



December 19, 2011

Dear Alabama Fruit & Vegetable Grower Association member or past member,

First, I hope you are having a wonderful Christmas season with your family! I want to remind you of our upcoming annual conference on February 10th and 11th, 2012. It's going to be an excellent conference and you won't want to miss it! The location for this year's conference is The Hotel at Auburn University & Dixon Conference Center. We have a block reserved with special room rates if you book before January 20th. Their phone number is 334-821-8200, and the code to give them in order to receive reduced rates is 10S0LN.

This year's conference has been extended to a full two days. We have some interesting sessions planned for Friday, including a Small Farm/Beginning Farm educational program with a hands-on workshop at the Old Agronomy Farm. The Friday night BBQ supper was such a hit last year that we are doing it again this year. Bring your family members to the BBQ for an additional \$5 each.

I am including an agenda of the weekend elsewhere in this letter. I'm also including a registration form for you for your convenience. While walk-up registrations on the weekend of the event are fine and the cost is the same, registration received after January 31 will **NOT** include meals. We prefer pre-registration so that we'll have enough meals for everyone!

Please mail your registration form and fees to:

Alabama Fruit and Vegetable Growers Association
P.O. Box 2081
Auburn, AL 36831-2081

We already have several vendors who will have displays, including Atlas Manufacturing, Irrigation-Mart, Kelly Seed, and Siegers Seed. Several more have expressed interest. PLEASE contact the vendors you personally work with and encourage them to participate in our conference either as exhibitors or sponsors. You can find forms attached, or find them on our website at <http://www.aces.edu/afvga>.

We look forward to seeing you in February! For more information, please email me at thebrashers1@bellsouth.net.

Sincerely,

Leslie Brasher, AFVGA Secretary