ABOUT US

The Northeast Texas Initiative for Cooperative Development (NTICD) will outreach to community members and help develop relationships among small acreage producers in Northeast Texas, with a primary focus on the counties of Rockwall, Hunt, Rains, Delta, Hopkins, Wood and Franklin. In this project, Texas A&M University – Commerce (A&M – Commerce) will join efforts with Texas Small Farmers and Ranchers Community Based Organization (TSFR/CBO) to provide a series of outreach events and activities throughout 2013. The primary goal of these outreach events consist of providing small acreage producers with technical assistance in areas that are relevant to them, including product and service improvement, feasibility, sustainability, marketing, finance, profitability, and business management. The events will also introduce producers to cooperatives and teach them how to form their own co-op programs in the future.

We are honored to work with TSFR/CBO on this project. TSFR/CBO is a community based non-profit organization that has been providing information and education on agricultural related issues to underserved agricultural producers since 1998. TSFR/CBO is dedicated to assisting traditionally small, minority producers by establishing opportunities for developing agricultural markets, increasing technology transfers, providing educational programs, and improving environmental conditions in rural Texas.

We look forward to collaborating with many experts, including regional agencies, governmental offices, and farm associations, such as Farm Service Agencies (FSA), Rural Development Offices, AgriLife Extension Agencies, Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) Offices, regional cooperatives, and similar outreach programs. The Department of Agricultural Sciences at A&M – Commerce is very excited about this project and we hope you can join us for our events.