



# SUSTAINABLE AGRICULTURE CONFERENCE FOR NEW AND BEGINNING FARMERS

October 3, 2013 8am – 4:30pm



Oconee County Civic Center  
2661 Hog Mountain Rd.  
Watkinsville, GA 30677

Conference Participants can attend sessions on:

<b>Integrated Pest Management</b>	<b>Meat Goat Production</b>
<b>Farm to School</b>	<b>Meat Processing</b>
<b>How to Start a Cooperative</b>	<b>Beekeeping</b>
<b>On the Farm Composting</b>	<b>Georgia Organics Programs</b>
<b>USDA Support Programs</b>	<b>Market Analysis</b>
<b>Food Preservation &amp; the Cottage Foods Act</b>	
<b>Becoming Certified Naturally Grown vs. USDA Organic Certified</b>	
<b>Record Keeping in the Mobile Unit and GATE Certification</b>	
<b>On the Farm Food Safety Certification</b>	

**Key Note Speaker:** Quinton Robinson, USDA Rural Development, State Director

**Lunch Presentation by:** Dr. James Sutton: Director of Operations Georgia Department of Agriculture

**Panel Discussion:** Getting Produce & Products in the Market

**REGISTRATION FORM - Participant: (Please write clearly)**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone Number: (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_  
 Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

**Lunch selection (Choose one):**

- Turkey     Ham     Vegetarian     Chicken salad

**Please choose which afternoon training workshop you will be attending:**

- Recordkeeping  
 Beekeeping  
 On the Farm Food Safety Certification

**Register online at: <http://www.athenslandtrust.org>**

**\$10 Early Registration**  
 Deadline is Sept. 25  
 (Register early to  
 secure your lunch  
 choice & materials)  
**\$15 at the door.**

**Pay online or Make  
 check for \$10.00  
 payable to Athens Land  
 Trust and mail to:  
 Athens Land Trust  
 685 N. Pope Street  
 Athens, GA 30601**

**The conference will  
 host vendors,  
 exhibitors & break-out  
 sessions**

**Guest Presenters  
 include: USDA (NRCS,  
 Rural Development FSA),  
 Cooperative Extension,  
 Fort Valley State  
 University Georgia  
 Organics, Certified  
 Naturally Grown, Georgia  
 Crop Improvement  
 Association**

**FOR MORE  
 INFORMATION, PLEASE  
 CALL:**

Athens Land Trust  
 706-613-0122

UGA Cooperative Extension  
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Time	Topic	Presenter
7:00-8:00am	Registration and Coffee	
8:00-8:25am	Welcome and Introductions	
8:25-8:55am	Keynote Speaker	Christina Hylton, Community Ag Director ALT Quinton Robinson, USDA Rural Development, GA State Director
9:00-9:45am	<b>Session 1</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Cows in the Cafeteria/Meat Processing</li> <li>Cottage Foods Act/Food Preservation</li> <li>Plant Disease and Organic Pest Management</li> </ul>	Cyndi Ball, Lazy B Farm Denise Everson, Cooperative Extension Dr. Elizabeth Little, UGA Plant Pathology
9:50-10:35am	<b>Session 2</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Marketing</li> <li>Farm to School</li> <li>Georgia Organics</li> </ul>	Dr. Kent Wolf, UGA Director for Center of Agribusiness & Economic Development Emily Rose, Georgia Organics- Farm to School Asst. Donn Cooper, Georgia Organics
10:35-11:00am	Break	
11:00-11:45am	<b>Session 3</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>NRCS and FSA</li> <li>How to Start a Co-Op</li> <li>On the Farm Composting</li> </ul>	Jose Pagan & Renata Walker, NRCS & FSA Craig Scroggs, USDA Rural Development Amanda Tedrow UGA Coop. Extn & Stephanie Bergamo, Athens Land Trust
11:45-12:45pm	Lunch	Dr. Sutton, Georgia Department of Agriculture, Director of Operations
12:45-1:30pm	<b>Session 4</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>SARE</li> <li>Comparison of Organic Certification and Certified Naturally Grown</li> <li>Meat Goat Production</li> </ul>	Julia Gaskin, Program Coordinator SARE Christina Hylton CGN Board Member, Amanda Tedrow, UGA Cooperative Ext., Terry Hollifield, Georgia Crop Improvement Association Terrell Hollis, Fort Valley State University
1:35-2:25pm	<b>Session 5</b> <b>Panel Discussion:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><i>A Market for Your Produce &amp; Products</i></li> </ul>	Georgia Organics The Fresh Market Daily Groceries Whole Foods Cedar Grove The National Covenant Valley Farm West Broad Market Garden
2:30-4:30pm	<b>Session 6</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Record Keeping (Mobile Technology Unit)</li> <li>On the Farm Food Safety Certification</li> <li>Beekeeping Workshop</li> </ul>	