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FARM BILL 2018: WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW (AND DO!)

By Carol Gundlach (Alabama Arise) and Sarah Hackney (National Sustainable Agriculture Coalition)

Americans across the political spectrum have long agreed on the importance of reducing hunger in our country and of supporting family farmers. But the U.S. House is now considering a Farm Bill reauthorization that would do the opposite, slashing food assistance for as many as 2 million Americans, gutting investments in local and regional food efforts, and ravaging support for resource conservation on farms. The House Farm Bill

would be a step in the wrong direction for producers, children, seniors and struggling families across Alabama and the nation.

The Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) is the largest program in the Farm Bill. SNAP, often called food stamps, helps more than 40 million Americans make ends meet and has lifted more than 8 million families out of poverty, including 195,000 Alabamians. In Alabama alone, SNAP benefits are spent in more than 5,000 stores and contribute \$1.3 billion



Photo via jofreeman.com, of the 1979 "tractorcade" demonstration by the American Agriculture Movement (AAM).

a year to the economy, including small growers whose produce can be purchased with SNAP benefits.

Harm to Low-Income Families

The House Farm Bill proposes

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SEED SAVING 101: STORAGE

By Dove Stackhouse
(Sand Mtn Seed Bank)

Continuing from our last installment on harvesting and processing, this installment is going to cover storage and some lessons we have learned over the years.

Now that you have harvested your seeds, you need to shell or thresh (dry process) them soon as you can, especially if you harvested them when they were a little green. This is especially true for beans, which will mold if you just put them in a basket and forget to shell them right away. As you shell your or thresh your crop, throw away any pods, ears, or stalks that have black spots (mold or disease), are not

This is the 4th of a 5-part series on seed saving that began in Fall 2017.



Chive seeds, photo courtesy the Sand Mountain Seed Bank

fully formed, or show some other obvious problem that would suggest they would not hold good seeds. Then cull individual seeds that are misshapen, discolored, small, not fully formed, or unnaturally wrinkly (they all wrinkle a little when drying).

Now you have your finest seeds ready for drying, and you have fastidiously labeled which varieties are on your plates. Next:

Don't:

- Put them in the oven or dehydrator. Heating your seeds above 90 degrees will

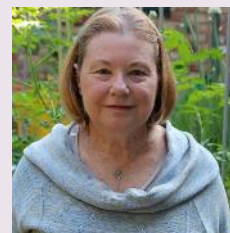
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LETTER FROM THE ASAN BOARD PRESIDENT



Dear ASAN Family,

I am amazed when I think about all you do for Alabama! All around the state we are working on amazing agricultural and community endeavors.

We are striving to do many good things. We are doing things like building community, living and making a living off the land, creating food access, and being a responsible and aware consumer. Many of us are still struggling or in need, but we have a vision for a resilient and just agriculture system, and we are determined to work towards that vision.

I'm going to share with you a one of our ASAN member from my part of the state, south west Alabama. His story shows that we are making a difference in in fulfilling needs. Be encouraged and find the strength to keep moving forward in your work, whatever way you help to heal Alabama.

Frewin Osteen, despite struggles with health and many other challengers, has been consistently working with a group of community leaders to help Prichard, AL. This

group has been completely devoted to getting good healthy food to the people of Prichard. They have started community gardens and have taught kids about planting, cooking and eating veggies. They have also worked to find solutions that increase marketing opportunities for farmers. One of their latest endeavors is to implement the "DoubleUp Food Bucks" program in southern Alabama. This enables folks with SNAP to buy at their market, and for every dollar customers spend on SNAP eligible foods, they get another dollar's worth for fruits and vegetables for up to \$20. If you would like to, please reach out to them by donating toward this endeavor at <https://www.gofundme.com/feed-families-healthier-dufb>.

Of course Frewin is not the only one. All of you are working hard for healthier communities. We are reconnecting to each other, healing the land, and moving toward well fed and thriving communities. We have the strength to do this because we are connected to each other, we help each other when in need, and we are encouraged by each other's stories.

Let's continue this struggle to reconnect and heal Alabama. Let's communi-

cate about our endeavors. Thank you to the ASAN staff for keeping us connected and updated. Continue to check out our ASAN membership profiles on the website and at the end of this newsletter. Also let ASAN know about events so that we can share them with the ASAN family. See the instructions for adding events to our calendar in this newsletter.

One of the best ways to stay connected to the ASAN family is to come together at events. At these events there is space for you to get to know one another better and to share your story with each other. This year we are hosting a series of events called tailgate trainings. At the tailgate trainings folks come together to learn about a particular farming skill and to share a potluck meal together. We hope to see you at one of these, and we wish you the best in all of your endeavors!

Sincerely,

Gabriel Denton
ASAN Board President

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The Sand Mountain Seed Bank is a collection of open-pollinated, locally and regionally adapted seed varieties collected and lovingly maintained by Dove Stackhouse, Charlotte Hagood, and others. Learn more at https://savetheseed.net/wiki/Category:Sand_Mountain_Seed_Bank.

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Gabriel Denton is ASAN's Board President and a farmer at Jubilee Promise Farm in Vinegar Bend, AL (Washington County).

Mindy Santo is a women's empowerment coach in Birmingham and works part-time on the staff of ASAN. An advocate of getting in the right mindset to bring your intentions to fruition, she works one-on-one and in-community to help you bring them into existence.

Alice Evans is the Executive Director of ASAN. She is a native of Huntsville, and now lives in Birmingham with her partner Lisa, their four fur-babies, and their new (human) baby, Moss.

ABOUT ASAN:

The mission of the Alabama Sustainable Agriculture Network is to deepen relationships between the people of Alabama, the food that we eat, and the place that we live.

ASAN provides peer-to-peer education, training, and networking opportunities to our broad network of farmers, gardeners, food-based businesses, agricultural resource organizations, and community leaders. We are a membership-based organization that seeks to improve the lives of small farmers and rural and urban communities and make a positive impact on the state's environment and health.

We define sustainable agriculture as farming that supports families and communities while conserving natural resources. We embrace the breadth of overlapping ways — ecological, economic, social, historical, etc. — that together, we can build a more sustainable food system. Find out more at <http://asanonline.org>.

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We will introduce our new board members in our Fall issue!

ANNOUNCING OUR FIRST-EVER YOUTH FOOD & FARM FORUM!

This December, alongside the (adult) Food & Farm Forum, we will also for the first time host a Youth Food & Farm Forum geared towards youth ages 14-21.

One of ASAN's core beliefs is that a resilient agricultural system must be intergenerational. Therefore it is imperative to involve the next generation of farmers and agricultural visionaries now. The goals of the Youth Forum are (1) to empower and inspire young Alabamians to cultivate interest in agriculture and food systems and (2) to intentionally create space within our organizing in which youth are heard, valued, meaningfully involved, and encouraged to take up leadership.

The Youth Forum program will consist of sessions on topics ranging from agricultural production, food sovereignty, community/grassroots organizing, and more. It will be planned and promoted by a Coordinator and a Youth Council of 6-8 youth from around the state.

If you are or know of a young person age 14-21 who would like to serve on our Youth Council, please go to <http://asanonline.org/youthcouncil> to find out more! We are accepting applications through early July for 6-8 volunteer positions. The Council will meet monthly (virtually) July through December.



ASAN ODDS & ENDS

Take note of these save-the-date graphics for Graze: Birmingham and the Food & Farm Forum! BIG big thanks to Kelsey Crafton and Katie Thompson for designing these beautiful works of art.

Your next newsletter will arrive in two months, not three! Starting this next issue, we are adjusting our quarterly publication schedule from March / June / September / December to a new schedule of February / May / August / November.

Look out in the next issue for a one-pager detailing the final results of our 16-month strategic planning process, Cultivate ASAN! We published our new mission statement in the Spring issue, but this one-pager will also include our realigned organizational vision, core values, goals, and more. We are excited to debut the results of this process, excited to hear your responses, and excited to begin to execute our new plans!

Thank you to our Strategic Plan Mission Alignment Task Force who helped us finalize this document: Kristin Woods, Matthew Lawrence, Andrew Williams, Dove Stackhouse, Carol Gundlach, Yawah Awolowo, and Steph Guilloud.

INTRODUCING: ASAN MEMBER PROFILE SERIES

Introducing our newest feature: membership profiles! Since many of you are miles apart, and since opportunities to gather in person are few and far between, we are hoping to deepen relationships among ASAN's diverse, amazing, and ingenious members across the state, with these regular features. **Thanks to these and all our members** for their ongoing support!

To read the **extended cut of these interviews** visit our blog at www.asanonline.org.

Want to be featured in a future profile, or know an ASAN member who deserves a little light shined their way?

To nominate an individual, farm/family, or business/organization to be featured in a future profile, drop us a line at info@asanonline.org!

Not a paid member yet? Join today, at <http://asanonline.org/join-asan> or fill out and mail us the paper form on page 15!

MEMBER PROFILE: MARTHA DAUGHDRILL, VIPERVILLE VEGETABLE FARM



Above: Martha and husband Paul Benton, below: garlic harvest. Photos courtesy Martha Daughdrill.

For those of you who attended our 2017 Food & Farm Forum, you may recall seeing beautiful, enormous bulbs of garlic during our market night, they were quite a hit! Those beauties were from Martha and Paul's Farm, Viperville Vegetable Farm. They acquired their first bulbs from an elderly fellow who grew it in his backyard in Louisiana. Technically, it is an elephant garlic, which they market as a Creole Garlic since it packs a little punch.

How long have you been a member of ASAN? Since 2004

Why did you become a member of ASAN? I got interested in the sustainable ag movement when I lived in Maryland, when I moved to Alabama. I was so glad to learn ASAN existed.

What is your favorite ASAN event, and why? Working the ASAN booth at Earth Day in Mobile, you get to meet and talk to all kinds of people interested in our food system.

What do you love about being part of ASAN / part of the food movement in Alabama? There are so many things! I love the sense of community, knowing other people care about where our food comes from and how it is grown. Seeing young people engaged, that's exciting. The energy. Acknowledging the

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MEMBER PROFILE: MARILYN MANNHARD, LOCAL FOOD PRODUCTION INITIATIVE (LFPI)



Above photo courtesy Marilyn Mannhard. Right: LFPI's community garden at Homestead Village in Fairhope, the site of one of last year's Cultivate ASAN Assemblies

Marilyn Mannhard is originally from Alabama, she grew up in Fairhope where she currently resides. Her parents, who also grew up in Fairhope, were influenced by the utopian vision of it's founders. They were also very influenced by their education at the Marietta Johnson School of Organic Education. Marilyn suggests you Google them, they're fascinating! She adds, "I guess my idealism comes from those influences."

How long have you been a member of ASAN? About 8 years

Why did you become a member of ASAN? I joined when I became involved with Fairhope's Local Food Production Initiative. I heard about one of the early meetings, attended, and got interested. It was when we were first planning the community gardens.

What keeps you motivated to show up for LFPI and do the things you do? I was a teacher for 29 years, and a master gardener for 15. I love gardening, good, healthy food, and teaching people, so I guess that motivates me to stay involved. I work alongside a few other volunteers to maintain the local community gardens, I love it.

What is your favorite ASAN event, and why? The regional and state-wide gatherings. The first one I attended was in Selma. We were so honored to welcome guest, Amelia Boynton Robinson, an American activist who contributed greatly to the Civil Rights Movement in

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traditions of Southern life and culture, and the desire to uphold it. I have a deep appreciation for The Poarch Band of Creek Indians who live near us, there's a movement afoot in that world of food sovereignty. They've picked up the torch and established a farmer's market to connect food and people.

What made you want to be a farmer?

For my dissertation research in agricultural anthropology, I wrote about farmers adapting to urban growth in the Washington, DC area. I worked on 9 different farms in the DC area, spent time on 25 others, and have always grown vegetables when I had access to any ground. Paul has an agriculture degree from Iowa State. Before we were a couple, we farmed together.

Is it what you thought it would be like? If not, why?

It's exactly what I thought it would be, and more.

What about being a farmer do you love the most? What keeps you going? What in a given day/week/month/year do you look forward to most?

Seeing something come out of the ground is so cool. I love learning about the insects and how mother nature benefits, and how it exists in harmony. I love it when kids are around to see that too! The bounty, the reward, and being able

to taste it. How it is all connected – the soil, the plants, the weather, insects, the wildlife

What keeps you up at night / what challenges or frustrates you the most / what makes you want to quit?

What keeps us up at night now is different than what it used to be. When we were full-time farmers in MD, our success hinged on the success of our crops. August was our barometer, if we hadn't met the total of our yearly mortgage note due in December– we definitely lost sleep. Now, it's different. Since the crops are not our only source of income, we have some breathing room. This also means we get to manage what we do to grow better ingredients, and experiment with different methods. And, I've never wanted to quit. I'd rather re-adjust.

Read the full profile on our website at <http://asanonline.org/asan-member-profile-viperville-vegetable-farm!>



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Selma, AL. She helped to lead the civil rights march which became known as Bloody Sunday, was the first black woman to run for congress, and she championed for voting rights for African American. It was such an honor to meet and talk to her.

I also enjoyed the classes at the Regional Food & Farm Forum several years ago held at the Coastal Alabama Farmers and Fisherman's Market. We had short "how to" classes on a variety of topics that were well received.

What do you love about being part of ASAN / part of the food movement in Alabama?

I love the fact that it is a highly diverse group of people with different beliefs and ideas, and all committed to improving the quality of food, access to quality food, and opportunities for small farmers and producers. I also love the networking aspect of gathering individuals

from different parts of my region.

What frustrates or challenges you about the work you do, and/or the broader context in which you do it? We have a hard time bringing in younger people to our local organization to take on organizational tasks and serve on the board. We always have a waiting list for our two community gardens, however that doesn't seem to translate into wanting to be involved in the organization.

What excites you about the future of ASAN? I am excited to see younger people become more involved. Without their enthusiasm and participation, the organization would not be able to move forward.

Read the full profile on our website at <http://asanonline.org/asan-member-profile-local-food-production-initiative!>

FARM BILL (CONT'D)

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three major SNAP changes that, together, would cut benefits for tens of thousands of participants across Alabama:

1) The bill would forbid Alabama and other states to adjust SNAP asset limits so families don't abruptly lose benefits when their financial situation slightly improves. The ability to save a little money without losing SNAP helps working families handle unexpected emergencies. And allowing struggling families with multiple workers or students to get SNAP without having to sell reliable cars makes it easier for them to get to work and school and better their situation. That's especially true in rural areas where distances are greater and public transportation is lacking.

2) The House Farm Bill would hurt families and children by requiring single parents and grandparents raising their grandchildren to try to collect child support. Child support is, of course, critical to eliminating child poverty, and more than 70 percent of low-income custodial parents already receive child support services. But taking food off the table doesn't help a parent or grandparent collect child support; it only makes the family hungrier.

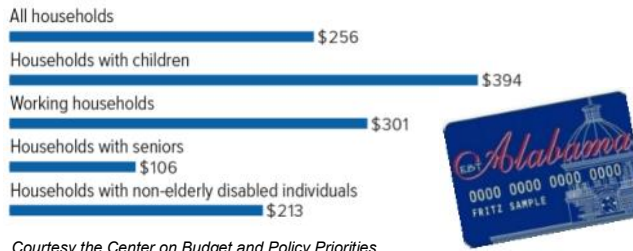
3) The House bill would make existing work requirements much more punitive. Under current law, SNAP participants between ages 18 and 50 who don't have a disability and don't have children in the home must work a certain number of hours per month. The proposed Farm Bill would extend this requirement to participants in their 50s and apply it to parents with children ages 6 and over.

These new limits would take food off the table for many low-wage workers in industries like retail and construction. They also could hurt self-employed people, including growers,

Who Gets SNAP in Alabama?



How much do they receive?



Courtesy the Center on Budget and Policy Priorities

whose work hours depend on the weather and the season and who may not be able to provide proof of the exact number of hours worked each month.

This change seeks to solve a problem that doesn't exist. Half of all adult SNAP participants without a disability are already working, as are 60 percent of participants with children – often in retail, construction and other jobs with low wages, irregular or seasonal hours, and few benefits.

Harm to Sustainable Agriculture

The House farm bill fares poorly on the sustainable agriculture side too. Taken together, the following issues in the bill could set the sustainable food and farm movement back decades:

1) The House bill abandons rural communities and local and regional food efforts. It would torpedo the progress that has been made in helping farmers connect to new and fast-growing markets for local and regional food (like food hubs and farmers markets), value-added products, and organic agriculture, by eliminating all mandatory funding for the [Farmers Market and Local Food Promotion Program](#), [Value-Added Producer Grants Program](#), [National Organic Certification Cost Share Program](#), Rural Microentrepreneur Assistance Program, and Rural

Energy for America Program. The House bill cripples resource conservation efforts on farms. Healthy soil, clean water, fresh air, and thriving wildlife habitats – these are just some of the many benefits of the farm bill's voluntary conservation programs. The House bill cuts funding for working lands conservation programs by nearly \$5 billion over 10 years and completely eliminates the Conservation Stewardship Program.

2) The House bill fails to take important steps forward on equity. Farmers of color have historically experienced widespread discrimination and gaps in access to USDA programs and resources. In order to correct some of these historical inequities and attempt to level the playing field for all farmers, Congress created the [Outreach and Technical Assistance to Socially Disadvantaged and Veteran Farmers](#) (Section 2501) program in 1990 – but while need for the program is stronger than ever, funds for the remain stuck at only \$10 million per year.

This is just a sampling of issues of concern in the bill. There are also several proposals in the bill that threaten clean water and important conservation programs.

TAKE ACTION: CALL YOUR SENATORS!



< SEN. RICHARD SHELBY
Phone: (202) 224-5744



SEN. DOUG JONES >
Phone: (202) 224-4124

Note: both of these Senators represent the entire state of Alabama, so call them both!

Sample call script:

Hello, my name is [] and I am a constituent. I'm calling with a message for my Senator's agriculture staffer. Please ensure the Senate's 2018 Farm Bill protects the SNAP program, which is invaluable for our neighbors in need of food assistance, along with fully investing in programs that encourage local and regional food and farm efforts in Alabama. Thank you.

FARM BILL (CONTINUED)

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Longtime DC advocates for sustainable agriculture report that it is one of the worst bills drafted in 30 years!

What's next? Act now!

Alabamians are caring people, and we

have a shared responsibility to support our communities and growers and keep our neighbors from going hungry. It's important for Alabama's members of Congress to hear from their constituents about the need for the Farm Bill to protect families and growers. The good news is the 2018 Farm Bill is not yet finalized –

at press time, both the House of Representatives and the Senate are still working on their respective versions of the bill, with the Senate not yet having finalized their bill. We can do better! Consider making a call today to Alabama's two Senators, Richard Shelby and Doug Jones, and ask them to do just that.

SEED SAVING (CONT'D)

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kill them.

- Dry them in the sun. For the same reason as above, but also, think about what it requires for seeds to sprout? Light and moisture.
- Using a dehumidifier even in a small room will keep you running to dump out the accumulated water. Given our humid climate. You could add it to your exercise program.



Top: George's Mystery Bean, and bottom: lettuce getting ready to "fluff." Photos courtesy the Sand Mountain Seed Bank

Storage:

We store our seeds in the refrigerator. Because they are alive, the cool and dark

puts them to sleep and kills insects like bean weevils that emerge from the seed. We have found that the best way to store our seeds is in glass containers, ie canning jars. Plastic bags are permeable and will take in moisture. We do however put our small seeds like tomatoes in small plastic bags then put several varieties in one jar. It saves space in the refrigerator. A few handy tips:

- Remember to label each variety, the year you grew and harvested it on each bag. Then label each jar so you can see from the outside what is in it.
- Pencil is the best permanent marker. We have

tried different things that can handle moisture, but the best we've found is paper written on with pencil, and either taped with packing tape on the outside of the jar, or put in a small plastic bag and taped to the jar. Packing tape seems to endure and you can see through it.

Do:

- Seeds should be laid out in a single layer if possible, and stir them occasionally so they dry evenly. This is especially important for those that have been wet-processed because they will stick together and stick to paper towels or paper plates. You all have seen tomato seeds that are stuck together when you have opened a seed package from commercial seed companies.
- We have found that setting seeds in front of an air conditioner is good and I have used a sweater dryer that has several drying levels.
- Air flow is key. If the air flow is gentle it may not blow away cucumber seeds, though smaller seeds like lettuce may be a different story!

- Seeds must be at 10-12% moisture level before you put them in the fridge. If you intend to freeze them they need to be even lower (some say 5-8%), or else the moisture will cause them to rupture. For now, just refrigerate until you get a little experience under your belt.

- How do you know the moisture level is low enough? A simple way without using a hydrometer is to place a few seeds in a small jar with a tight lid let it set

overnight. If there is condensation inside they are still too wet, and they need to dry further.

- When you take a jar from the refrigerator to get seeds out you must let it come up to room temperature before you open it. If you don't, it will suck that nice moist air in and you will have to dry them out again which will reduce germination.

How long can you store seeds? As a general rule, the smaller seeds with thin seed coats like lettuce and carrots are viable for a few years if kept refrigerated. The bigger seeds are viable even longer. As a rule, we keep things for 10 years, then then germ (germination) test them to see how vigorous they may be. We have a hard time throwing seeds away unless we know for sure they are dead. With plants you just never know. For example: I received some bean seeds that were discovered, sealed in a clay pot, in a cave in the desert southwest. They were 2000 years old. I received 20 of these seeds, I planted them and every one came up. So, under ideal conditions who's to know for sure?!

Lastly, I will again emphasize record-keeping. We have a book where we record: how much seed we have in weight or seed count; who gave us the seeds; and any history we have gleaned along the way. After all it is our history and story we are sending into the future – a living future. Many of the crops we have today were domesticated 10,000 years ago, so just think of how many people we will never know made this possible!

In the next issue, our fifth and final installment will discuss tubers, as well as what the Sand Mountain Seed Bank has been up to and how you might get involved. Thanks for reading!

ALABAMA FARMERS AND RANCHERS: PLEASE COMPLETE THE 2017 CENSUS OF AGRICULTURE

By Cynthia Price (National Agriculture Statistics Service)

The U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) is reminding Alabama farmers and ranchers that the window is closing on the opportunity to participate in the 2017 Census of Agriculture.

"If you produced and sold \$1,000 or more of agricultural product in 2017, or normally would have produced and sold that much, we need to hear from you," said NASS Alabama State Statistician Cynthia Price. "If you received



a Census form but do not fit this definition of a farm, please write your status on the form and send it back."

The Census of Agriculture is the only comprehensive source

of Alabama county level data. It is very important for small-scale producers, minority farmers, and sustainable and highly diversified producers to be counted because many times the Census is the only source of data about these types of farms. The information gathered in the Ag Census is used to make deci-

sions that will shape the future of agriculture. Alabama agriculture has changed since 2012 and this is the opportunity to quantify that change. Alabama producers can

respond to the 2017 Census of Agriculture online at www.agcounts.usda.gov or by mail. The deadline has already been extended once, from February 5, and that NASS is asking any remaining farms to submit their Census forms ASAP. NASS will release Census results in February 2019.

For more information about the 2017 Census of Agriculture or for assistance with the questionnaire, visit www.agcensus.usd.gov or call toll-free (888) 424-7828.



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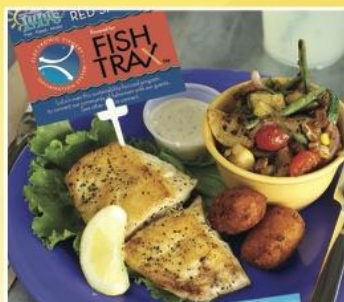
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NEWS FROM YOUR NEIGHBORS

Bon voyage to ASAN staff member **Meagan Mullen** and her partner **Sadie King** as they travel cross-country and get settled in their new home of Eugene, Oregon. You will be missed!

Jean Mills and **Carol Eichelberger**, who started Tuscaloosa CSA in 1990, have sold their home and farm in Coker and have relocated to Santa Rosa, CA. They are sad to have left their longtime community in Alabama, but are excited to be joining a community that will bring valuable comforts, amenities, and community of its own. We wish y'all all the best and we miss you already!

Jean and Carol are thrilled to have sold their farm to **Katie Davis** (longtime farm manager at Birmingham's **Jones Valley Teaching Farm**) and her partner **Creighton Tynes**!

Big big congratulations to **Frank and Pardis Stitt** and **Dolester Miles** of **Highlands Bar & Grill** in Birmingham for their TWO big wins at the **James Beard Foundation Awards** in May. Highlands won for Outstanding Restaurant and Ms Miles won for Outstanding Pastry Chef.

CLASSIFIEDS AND RESOURCES

DOUBLE UP FOOD BUCKS CROWDFUNDING CAMPAIGN: North Mobile County (NoMoCo) Food Park & Market is implementing the "Double Up Food Bucks" Program in Alabama. This enables folks with SNAP to buy at their market,

These sections appear in every newsletter and feature updates both personal and professional, on ASAN members and friends: anything from a new farm, to a new baby.

They make existing resources known to others, and help spread the word for those looking to connect. Connecting people in this, the barest-bones of ways, we hope to provide a jumping-off point for folks to connect on their own in deeper ways.

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and for every dollar customers spend on SNAP eligible foods, they get another dollar's worth for fruits and vegetables for up to \$20. They're running a GoFundMe campaign to raise matching funds for the program. For every dollar donated, the program receives another dollar in matching funds. Please support them in their efforts! Go to <https://www.gofundme.com/feed-families-healthier-dufb> to donate and learn more.

YOUTH FOOD & FARM FORUM: If you or someone you know is 14-21 years old, and would like to help us plan and promote our first-ever Youth Food & Farm Forum, please go to <http://asanonline.org/youthcouncil> to find out more about applying! Accepting applications through early July.

FARM / HOUSE / EQUIPMENT FOR SALE: The Tasteful Garden in Heflin is for sale including: Two story, 2B 2BA house, 5 acres of land, pool and hot tub, 15' x 15' storage building, 30' x 30' two-door garage/workshop, 20' x 20' metal storage building with concrete floor pad and roll up garage door, 50' x 40' 6-stall barn with side storage room and tack room. Eleven acres of pasture property including fencing and pond. Also for sale: website, customer data base, 6 greenhouses (with heaters, tables and fans), plant inven-

tory with pots and trays, shipping building, conveyor belts, office trailer, computers, office equipment, desks, tables and chairs. For more information contact: George Martin, cpgmar@centurytel.net, 256-226-2670.

FOR SALE: ASAN is selling a custom-made 8' two-stage **roller crimper** (photos below). Attaches to three-point hitch. Located in Shorter, AL. Must be a current paid ASAN member at Farm/Household level or above in order to purchase. Asking price \$2415. For more information and photos go to <http://asanonline.org/rollercrimper>.



UPCOMING EVENTS

DETAILS FOR THESE EVENTS
AND MORE, AT
WWW.ASANONLINE.ORG/EVENTS

June 9—Jemison
Black and Blueberry Festival

June 9—West Blocton
Cahaba River Ramble

June 11—Boykin / Gee's Bend
Wealth Creation in Rural Alabama

June 12—Fairhope
Mobile Bay Green Drinks

June 13-14—Huntsville
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June 20—*Mobile*

Mobile Bay Green Drinks

June 21-23—*Lexington, KY*

Southern Foodways Summer Symposium

June 21—*Atlanta*

Food Safety Plan workshop

June 23—*Auburn*

2018 Alabama Water Watch Annual Meeting

June 23—*Hazel Green*

North Alabama Veteran Farmers Conference

June 28—*Dothan*

Backyard Insects & Wildlife: Good, Bad, and the Ugly

June 29—*Tuskegee*

Integrated Approach for Managing Diseases and Parasites in Small Ruminants

June 30—*Jemison*

Petals Annual Greenhouse Sale

July 10—*Fairhope*

Mobile Bay Green Drinks

July 13—*Montevallo*

Exploring Our Living Streams

July 13-15—*Boston, MA*

Roots & Remedies 2018: "Resist, Heal, Thrive—Together"

July 14—*Montgomery*

#DefendRivers Paddle

July 14—*Fort Payne*

Yes I Can! Canning Fruits and Vegetables Workshop

July 18 — *Mobile*

Green Drinks Mobile

July 21—*Jemison*

Fig and Stone Fruit Walking Tour

July 27—*Gainesville, FL*

Organic Food & Farming Summit 2018: Nature's Garden Express

August 3 — *Online*

All Bugs Good and Bad Webinar

August 4—*Jemison*

Butterflies of Alabama Up Close and Personal

August 16-17—

Birmingham / Epes

Annual Meeting of the Federation of Southern Cooperatives

September 9—*Birmingham*

4th Annual Graze: Birmingham

December 6-7—*Nauvoo*

Food & Farm Forum and Youth Food & Farm Forum

Submit your event to our events calendar!

Email alice@asanonline.org, and be sure to include:

- Name of event
- Host group and contact info
- Location (including full address)
- Date/time
- Price
- Link to event website, Facebook event page, and/or flyer, if there is one.
- Short (3-4 sentences) description of the event written in "third person" (i.e. "XYZ Club invites you to join them for their annual meeting" vs "join us for our annual meeting")
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