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New Agent for Lauderdale County

Alabama Cooperative Extension System is pleased to announce the appointment of Robert Spencer to serve Lauderdale and the surrounding counties. Spencer has been hired as an Urban Regional Specialist, with his primary duties to be in goat, sheep and rabbit production. Spencer received his bachelor's degree in Agri-Science and masters degree in Agribusiness Management from Alabama A&M University. Most recently Spencer served two years as facilities manager for The Agribition Center at Alabama A & M University. This facility is a livestock show facility with a focus on agricultural and family type activities.

His prior experience includes three years of experience as a specialist and coordinator for the Small Farms Outreach Program with Alabama A & M University, responsibilities included working with small-scale and limited resource farmers throughout North Alabama. His focus was to promote opportunities his target clientele could readily learn about and was economically affordable for people with limited incomes.

In addition, he and his wife operate a small-scale goat and rabbit farm in Fayetteville, TN. They raise Boer and Dairy Goats, as well as Harlequin Rabbits. Their production plan focuses on brood stock and show quality animals. With the milk from

the diary goats they make goat milk soap for retail purposes. The soap they make is the old fashioned lard and lye soap but goat milk and cosmetic grade oils are added to make a high quality bar of soap. Their product has been shipped from Maine to California and to many countries throughout the world.

Spencer looks forward to working with all goat, sheep, and rabbit producers by addressing their questions and concerns. His ongoing work includes regional workshops, development of fact sheets, and individual farm visits.

Spencer can be reached at the Lauderdale County Extension System Office at 766-6223.