



Faith and Opportunity Fellowship Convening
Tuesday, December 15, 2020
1pm-4:30pm
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Tuesday, December 15	Session	Presenters
1:00-1:15pm	Welcome, Briefing Context & Intentions	Mike Beatty, Director Jackie Davis Slay, Deputy Director Office of Partnerships and Public Engagement (OPPE)
1:15-1:30pm	USDA Office of Partnerships and Public Engagement USDA Center for Faith Based and Neighborhood Partnerships Purpose and Goals	Bill Ashton, Director, Strategic Initiatives Division (SID), (OPPE) Alex Cordova, Program Lead, Center for Faith Based and Neighborhood Partnerships, USDA OPPE
1:30-2:30pm	USDA COVID-19 Food Security Response	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Riley Pagett, Chief of Staff, Office of Partnerships and Public Engagement (OPPE) (Moderator) • Anne DeCesaro, Chief of Staff, Food, Nutrition, and Consumer Services (FNCS) • Lorren Walker, Chief of Staff, Marketing and Regulatory Programs, (MRP) • Dana Peterson, Farm Service Agency (FSA)
2:30-2:45pm	Break	
2:45-4:00pm	CFOI Partner Response to Food Security Challenges	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Catholic Charities USA • Convoy of Hope • CityServe • Buckner International • Islamic Relief USA • National Baptist Convention
4:00-4:15pm	Wrap up and Next Day Overview	Mike Beatty, Jackie Davis-Slay, Alex Cordova



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Wednesday, December 16	Session	Presenters
1:00-1:15pm	Welcome, Recap, and Agenda Overview	Mitch Baker and Alex Cordova
1:15 – 2:15pm	Overview of Community Food Systems	Rich Pirog, Executive Director Colleen Matts, Farm to Institution Specialist Michigan State University Center for Regional Food Systems
2:15-2:30pm	Break	
2:30 – 3:30pm	Food Security with an emphasis on OPPE stakeholder groups <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Socially disadvantaged farmers and ranchers • Veterans • Farmworker • Youth 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kenya Nicholas, Director, Outreach for Socially Disadvantaged Farmers and Rancher and Veteran Farmers and Ranchers (Moderator) • Monshi Ramdass, Program Lead, Military Veterans Agricultural Liaison • Maria Goldberg, Special Initiatives – Farmworker Coordination • Sadie Lackey, Program Specialist, Agricultural Youth Programs
3:30-4:15pm	Guest Remarks & Closing	Pastor Darriel Harris, Johns Hopkins University Center for a Livable Future



Thursday, December 17, 2020
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Thursday December 17	Session	Presenters
1:00-1:15pm	Welcome, Recap, and Agenda Overview	Mitch Baker and Alex Cordova
1:15 – 2:30pm	USDA resources to address food security and develop a resilient food system	Breakout 1: Regional Food Systems <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Samantha Schaffstall, Agricultural Marketing Specialist, Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS)• Richard Lucas, Deputy Administrator for Policy Support, Food and Nutrition Service (FNS)• Sarah Campbell, Beginning Farmer and Rancher Coordinator, Farm Service Agency (FSA)• Stuart Lee, Management Analyst, Office of Urban Agriculture and Innovative Production, Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS)• Andrew Jermolowicz, Assistant Deputy Administrator, Rural Business Cooperative Service (RBCS)• Kenya Nicholas, Outreach for Socially Disadvantaged Farmers and Ranchers, Office of Partnerships and Public Engagement (OPPE)• Amanda La Sala, Grants Management Specialist, Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS)



		<p>Breakout 2: Houses of worship and neighborhood partnerships</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Julie Brewer, Director, Office of Community Food Systems, Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) • Joseph Heller, Urban Conservationist, Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) • Latrice Hill, Director-Outreach, Farm Service Agency (FSA) • Kim Harmon, Grants Specialist, Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS) • Sadie Lackey, Program Assistant - Youth Programs, Office of Partnerships and Public Engagement (OPPE)
2:30-2:45pm	Break	
2:45 – 3:45pm	<p>Federal Partner Resources to support food security</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Director, Kevin Smith, DHS Center for Faith and Opportunity Initiatives, Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) • Ben O’Dell, Program Specialist, Health and Human Services (HHS) • Lana Suarez, Associate Branch Chief, Materials Management - Sustainable Management of Food, Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)
3:45-3:55pm	Break	
3:55-4:15pm	<p>OPPE Web Based Economic Development Tool</p>	Alex Cordova
3:30 - 4:30pm	<p>Wrap up and Closing</p>	Mike Beatty, Jackie Davis Slay, Alex Cordova