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 Eminant 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, Lavanaugh Johnson, Professor Emeritus, Auburn University

November 14, 2002
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
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

9:00 – 10:00 Water Quality Permits and Land Use in Alabama, Richard Fulcher, 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

9:30 – 10:00 Adjourn

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