



BLACK SOIL KY
OUR BETTER NATURE



2022 KENTUCKY BLACK FARMERS CONFERENCE

March 4-6th, 2022

Lexington, KY

Day 1: Friday March 4th, 2022

Location: Clarion Hotel Conference Center - North, 1950 Newtown Pike, Lexington, KY 40511, USA

7:00pm	Registration Begins		
8:00pm	Host: Tatum Lewis, Blackroots Farm Clark Co/Exec. Dir Complexions Community		
	Guest Speakers and Sponsor Remarks		
	Invited Speakers	Conference Sponsor	Keynote Speaker
8:00pm-9:00pm	Kentucky Commissioner of Agriculture Ryan Quarles Energy and Environment Cabinet Secretary Rebecca Goodman	Farm Credit Mid-America, Randy Barbee Southern SARE, Brennan Washington	Miller's Farm, Lincoln Co Farmer Susan Miller
9:00 pm-11:00pm	Farm Mixer and Networking		
	Cash Bar		

Day 2: Saturday March 5th, 2022

Location: Clarion Hotel Conference Center - North, 1950 Newtown Pike, Lexington, KY 40511, USA

9:00am	Registration
9:00am-9:55am	Photo opportunities with photographer Honeysage Photo Co. as you arrive!
10:00am	Event Welcome and Partner Remarks
10:00am - 10:15am	Keynote Speaker Travis Cleaver, Cleav's Family Market, Hart/LaRue Co. USDA, National Agricultural Statistics Service, Charmaine Wilson, West Virginia State Statistician
10:15am - 11:15am	<u>Navigating Critical Agencies & Resources for Your Farm</u> Ed Thompson, USDA and Dr. Marcus Bernard, Kentucky State University, Co-hosts with Dr. Shawn Lucas, Organic Outreach, and certification overview

11:15am-11:30am	Networking and Refreshment Break		
11:30am-1:00pm	Concurrently Run Breakout Sessions		
	In every session there will be at least 2 persons of expertise to facilitate resourceful conversations		
11:30am-12:00pm	Session A	Session B	Session C
	<u>AG POLICY</u> Kimmie Ishmael, CFA Jason Griffith, Complexion Committee	<u>GRANTS AND FUNDING</u> Martin Richards, CFA KCARD, KSU, USDA	<u>FARM TO SCHOOL</u> Laurie White, CFA Michelle Howell, Need More Acres Farm Tomas Delgado, National Farm to School
12:00pm-12:30pm	Session A		Session B
	<u>FRUIT AND VEGETABLE</u> Susan Miller, Miller Farms Horticulture Council		<u>MEAT PROCESSING</u> Travis Cleaver, Cleve's Family Market USDA
12:30pm-1:00pm	Session A		Session B
	<u>HEMP</u> Tyson Graves, Imperial Farms		<u>KY PROUD AND AG MARKETING PROGRAMS</u> KDA & Black Soil: Our Better Nature
1:00pm	Luncheon Welcome		
1:00pm-1:45pm	Welcome, Dining and Seating, Intentional Breaks KY Proud Buffet Sourced by Black Soil KY Partner Farms: Cleav's Family Market, Bear Fruit & Grow, Hills of Kindness Farm, Miller's Farm		
2:00pm	Cooperatives At Work Conversation		
2:00pm-3:00pm	In Conversation with Elder Jim Embry and Dr. Nancy Dawson Interviewed by Martina Barksdale		
3:00pm-5:00pm	Exhibitors Hall and Networking Break		
5:00pm-6:00pm	Dinner Buffet		
	Closing Regional Sessions/Agricultural Equity Conversation		
	Taking this time to break into regions to assess resources, strengths, and barriers		

Day 3: Sunday March 6th, 2022

Think Tank & Symposium Brunch

Location: Clerestory Event Center 101 W Loudon Ave, Lexington, KY 40508 -1502

11:00am	Registration		
11:30pm-12:00pm	Brunch Buffet		
	KY Proud Buffet Sourced by Black Soil KY Partner Farms: Cleav's Family Market, Bear Fruit & Grow, Hills of Kindness Farm, Miller's Farm		
12:00pm-1:00pm	Welcome		
	Black Soil: Our Better Nature		
	Special Guest Speakers and Reflections		
1:00pm-2:00pm	Strategic Planning Pods		
	Regional & Statewide		
	Ashley Smith, COO Black Soil: Our Better Nature & Tiffany Bellfield El-Amin, Food System Equity Organizer, Community Farm Alliance		
2:00pm-3:00pm	Mapping Recap and Discussion		
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3:00pm-5:00pm	Completion Of Black Farmer Needs Assessments	Committee Registrations	Networking/Conversations