

TARGETED AUDIENCE

The project will target socially disadvantaged farmers/ ranchers in the Promise Zone and StrikeForce counties in South Carolina and the Strike Force counties in Georgia. The Promise Zone and StrikForce counties in South Carolina include: Abbeville, Allendale, Bamberg, Barnwell, Beaufort, Calhoun, Cherokee, Chester, Chesterfield, Clarendon, Colleton, Darlington, Dillon, Dorchester, Fairfield, Florence, Georgetown, Hampton, Jasper, Lancaster, Lee, Marion, Marlboro, Orangeburg, Sumter, Union, and Williamsburg.

The Strike Force counties in Georgia include: Appling, Atkinson, Baker, Baldwin, Ben Hill, Berrien, Bulloch, Calhoun, Candler, Charlton, Clay, Clinch, Coffee, Colquitt, Cook, Crisp, Decatur, Dodge, Dooley, Dougherty, Early, Emanuel, Evans, Grady, Hancock, Irwin, Jefferson, Jenkins, Johnson, Laurens, Macon, Miller, Mitchell, Montgomery, Peach, Pulaski, Quitman, Randolph, Screven, Seminole, Stewart, Sumter, Talbot, Taliaferro, Tattnall, Taylor, Telfair, Terrell, Thomas, Tift, Toombs, Treutlen, Turner, Ware, Warren, Washington, Wayne, Webster, Wheeler, Wilcox, and Wilkes. The project will also assist producers in owning and operating successful farms, including limited-resource farmers.



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INTRODUCTION

Over the last two decades, research has shown that farming is an inherently risky proposition. It is vitally important that farmers know about the tools available to them to reduce and mitigate that risk. Socially disadvantaged and novice farmers face tremendous risks in establishing and maintaining farming operations. Managing financial risk is a key part of farm sustainability. Crop insurance is one of the tools growers can use to reduce financial risk and increase credit worthiness. Risk management includes coping with unexpected events that have already occurred. Although numerous risk management tools and strategies are available to farmers, not all options work for every farmer. Small and limited resource producers (including livestock and specialty crop producers) remain vulnerable to adverse conditions. The project will consist of workshops and training experiences to assist farmers, market managers, agriculture businesses, extension students, and the general public on the changes made by the 2014 Farm Bill.

PURPOSE

The purpose of this project is to develop and deliver crop insurance education and risk management training for socially disadvantaged farmers/ranchers to make decisions that will facilitate their success at building sustainable and profitable agricultural businesses.



OBJECTIVES

The project will:

- Develop comprehensive outreach training materials on crop insurance and tools and strategies for risk management to enhance the producer's decision-making
- Train Farmers/ranchers on how to use risk management tools and access information on becoming certified naturally grown
- Train producers on financial management, business planning, enterprise budgeting, and retirement security planning.

PROJECT PARTNERS

Southern Carolina Regional Alliance
Promise Zone

Fort Valley State University
Extension Services

USDA/RMA Agency

AgSouth Farm Credit

USDA/NCRS/South Carolina State Office

USDA/NCRS/Georgia State Office

Low Country Local First, Inc.

ADMINISTRATION



The project is a contract between the United States Department of Agriculture/Risk Management Agency and the Corporation for Community and Economic Development United, Incorporated of Georgia and South Carolina.