

PURPOSE AND SCOPE

The Professional Agricultural Workers Conference (PAWC) is meeting for the 64th session on December 3-5, 2006 at Tuskegee University. The PAWC serves as a forum where participants review and discuss relevant topics on improving the quality of rural life for people in the South and the nation in general. This year's theme will continue on last year's work on: "Strategies to Influence the 2007 Farm Bill and Rural Policies."

The PAWC is hosted by Tuskegee University and supported by the Farm Foundation, USDA agencies (ERS, NRCS, CSREES, FSA, FS, FAS, APHIS), USDI/NPS, USAID, the Southern Rural Development Center, USDI, COSBAE/AAEA, 1890 Land-grant Institutions and Tuskegee University. The major activities of the PAWC include the following:

- A **plenary session** to introduce the general policy environment and debatable issues as related to the theme of the conference;
- **Workshops and work group sessions** to allow exchange of ideas and hands-on experiences and to initiate actions for follow-up after the conference;
- **Contributed papers** for presentation (15-20 minutes each) and publication in the proceedings;
- **Poster session** to allow for longer exposure of applied and problem-solving research work, and **exhibits** that are relevant to professional agricultural workers (related papers to be published);
- The **L. A. Potts Luncheon** to highlight "success stories" in agriculture and rural development at the 1890 institutions and related community-based organizations;
- A conference **Memorial Lecture** carrying the name of an individual who, over his/her lifetime, contributed significantly at an 1890 land-grant institution or Tuskegee University.
- The **George Washington Carver Public Service Hall of Fame Awards** for special recognition of individuals whose work mirrors the public service philosophy of Dr. Carver, i.e., of being "the greatest good to the greatest number of people."

PROGRAM

Saturday, December 2:

- 12:00-1:00 p.m. * On-site Registration
- 1:00-5:00 p.m. * Pre-Conference Sessions
* Undergraduate Student paper/poster competition

Sunday, December 3:

- 9:00 a.m. * Pre-conferences (Continued)
* Poster set-up
- 2:00 p.m. * Conference Registration
* Graduate Student paper/poster competition
* Poster Displays
* Prepare Pre-conference Reports
- 6:30 p.m. * Christmas Concert
- 8:30 p.m. * Meet the Participants Reception

Monday, December 4:

- 8:30-9:45 a.m. * Plenary Session Keynote Address
- 10:00-12:15 p.m. * Panel Discussion
Reports from Pre-Conferences
- 12:30-2:15 p.m. * L. A. Potts Luncheon and Success Stories
- 2:30-5:30 p.m. * Workshops/Paper Presentations
- 7:00 p.m. * Poster Session, Twelfth Annual MANRRS Student Banquet, Networking, Receptions, Group Meetings

Tuesday, December 5:

- 8:30-9:45 a.m. * Plenary Session
- 10:00-12:15 p.m. * Panel Discussion and Group Reports
- 12:30-2:15 p.m. * Memorial Luncheon and Lecture
- 2:30-5:30 p.m. * Workshops / Paper Presentations
* Agency and other Meetings
- 7:00 p.m. * G. W. Carver Public Service Hall of Fame Awards Banquet and Lecture

YOUR PARTICIPATION IS NEEDED!

Contributed papers, workshops, posters, and special sessions on the conference theme are invited. Focus can also be on: rural development programs and initiatives; small farm issues; biotechnology, food, nutrition, and health in minority communities; small business and entrepreneurial development; Native American and Latino Issues; youth development; international development, outsourcing of jobs, etc. **Send abstracts to PAWC Coordinator** (Milbank Hall, Tuskegee University, AL 36088) by **October 13** (one-half page, single-space, title, authors [presenter's name underlined], institutional affiliation, address and phone number).

SPECIAL FEATURES THIS YEAR

Pre-conference activities are being solicited. Please contact PAWC coordinators.

Student Paper and Poster Competition

For the third year monetary awards and/or plaques will be offered to the best undergraduate and graduate **student papers or posters**. The Tuskegee University Chapter of Gamma Sigma Delta will help in soliciting and managing this year's competition. (Contact: Jannette Bartlett, 334-727-8266).

MANRRS Banquet

The Society of Minorities in Agriculture, Natural Resources and Related Sciences (**MANRRS**) will hold its Twelfth Annual **Student Recognition Dinner** on Monday evening, December 4.

NEW PAWC Website

Announcing the new PAWC Website.
See: www.pawc.info

For further information, visit the PAWC website or contact PAWC coordinators Ntam Baharanyi at 334-724-4840, baharany@tuskegee.edu or Robert Zabawa at 334-727-8114, zabawar@tuskegee.edu.

REGISTRATION FORM

64th ANNUAL
PROFESSIONAL AGRICULTURAL
WORKERS CONFERENCE
TUSKEGEE UNIVERSITY, DECEMBER 3-5, 2006

Send to: Louise F. Herron,
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Tuskegee, Alabama 36088
(334) 727-8334 (334) 724-4451 FAX

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Registration fee to be announced.

Make check payable to Tuskegee University/
PAWC. Cancellation with full refund will be
accepted in writing until November 24. No refunds
thereafter. No discounts for early departure.

Tuskegee University's Federal ID number is
63-0288878.

REGISTRATION

The registration fee covers program meals, coffee
breaks, materials, and a copy of the proceedings. The
attached registration form can serve as your invoice. If
your organization has additional requirements, please
notify the PAWC Coordinator on official stationery.
Purchase orders will be accepted in writing until
November 24. No refunds will be made thereafter.
On-site registration will begin at 2 p.m. Sunday,
December 3, at the Kellogg Conference Center.

HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS (call directly)

Rooms will be held under the code PAWC at the
Tuskegee University Kellogg Conference Center
where all sessions will be held. Conference special
rates are \$73 for both single and double rooms.
Government rates are available upon presentation of
appropriate ID and travel papers. For reservations, call
334-727-3000 before November 17. A deposit equal
to the first night's charge for each accommodation is
due with each reservation request. For full refund of
deposit, cancel reservation at least 48 hours prior to
date of arrival. Based on availability, overflow
bookings will be accommodated at Hampton Inn,
Auburn, AL (334-821-4111).

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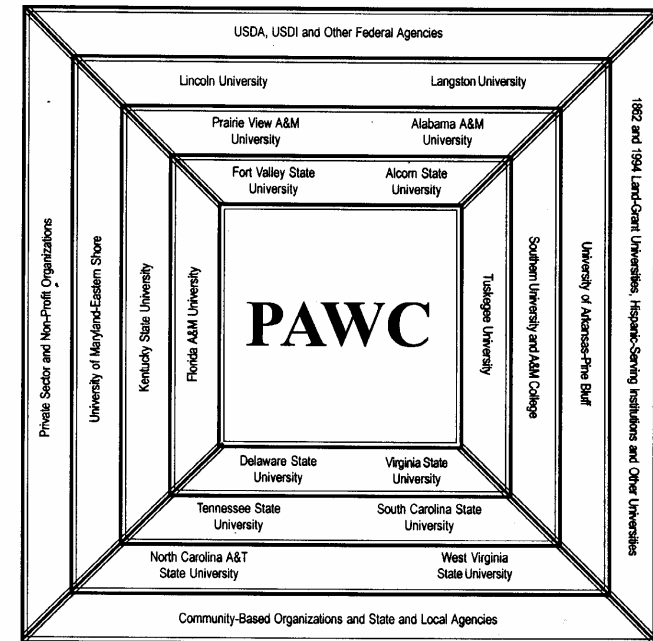
The nearest commercial airport is in Montgomery,
Alabama. You can also fly into Atlanta, GA or
Birmingham, AL, and use J&J Enterprises at (334)
727-4074 or Express 85 at 1-888-238-7738 for
transportation from and to the airport. There are a
number of flights by Delta, Continental, US Airway
and other carriers into the three airports. Car rental
agencies are located in the airport terminals.

WEATHER

In early December, visitors to Tuskegee University
can expect mild weather ranging from 40° to 60°F.

UPCOMING...

THE 64th ANNUAL PROFESSIONAL AGRICULTURAL WORKERS CONFERENCE



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Tuskegee, Alabama 36088**

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