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Registration Now Open for the 2025 Arkansas Grown Conference and Expo

LITTLE ROCK, AR — The Arkansas Department of Agriculture, in partnership with several agricultural associations and organizations, is excited to announce that registration is now open for the 2025 Arkansas Grown Conference and Expo. The event will take place from January 30 to February 1, 2025, at the Hot Springs Convention Center.

The Arkansas Grown Conference and Expo is for farmers, businesses or individuals that provide services for farmers, potential vendors, and individuals interested in learning about the production of specialty crops such as fruits, vegetables, and tree nuts. The conference is an invaluable opportunity to network with industry leaders, connect with potential partners, and gain access to resources and tools to benefit their operations.

Focused on strengthening the local food system, the event will feature workshops, an expo, and informative keynote sessions on agritourism. On Saturday, February 1, the conference will feature an Arkansas Grown & Made Market, offering members of the Arkansas Grown and Arkansas Made branding programs the opportunity to sell locally produced goods to attendees and network with potential buyers. The market will also be open to the public.

An early registration discount is available until December 21, 2024, with general registration closing on January 17, 2025. Registration includes access to general sessions, workshops, and entrance to the expo. Interested individuals can register [here](#).

The Arkansas Grown Conference and Expo started in 2023 and expanded in 2024, attracting more than 600 attendees and 120 vendors.

The conference is made possible with support from several key partners, including the Arkansas Agritourism Association, Arkansas Association of Conservation Districts, Arkansas Association of Grape Growers, Arkansas Blackberry Growers Association, Arkansas Farm Bureau, Arkansas Farmers Market Association, Arkansas Pecan Growers Association, Arkansas State Horticulture Society, Mid America Strawberry Growers Association, and the University of Arkansas Division of Agriculture Cooperative Extension Service.

Additional information about the Arkansas Grown Conference and Expo can be found [here](#).

The Arkansas Department of Agriculture is dedicated to the development and implementation of policies and programs for Arkansas agriculture, forestry, and natural resources conservation to keep its farmers and ranchers competitive in national and international markets while sustaining natural resources and ensuring safe food, fiber, and forest products for the citizens of the state and nation. The Arkansas Department of Agriculture offers its programs to all eligible persons regardless of race, color, national origin, sex, age, or disability and is an Equal Opportunity Employer. For more information, visit agriculture.arkansas.gov/.