. Mike Daniels</i>
11:20 AM	Overview of Virtual Field Tour Project	<i>Dr. Julie Robinson & Rita Watson</i>
11:40 AM	Morning Session Wrap-up and Q&A	
12:00 PM	Lunch featuring Keynote Speaker & Awards (Located in Dining Hall) <i>Evan Teague</i>	
1:00 PM	Haak Dairy – Water Use: Patterns and Management Considerations	<i>James Burke & Dr. Karl VanDevender</i>
1:20 PM	Automated Irrigation Project	<i>Mike Hamilton</i>
1:40 PM	Poultry Litter for Croplands	<i>Eric Simon</i>
2:00 PM	Session Break and Q&A	
2:20 PM	Conference Recap and Closing Remarks	<i>Dr. Mike Daniels</i>
3:00 PM	Adjourn	