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The Prairie View A&M University 2015 Agricultural Field Day will be held April 24-25 on campus hosted by The College of Agriculture and Human Sciences. Activities start on April 24th from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. with a workshop titled “43,560 Initiative”, How to Make \$43,560.00 Farming One Acre of Land. In addition, a Farm Bill Education Review will be held at 9:30 a.m. Registration for Field Day starts at 7:30 a.m. on April 24th in the Carden Waller Cooperative Extension building. Workshops will begin at 9:30 a.m.

The keynote speaker for the opening workshop on Friday morning will be Mr. Cliff Slade, farmer and retired Extension Specialist with Virginia State University. Mr. Slade will show farmers how to make a sizable return by farming a limited amount of land with limited resources. Mr. Slade describes his methods as, “A simple and frugal process designed by farmers for farmers and accessible to all small and limited-resource farmers.” His goal is to make an average of \$1 per square foot using limited resources and inputs.

On Saturday April 25th, activities will start at 7:30 a.m. with registration in the lobby of the Cooperative Extension Building. Workshops will start at 8:30 a.m. to include housing fair and concurrent workshops on topics including Goat Reproduction, Health Management and Worming. Beef Cattle workshops will focus on Integrated Resource Management and Record Keeping. The afternoon sessions will include a tour of the Medicinal Plant Garden and the Strawberry Production Field. There will be workshops focusing on small and urban farms offering insight on how to become more sustainable through improved production practices.

Registration for the Field Day events is \$10 per person for both days which includes registration materials and lunch. You can register online or on the day of the event.

To register and get a detailed schedule of workshops for this two-day event, visit our website at <http://www.pvamu.edu/agfieldday>. For additional information, please call Billy Lawton at 936-261-5117 or email me at bclawton@pvamu.edu.