

**School of Agricultural and Environmental  
Sciences Week, April 21-26, 2003**

**Urban-Rural  
Interface Conference  
“Research and Education Respond  
to Current Community Issues”**



**Thursday, April 24, 2003  
8:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.**

**James I. Dawson Cooperative Extension Building  
Alabama A&M University**



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**Scheduled activities include:**

- **Keynote Address**
- **Panel Discussions on**  
“Environmental Management: Water and Air Quality and  
Associated Public Health Issues”  
“Genetically Modified Foods: Safety and Risks”  
“Perspectives of Community Gardens”
- **Exhibits**

This is an open invitation to all Alabama Cooperative Extension System personnel, community lay leaders, officers and members of community organizations, university faculty/staff/students, other educators, service providers, the business community, and consumers.

**For more information contact: Dr. Dony Gapasin, (256) 372-4965**

**REGISTRATION FEE: \$10.00**

**ABOUT THE CONFERENCE**

The Urban Affairs and New Nontraditional Programs unit of the Alabama Cooperative Extension System (ACES) has as one of its seven state goals, to “increase the capacity of urban communities to respond to urban/rural-interface issues through engaged partnerships, community building and diversity councils.” As the outreach component of the land-grant universities, it is proper that ACES recognizes the interconnection between urban and rural areas to better serve all people. State Extension educators realize a healthy Extension System needs a strong rural component and a viable urban presence.

The Urban-Rural Interface Conference was developed to focus on the importance of building a working relationship with communities, organizations and agencies to serve diverse audiences through more balanced programming efforts. Conference activities are designed to educate participants on how to collaborate, build partnerships, and establish coalitions that enhance programs and services.

**CONFERENCE OBJECTIVES**

- Convene agencies, organizations and individuals that are addressing the needs of an urban-rural community
- Identify common understandings of issues and needs, and opportunities and resources that are available to address them
- Develop understandings of reciprocal strengths and potential contributions of conference participants
- Provide training models, information and educational resources that will prepare participants to build partnerships and plan successful programs to enhance their community

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2003**

**PRE-REGISTRATION  
FORM**

Please fill out completely and mail, phone or fax to:

Urban-Rural Interface Conference  
Alabama Cooperative Extension System  
P.O. Box 967  
Normal, AL 35762  
Phone: (256) 372-5710  
Fax: (256) 372-5840

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Organization or Agency: \_\_\_\_\_

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