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REMINDER: Arkansas Grown Conference and Expo Scheduled for January 2024

LITTLE ROCK, AR – The Arkansas Department of Agriculture is partnering with several Arkansas agricultural associations and organizations to host the second Arkansas Grown Conference and Expo on January 25-27, 2024, at the Hot Springs Convention Center.

The Arkansas Grown Conference and Expo is open to all parties interested in the Arkansas agriculture industry and will focus on farmers and producers who produce for the local food system. In January 2023, the Department hosted the first Arkansas Grown Conference and Expo with over 450 attendees and 70 vendors.

The three-day event will consist of workshops, speakers, networking opportunities, a vendor trade show, and conclude with the first-ever Arkansas Grown & Arkansas Made Showcase. The Arkansas Grown & Arkansas Made Showcase will be held on Saturday, January 27, and will open to retailers and wholesale buyers in the morning and the public in the afternoon.

Partner organizations include the Arkansas State Horticulture Society, Arkansas Farmers Market Association, Arkansas Blackberry Growers Association, Arkansas Agritourism Association, Arkansas Association of Grape Growers, Arkansas Pecan Growers Association, Mid America Strawberry Growers Association, Arkansas Association of Conservation Districts, Arkansas Farm Bureau, and the University of Arkansas System Division of Agriculture Cooperative Extension Service.

Opportunities for sponsorship and vendor booths are available. For more information, contact Beth Moore at beth.moore@agriculture.arkansas.gov.

Registration includes access to general sessions, workshops, and entrance to the expo. Walk-up registration options will be available. To register and learn more about the Arkansas Grown Conference and Expo, visit arkansasgrown.org/arkansas-grown-conference-expo/.

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