

PURPOSE AND SCOPE

The Professional Agricultural Workers Conference (PAWC) is meeting for the 65th session on December 2-4, 2007 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 is "Meeting the Challenges to Sustainable Growth and Development of Rural Communities."

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 1:

- 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 2:

- 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 3:

- 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 4:

- 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 for the emerging issues of Energy and Natural Resources, Health and Nutrition, Immigration and Homeland Security. 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; Asian American, Native American and Latino Issues; youth development; international development, outsourcing of jobs, etc. **Send abstracts to PAWC Coordinator** (Campbell Hall, Tuskegee University, AL 36088) by **October 12** (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 fourth 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: Nii O. Tackie, 334-727-8813; ntackie@tuskegee.edu).

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 3.

OLD-TIMERS Recognition

In order to recognize long term service to PAWC, please indicate on the registration form the number of years you have been attending the conference.

NEW PAWC Website: 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
65th ANNUAL
PROFESSIONAL AGRICULTURAL
WORKERS CONFERENCE
TUSKEGEE UNIVERSITY, DECEMBER 2-4, 2007

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E-mail _____

Please indicate number of years attending

PAWC: _____

Registration fees:

Early Bird (by Oct. 1):	\$295
Advanced (by Nov. 15):	\$350
On-Site (after Nov. 15):	\$425
Retirees, Students and CBOs:	\$125

Make checks 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 2, 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).

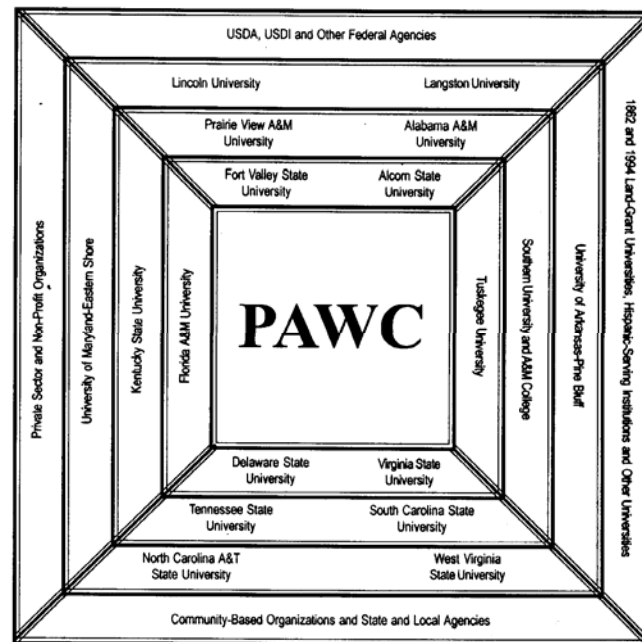
TRANSPORTATION

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.

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Theme:

**Energy, Food and Fiber Alternatives:
Opportunities for Underserved Communities**

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