

Bridging Success: Strengthening Community, Capacity, and Viability of Texas Beginning Farmers and Ranchers

Overview

Bridging Success addresses documented social, production, and financial needs of Texas BFRs through a multi-pronged programming approach consisting of an annual conference, on-farm workshops, small group consults, 1-on-1 consulting, technical assistance, equity training, and BFR participation in planning and evaluation.



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Project Goals

1. Make Texas BFR programming more equitable and inclusive.
2. Train and advise Texas BFRs in sustainable production methods.
3. Assist Texas BFRs with accessing capital and building profitable businesses.

Project Activities

- Include Texas BFRs in annual conference planning
- Provide conference registration and travel support to 60 BFRs/year
- Coordinate racial equity training for Texas BFR service providers
- Host quarterly BFR listening sessions
- Conference sessions on sustainable crop and livestock production, plus business, finance, and marketing
- Annual on-farm soil health workshop
- Small group consultations at annual conference
- One-on-one financial consultations for BFRs
- Free virtual financial workshop series for BFRs
- Research and evaluation of conference impact, Texas BFR needs, challenges, perceptions of success



Photos from the 2022 Southern Family Farmers & Food Systems Conference



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