



# Blackland Farm Managers Association

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January 17, 2020

155-A Airport Road  
Washington, NC 27889

Dear Blackland Farm Managers Associates,

*Happy 2020* to you and your family from the Blackland Farm Managers Association (BFMA)!

BFMA is a viable organization with a good reputation for having farm members who are very progressive, who are early adopters of new technology, and who are active in their communities. Therefore, we are looked upon by politicians, university officials, and commodity groups as the 'go to people' for what is happening in agriculture in eastern North Carolina.

For 50 years, our annual Summer Tour has been a great way to interact with farmers and agribusiness leaders from across the state as well, enjoy educational presentations related to corn, cotton, and soybean production in our region, along with plot tours and exhibits. Our tour date is August 5th, 2020. The location will be: Coastal Carolina Cotton Gin, 4851 Terra Ceia Road, Pantego, NC 27860.

Visit our website @ [www.blacklandnc.org](http://www.blacklandnc.org). With a click of a button, you are now be able to pay your membership dues online or send us your Summer Tour sponsorship contributions! Please notice the PayPal fee will be in addition to the amount due.

Our members play a very important role in helping us maintain our nonprofit tax exempt status. The dues that you pay each year are viewed by the IRS as *meaningful* support and, as such, have an increasing importance to BFMA. Likewise, we know that there is "power in numbers" so our voice may be heard regarding important issues in the Blackland region of our state.

If you are currently an active member in the BFMA, we thank you for your support. If you were once a member, but for some reason have dropped out, we encourage you to rejoin. And to those of you who have yet to become a part of BFMA, we'd like to invite you to join us! Our membership dues are only \$25.00 per year. Our annual membership meeting will be held on January 28, 2020, at the Vernon James Research Station (207 Research Station Road, Plymouth) starting at 8:30 and end with a catered lunch. Dr. Joe Outlaw from Texas A&M and Dr. Blake Brown from NCSU will our guest speakers. They will share an update on the farm bill and agricultural trade. We look forward to seeing you then.

Please return the enclosed membership form with your latest contact information (**we really need your email address, many of our notices are sent via email, which helps save money on postage!**), along with your check for \$25.00, in the self-addressed envelope provided for your convenience. Thank you for your continued support!

Sincerely,  
Jeff Sparks

President, Blackland Farms Managers Association

**We need current information, especially email addresses!**

**Please complete the following information and mail with your membership check for \$25.00 in the enclosed self-addressed envelope:**

I support the goals of the Blackland Farm Managers Association! I have enclosed my 2020 membership dues of \$25.00. Here is my current contact information:

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My name

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Name of my farm/business/organization

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