

## **Dear Friend:**

According to the 2022 Census of Agriculture, Alabama lost 8 percent of its farms from 2017 to 2022, yet small farms still comprise 90 percent of farming in the nation. To offset this trend and to help sustain small farms in this region, Alabama A&M University (AAMU) and partners will host the first North Alabama Ag (Agriculture) Expo.

The North Alabama Ag Expo is a free family-friendly event that will be held on Saturday, November 2 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at AAMU's Agribition Center, 4925 Moores Mill Road, Huntsville, Alabama 35811.

## The objectives of the North Alabama Ag Expo are to:

- Showcase the latest agricultural products and services, including research, technology, equipment, and other resources.
- Foster greater interest in agricultural careers and businesses.
- Develop partnerships that strengthen urban, suburban, and rural agricultural businesses and communities.

We are excited about this new endeavor. We hope you are excited too and will consider becoming a sponsor, exhibitor, or a vendor. We desire to make the North Alabama Ag Expo one of the premiere agricultural events in the state.

If you are interested in becoming a sponsor, exhibitor, or vendor please complete the Sponsor-Vendor or Exhibitor forms. All sponsorship fees are tax deductible and must be submitted by Monday, September 16, 2024, to meet printing deadlines.

For additional information, please contact me at (256) 689-0274 or dhg0004@aces.edu.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Donna Gilbert, Event Chair Assistant Manager, Agribition Center

