

February 16, 2024

155-A Airport Road Washington, NC 27889

Dear Blackland Farm Managers Association Members,

Planting season is right around the corner! We are busy planning for the annual BFMA meeting, as well as the Blackland Farm Managers Tour. Details about both events can be found below. It is also time to renew your membership, so be sure to read the instructions below about options for payment.

Join us for our annual membership meeting on Monday, February 26th @ 8:00am, at the Ponzer Community Building (39111 US Hwy 264, Belhaven). Breakfast will be served at 7:30am. Dr. Nick Piggott, NC State Professor and Extension Specialist, will provide an outlook for grain markets and the agricultural economy, as well as an overview of the push for electric vehicles and the impact on corn and soybean markets.

<u>Our annual "Blackland Farm Managers Tour" will be held on August 7,2024 at the Tidewater Research</u> <u>Station in Plymouth</u>. This event 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.

<u>There are several options for membership renewal payment</u>. If you prefer mailing a check, please return the enclosed membership form with your latest contact information along with your check for \$25.00, to the following address:

Blackland Farm Managers Association, 155-A Airport Road, Washington NC, 27889. If you prefer to pay with a card, visit our website @ <u>www.blacklandnc.org</u> and follow the directions.

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.

Sincerely,

Troy Slager President, Blackland Farms Managers Association

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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 2024 membership dues of \$25.00. Here is my current contact information:

My name	Name of my farm/business/organization
Mailing address	Business Phone
City/State/County/Zip	Business Fax
My email address	My Cell and/or Home Phone
Website (if you have one) for your farm/business/organization	Invoice # paid

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