

27th Annual

# Arkansas Soil and Water Education Conference and Irrigation EXPO 2025

Centennial Hall (Student Union), Arkansas State University

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29 January 2025

7:15 .....Registration, Irrigation EXPO Exhibits & Posters.....Alumni Lounge  
Coffee & Refreshments

8:00.....Welcome & Introductions .....Centennial Hall  
**Dr. N. Ray Benson**, R.E. Lee Wilson Chair of Agriculture, A-State College of Agriculture, Jonesboro, AR  
**Dr. Mickey Latour**, Dean, A-State College of Agriculture, Jonesboro

Session-1 .....Centennial Hall  
Moderator: **Julie Bennett**, USDA-NRCS, Mississippi County, Osceola, AR

8:10 Census of Irrigation & Water Management Survey – **Michael Klamm**, USDA-NASS Delta Region, Little Rock

8:30 Markets for Floodplain Restoration – **Sandi Rose**, Arkansas Nature Conservancy, Little Rock, AR

8:50 Carbon Markets Overview, **Dr. Ellen Herbert**, Ducks Unlimited, Memphis, TN.

9:10 The Arkansas Water Plan – **Chris Colclasure**, Arkansas Department of Agriculture, Natural Resources Division, Little Rock, AR

9:30 Midsouth Rice – A Career Perspective – **Dr. Paul Counce**, University of Arkansas, Rice Research and Extension Center, Stuttgart, AR

9:50 Sponsor Acknowledgements – **Mike Hamilton**, UADA

Irrigation EXPO -- Exhibits & Posters .....Alumni Lounge

Session-2 .....Centennial Hall  
Moderator: **Allegra Pieri**, Physical Scientist, US Geological Survey, Little Rock, AR

10:50 St. Francis Basin “Water Drop” – **Mike Clay, PE**, US Army Corps of Engineers, Memphis, TN

11:25 NRCS Updates – **Amanda Mathis**, Arkansas State Conservationist, USDA-NRCS, Little Rock

11:45 Arkansas Irrigation Contest: 2024 Winners – **Dr. Chris Henry** and **Mr. Russ Parker**, UADA, RREC, Stuttgart.

12:00 Luncheon .....Centennial Hall

Introductions – **Dr. N. Ray Benson**, R.E. Lee Wilson Chair of Agriculture, A-State College of Agriculture, Jonesboro, AR

Invocation – **Dr. Rodney Wright**, NRCS, Jonesboro, AR

Remarks from **Dr. Paul DeLaune**, Crop, Soil, and Environmental Science Department, University of Arkansas, Fayetteville, AR

Luncheon Address – **Jerry Don Clark**, Producer, Craighead Co.

Presentation of Awards – **Kevin Cochran**, USDA-NRCS, Little Rock

*Student Awards: Poster Contest Winners, Outstanding Students in Soil & Water Conservation, ASWEC Scholarship  
ASWEC Friend of Conservation Agriculture  
ASWEC Outstanding Conservationist*

Session-3 .....Centennial Hall

Moderator: **Dr. Zachary Treadway**, Cotton and Peanut Specialist, University of Arkansas Division of Agriculture, Little Rock, AR.

1:30 A Farmers Conservation Journey – **Matt Miles**, Producer, McGehee, AR.

1:50 Using AI To Improve Production Efficiency – **Travis Senter**, Senter Farms, Osceola, AR; **Nathan Holmes**, PumpTrakr, Oran, MO.

2:15 Panel Discussion – Residue Management -*Burning and Baling*  
**Adam Eades (Moderator)**, District Conservationist, USDA-NRCS, Greene Co.

**Wes Ward**, Arkansas Secretary of Agriculture, Little Rock, AR

**Dr. Trent Roberts**, University of Arkansas, Fayetteville, AR

**Dean Wall**, Wall Farms, Walcott, AR

**Travis Senter**, Senter Farms, Osceola, AR

**Warren Skaug, MD**, Jonesboro, AR

3:15 Adjourn