

**FIRST BUTLER/CUNNINGHAM CONFERENCE ON AGRICULTURE AND THE ENVIRONMENT**  
**Common Misbeliefs about Alabama Agriculture**

November 13, 2002

8:30 – 9:30 **Registration and Breakfast Reception**

**SESSION 1: THE PRESENT AND FUTURE WORLD OF AGRICULTURE**

9:30 – 9:40 **Welcome and Introductory Remarks**, C. E. Boyd, Butler/Cunningham Eminent Scholar, Auburn University

9:40 – 10:00 **Butler/Cunningham Legacy**, Jack Odle, Progressive Farmer

10:00 – 10:45 **Current and Long-Term Outlook for U.S. and Alabama Agriculture**, Carol Goodloe, Office of Chief Economist, USDA

10:45-11:15 **A Short History of Alabama Agriculture**, Wayne Shell, Professor Emeritus, Auburn University

11:15 – 11:40 **Who Supports Alabama Agriculture?**, John Jensen, Interim Dean and Director, College of Agriculture, Auburn University

11:40 – 12:00 **The Public's Opinion of Agriculture and the Environment – Results of a State-Wide Opinion Poll**, Lavaughn Johnson, Professor Emeritus, Auburn University

12:00 – 1:00 **Lunch** (on your own)

**SESSION 2: OUR AGRICULTURAL HERITAGE: WHERE HAVE WE BEEN AND WHERE ARE WE GOING?**

1:00 – 1:15 **Introduction: Where Your Food Dollar Goes**, Ronnie Murphy, Deputy Commissioner, Alabama Department of Agriculture & Industries

1:15 – 1:45 **Historical Trends in Alabama Agriculture**, Herb Vanderberry, USDA, Alabama Agricultural Statistician

1:45 – 2:15 **How Ya Gonna Keep 'Em Down on the Farm, Given the Economic Perspective?**, William Hardy, Associate Dean, College of Agriculture, Auburn University

2:15 – 2:40 **Climatological Effects on Alabama Agriculture**, John R. Christy, State Climatologist

2:40 – 3:00 **Alabama Soils**, George Martin, NRCS

3:00 – 3:30 **How Does Alabama Agriculture Compare to Other States?**, Linda Hutton, Environmental, Economics, and Demographics Branch, USDA

3:30 – 4:00 **Break**

**SESSION 3: AGRICULTURE AND THE ENVIRONMENT: IN HARMONY OR DISPUTE?**

4:00 – 4:15 **Introductory Remarks**, Alabama Farmers Federation representative

4:15 – 4:30 **Perspectives on Agricultural and Environmental Issues**, C. E. Boyd

4:30 – 4:50 **Views of Environmental Advocacy Groups about Agriculture**, Pat Byington, Southern Environmental Center

4:50 – 5:10 **Alabama Commission on Environmental Initiatives**, Pete Conroy, Environmental Policy & Information Center

5:10 – 5:30 **Resource Conservation and Development Program Initiatives**, Robert Jones, NRCS

5:30 – 5:50 **The Phosphorus Problem in Animal Production**, Wes Wood, Professor, Auburn University

6:30 **Reception**

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7:00 – 8:00 **Breakfast Reception**

**SESSION 4: SHOULD WE KEEP THE LAND IN AGRICULTURE?**

8:00 – 8:15 **Introduction to Current Land Use in Alabama**, Walter Hill, Dean, College of Agricultural, Environmental, & Natural Sciences, Tuskegee University

8:15 – 9:00 **How to Keep the Land in Agriculture if that is Your Goal**, Larry Libby, Ohio State University

9:00 – 9:20 **Legislative Issues and Taxation**, Richard Lindsey, State Representative

9:20 – 9:40 **Farmer's Perspective on Land Use in the Rural-Urban Interface**, Steve Tate, Tate Farms

9:40 – 10:00 **Water Quality Permits and Land Use in Alabama**, Richard Hulcher, Mining and Non-Point Source Section, ADEM

10:00 – 10:30 **Break**

**SESSION 5: HOW ARE CHANGES IN AGRICULTURE AFFECTING RURAL COMMUNITIES?**

10:30 – 10:45 **Status of Agribusiness in Alabama**, Cecil Medders, Alabama Power

10:45 – 11:15 **The Changing Structure of Agriculture: How Do We Deal with Mergers, Acquisitions, and Takeovers**, C. Robert Taylor, ALFA Eminent Scholar, Auburn University

11:15 – 11:30 **Issues Related to Credit for Agriculture**, Spencer Swan, Federal Land Bank Association

11:30 – 12:15 **Effects of a Changing Agriculture on Rural Communities**, William Heffernan, University of Missouri

12:30 – 2:00 **Lunch with speaker**, Ed Dickinson, Former publisher, Progressive Farmer

**SESSION 6: WRAP-UP: WHERE TO FROM HERE?**

2:00 – 2:15 **Introduction**, McArthur Floyd, School of Agricultural & Environmental Sciences, Alabama A&M University

2:15 – 2:45 **Panel Discussion**

2:45 – 3:30 **Question and Answer**

3:30 **Adjourn**

**REGISTRATION FORM**

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 3590 Grandview, Birmingham, Alabama

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