Rural Studies Institute
BLACK AGRICULTURAL CONVENCING
Pre-Cluster Workshops
October 11, 2021 & October 13, 2021

Attendance will be FREE for ALL

PURPOSE: To foster collaboration and intergenerational education through discussions and networking among youth / young adults, Black Farmers, government, industry, cooperatives, and nonprofits across the food and fiber industry.

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Monday, October 11, 2021
11:00 AM - 12:50 PM
Session I - Historical Overview of Black farmer experiences in the US (particular focus on the Black Belt South) (Facilitated discussion)

1:10 PM - 2:00 PM
Session II - Who are our rural agricultural service providers (coops, councils, bureaus) and what do they do? How do participants get plugged in? (Panel discussion)

2:10 PM - 3:00 PM
Session III - Leveraging opportunities for those interested agriculture and rural business? What I wish I knew then... Discussion with current farmers and rural entrepreneurs in the region (Round table)

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WHO SHOULD ATTEND?
MANRRS/Junior MANRRS students, Land-Grant University representatives, agricultural business/industry sector, farmer cooperatives, farmer councils, farmer groups, and government

Application Deadline for priority consideration is October 1, 2021. Notification no later than October 7th for selection.
Submit a paragraph up to 250 words on “Why is agriculture critical to the economy in the Black Belt region?”

Submit application: https://forms.gle/GoGJAZFGsPcE8NBg7
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