



Are You a Farmer and at least 25 years of Age? Then this Study May be for you. Help us Design the Next Extension Educational Training Program for Minorities and Military Veteran Farmers at Florida A&M University.



We are looking for minority producers or military veterans that have been farming for at least five years. The goal of this study is to allow extension personnel at Florida A&M University (FAMU) to gain an in-depth understanding of the barriers and risks minorities and veterans may encounter in farming. The information gathered from this inquiry will help extension personnel at FAMU develop the appropriate training programs for Florida farmers to assist them in improving the viability of their small farm enterprises. Your insight will be greatly appreciated.

<p>Who can participate?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Farmers who are 25 years or older • Farmers that have farmed for five years or more • Farmers that belong to a minority group (i.e., African American, Asian, Hispanic) • A military veteran but belong to a minority group • A livestock producer or a crop producer 	<p>Participants will receive the following compensation for volunteering for the study.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A copy of the interview transcripts. • Free training classes through the new Master Farmers Educational Training Series developed with your input at FAMU.
<p>Participants will be asked to volunteer in the following activities.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One group interview session • To verify the accuracy of the information you provided during the interview session. • To allow extension personnel to visit your farm to assess your current needs, provide consultation if needed, and identify any continued barriers after the training program has ended. Therefore, two scheduled farm visits will be made to your farm during this project. • To attend the free training classes sponsored by the Cooperative Extension Program at Florida A&M University 	<p>The contact personnel are listed below if you have more questions regarding the study or would like to participate.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • For Livestock Producers Contact: Dr. Angela McKenzie-Jakes angela.mckenziejakes@famu.edu 850- 412-6535 • For Crop Producers Contact: Dr. Gilbert Queeley Gilbert.queeley@famu.edu 850-599-3546