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An Assessment of Community and Entrepreneurial Development Work at 1890 Land Grant Institutions and Tuskegee University

Rural Development programs at 1890 Land Grant Institutions have evolved in recent years from a focus on small and limited resource farmers to the need to be comprehensive in addressing community challenges and persistent poverty in the rural south. Research and technical assistance/outreach initiatives have included specific programs such as the Section 2501 Program, the 1890/USDA Entrepreneurial Outreach Programs, the Southern Black Belt Initiative, etc. The viability and success of these initiatives calls for special efforts to be comprehensive, emphasize small business/entrepreneurial development, network with community-based organizations and others for input in legislative efforts, and nurture agricultural economics skills and special leadership at 1890 Institutions for community development work in the rural south. This panel presentation will describe and assess the current status of community and entrepreneurial development work at and through 1890 Land Grant Institutions.

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Serving Socially Disadvantaged Farmers and Ranchers: An Assessment of the 2501 Program at 1890 Land Grant Institutions and Tuskegee University
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From Small Farms to Rural Development Programs at 1890s Land Grant Institutions and Tuskegee University
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The Determinants of Entrepreneurial Development in Low Income and Minority Communities in the South
Kenneth Robinson and Ralph Christy, Cornell University

A Preliminary Assessment of the 1890/USDA Entrepreneurial Outreach Program at 1890 Land Grant Institutions and Tuskegee University
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The Black Belt Rural Development Initiative: Meeting the Challenge of Diversity,
Collaboration, Complexity, and the Threat of Type Three Error in Problem Formulation
Terrence Thomas, North Carolina A&T State University

An Update and Assessment of the Southern Black Belt Legislative Efforts of the Last
Two Years
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