

# 2023 Emerging Farmers Symposium Tentative Agenda

## UF/IFAS NFREC, 155 Research Road, Quincy, FL

### DAY 1:

**(All Times Eastern)**

8:00 – 8:45 **Conference Registration & Tradeshow**

8:45 – 9:00 **Conference Kickoff:** *Vonda Richardson, FAMU Extension Director*

9:00 – 9:45 **Keynote Speaker: Farm to Fork: Creating a Successful Direct to Consumer**

**Enterprise** *John Jackson, Comfort Farms*

9:45 – 10:15 **USDA Farm Service Agency (FSA) Loan Program:** *Wendy Forsyth, USDA FSA Farm Loan Manager*

10:15 – 10:45 **USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) Cost-Share Programs:** *Michael Felton, USDA NRCS*

10:45 – 11:00 **BREAK & Visit with Tradeshow Vendors**

11:00 – 11:30 **FDACS Cost-Share Programs:** *Stephen Fulford, FDACS Environmental Specialist*

11:30 – 12:00 **Community Supported Agriculture:** *Katie Harris, Full Earth Farm*

12:00 – 12:30 **Agritourism:** *Tony Hogg, Full Moon Farm*

12:30 – 1:30 **Sponsored Lunch & Tradeshow**

1:30 – 2:00 **Solar Grazing & How to Work with the Green Industry:** *Jim Malooley, Senior Manager, Regenerative Energy Operations, Silicon Ranch*

2:00 – 2:30 **FDACS Fresh From Florida Marketing Program:** *Gabrielle Lus, FDACS Fresh From Florida Marketing Program*

2:30 – 3:00 – **Incorporating Beekeeping into Your Operation:** *Amy Vu, UF/IFAS State Specialized Apiary Extension Agent*

3:00 – 3:30 **Break & Visit with Tradeshow Vendors**

3:30 – 4:00 **Small Ruminant Program:** *Dr. Angela McKenzie-Jakes, FAMU Animal Science Specialist*

4:00 – 4:30 **Producer Panel Q & A**

4:30 – 5:00 **Announcements & Wrap Up**

### DAY 2:

8:30 Tour Departure from UF/IFAS NFREC, Quincy, FL

9:30 **Arrive at FAMU Center for Viticulture and Small Fruit Research, Tallahassee, FL**

11:00 **Depart for FAMU Research and Extension Farm, Quincy, FL**

12:00 **Lunch at FAMU Research Farm**

1:00 **Tour FAMU Research Farm**

2:30 **Depart FAMU Research Farm**

3:00 **Arrive Back at UF/IFAS NFREC Quincy**

**To register:** <https://2023emergingfarmers.eventbrite.com>