

SEPTEMBER

EDITION

FSC ANNUAL MEETING by Frank Taylor

The Federation of Southern Cooperatives Celebrated Its 38th Annual Meeting August 18-20 in Epes, Alabama with resounding participating from the membership and general public. The weather conditions were extremely challenging with temperatures nearing 100 degrees each day, nevertheless, the outside workshops, such as forestry, bee pollination and women in agriculture had substantial number of participants. According to, Louie Rivers of Kentucky State University Extension Program, stated the Federation of Southern Cooperatives performed a miracle under advert weather conditions to be inclusive of all participants. Friday's event concluded with a fish fry, auction, and lives blues performance with Mr. Willie King, who howled low down and current blues lyrics. Saturday morning started with a tremendous breakfast prepared by the Kentucky delegation with the assistant of flamboyant Mrs. Mattie Mack, who serves as a delegate on the Federation's executive Board. The prayer breakfast speaker was Minister Wendell Paris Jr. from New York. The participants were moved with encouraging words and songs for more than one hour to create an atmosphere of hope for the next generation of landowners. The general board session was call to order by Mr. Kline, which included a finance report and general update of activities by Mr. Ralph Paige Executive Director of FSC. Mr. Paige stated, "we are moving in the right



directions to "help save rural America" by providing current and relevant information to achieve sustainability in rural America." Yes, we are moving forward by staying connected with policy makers to insure the federation's mission into eternity. Jerry Pennick (FSC staff) concluded the board session with awards in the following categories. The Winston County Self Help Cooperative received **"Cooperative of The Year"**, East Central Federal Central Credit Union base in Winston County received "Credit Union of the Year and" Mr. Charles Houston from Grenada, MS received volunteer of the year award. Hubert Nicholson, Vice President of WCSHC stated, the annual meeting was a success and WCSHC members are thankful to receive the cooperative of year award. We are striving to "help save rural America" with a holistic approach of resolving issues of sustainability and with the support of the Federation of Southern Cooperatives our "dreams will come into fruition."



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GREENSBORO ECHO

Receiving the Gift by Frank Taylor



Winston County Self Help Cooperative Member Elgene Nunn received goats from the Federation of Southern Cooperative Training Center directly after the

annual meeting. Frank Taylor, President of WCSHC stated we are fortunate to have a unique working relationship with Amadou Diop and Pamela Madzima, who have been excellent partners to provide technical support, seminars, workshops, and peer to peer trainings. This source of information will help mini-

mize the learning curve in goat production; therefore, Nunn will have a significant opportunity to succeed. Nunn received 10 female Boer Spanish meat goats along with a guard dog for protection of the animals; additionally, the pass on system will be used to place goats with other cooperative members. Again thanks to the Federation, Amadou, and Pamela for helping to save rural America.



Estate Planning

Estate planning is essential to pass on ownership of real and personal property. You need a tool or mechanism for transferring your interest to a designated person(s) without legal enduring court battles. Carnette Hudson, member of Winston county self help cooperative is disseminating this needed information through workshops in Mississippi. The estate planning workshops are sponsored by Federation of Southern Cooperatives with staff attorney, Miessha Thomas led facilitator. According to Carnette, we have sponsored several estate planning workshops in recently weeks. Additionally, Anthony Reed from Alcorn State University and other resource providers are working collabative to help disseminate this needed information to limited resource families. We are planning more estate planning workshops this fall. For more information contact carnettehudson@bellsouth.net.

BEAT IV COOPERATIVE CORNER

Beat Four Cooperative base in Noxubee County supported the Federation annual with outstanding participating from the coop members. For further information contact Larry Blakely 662-793-9556



MEADE COUNTY CORNER



Meade County Minority Farmer's Association served small and limited resource landowners in the state of Kentucky. The membership consist of 30 members involved in various farming entities, such as, tobacco, beef cattle, row crops and vegetables. The organization will sponsor field day activities on September 1, in Meade County. The organization is committed to "Help Save Rural America." For further information contact William or Mattie Mack 859-422-2838.

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Emergency Land Fund Recipient of the Year



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