



Blackland Farm Managers Association

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155-A Airport Road
Washington, NC 27889

Dear Blackland Farm Managers Associates,

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

The 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.

Our annual "Blackland Farm Managers Tour" has grown over the years to become one of the largest events of its kind in the state. The event includes educational presentations related to corn, cotton, and soybean production in our region, along with plot tours and exhibits. It provides a platform for local and state officials to interact with farmers and agribusiness leaders from across the state.

Plan to join us for our annual business meeting on Friday, February 3rd@ 10:30am at the Vernon James Research and Extension Center in Plymouth. Jim Wiesemeyer will be our guest speaker. From his office near Washington, DC, Jim contributes daily to Pro Farmer's online website at FarmJournalPro.com, providing members with the latest information on agricultural policy and trade developments. He also is a twice-weekly participant in Farm Journal's Agri-Talk radio program and serves as a Washington analyst for Pro Farmer. Lunch will be provided.

We are beginning plans for the 2023 Blackland Farm Managers tour. This year the tour will be held on Wednesday, August 2, 2023 in Hyde County. More details will come this spring.

Visit our website @ www.blacklandnc.org. With a click of a button, you are now 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 would like to invite you to join us! Our membership dues are only \$25.00 per year. 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, Troy Slager (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 2023 membership dues of \$25.00. Here is my current contact information:

My name

Name of my farm/business/organization

Mailing address

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