**4th Quarter of 2020 Recommended Reading for CARE Conservation Districts and Partners**

Farm Service Agency: Loans for Socially Disadvantaged Farmers and Ranchers:

<https://www.fsa.usda.gov/Assets/USDA-FSA-Public/usdafiles/FactSheets/2019/sda_loans-fact_sheet-aug_2019.pdf>

Natural Resources Conservation Service: Beginning and Socially Disadvantaged Farmers & Ranchers.

<https://www.nrcs.usda.gov/wps/portal/nrcs/detail/national/about/?cid=nrcs144p2_068641>

Black Land Matters:

<https://civileats.com/2020/11/17/black-land-matters-but-is-crowdfunding-enough/?utm_source=Verified%20CE%20list&utm_campaign=501b5a69fa-EMAIL_CAMPAIGN_7_3_2018_8_13_COPY_01&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_aae5e4a315-501b5a69fa-294336393>

Half the Land in Oklahoma Could be Returned to Native Americans:

<https://www.washingtonpost.com/outlook/2018/11/28/half-land-oklahoma-could-be-returned-native-americans-it-should-be/>

1619 Podcast - “The Land of Our Fathers, Part 1” and “The Land of Our Fathers, Part 2”

<https://www.nytimes.com/2020/01/23/podcasts/1619-podcast.html>

The Keepseagle Lawsuit:

<https://www.cohenmilstein.com/case-study/keepseagle>

The Pigford Lawsuit:

<https://www.blackfarmercase.com/Background.aspx>

Heirs Property Retention Coalition:

<http://hprc.southerncoalition.org/?q=node/5>

National Association of Conservation Districts: Statement on Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion:

<https://www.nacdnet.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/07/NACD-Board-of-Directors-Statement-on-Diversity-Equity-and-Inclusion.pdf>

**January Recommended Reading for CARE Conservation Districts and Partners**

NRCS EQIP & WHIP: Historically Underserved Producers Defined

[**https://www.nrcs.usda.gov/Internet/FSE\_DOCUMENTS/nrcs141p2\_029652.pdf**](https://www.nrcs.usda.gov/Internet/FSE_DOCUMENTS/nrcs141p2_029652.pdf)

AgriPulse**:** [**New group aims to advance Black policy professionals in Food and Ag**](https://www.agri-pulse.com/articles/14928-new-group-formed-to-advance-black-policy-professionals-in-food-and-ag)

[**USDA appointees (agri-pulse.com)**](https://www.agri-pulse.com/keywords/7344-usda-appointees)

Civil Eats: Once Called Naïve for His Focus on Returning Land to Black Farmers, Thomas Mitchell Is Now a MacArthur Genius

[**https://civileats.com/2020/12/09/once-called-naive-for-his-focus-on-returning-land-to-black-farmers-thomas-mitchell-is-now-a-macarthur-genius/**](https://civileats.com/2020/12/09/once-called-naive-for-his-focus-on-returning-land-to-black-farmers-thomas-mitchell-is-now-a-macarthur-genius/)

Civil Eats: The Quapaw Nations Casino Farms its Own Food

[**https://civileats.com/2020/12/10/the-quapaw-nations-casino-farms-its-own-food/?utm\_source=Verified+CE+list&utm\_campaign=c602ef5d69-EMAIL\_CAMPAIGN\_7\_3\_2018\_8\_13\_COPY\_01&utm\_medium=email&utm\_term=0\_aae5e4a315-c602ef5d69-294336393**](https://civileats.com/2020/12/10/the-quapaw-nations-casino-farms-its-own-food/?utm_source=Verified+CE+list&utm_campaign=c602ef5d69-EMAIL_CAMPAIGN_7_3_2018_8_13_COPY_01&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_aae5e4a315-c602ef5d69-294336393)

Eater: How Racism Has Shaped the American Farming Landscape

[**https://www.eater.com/2019/1/25/18197352/american-farming-racism-us-agriculture-history**](https://www.eater.com/2019/1/25/18197352/american-farming-racism-us-agriculture-history)

**February Recommended Readings for Care Conservation Districts and Partners**

# Biden picks Bronaugh for USDA deputy post

[Biden picks Bronaugh for USDA Deputy post | 2021-01-18 | Agri-Pulse Communications, Inc. (agri-pulse.com)](https://www.agri-pulse.com/articles/15166-biden-picks-bronaugh-for-usda-deputy-post)

**Food Justice Requires Land Justice**

Savi Horne, director of the Land Loss Prevention Project, says equality begins with access to land.

<https://civileats.com/2018/01/15/food-justice-requires-land-justice/?utm_source=Verified+CE+list&utm_campaign=53e9cb57da-EMAIL_CAMPAIGN_7_3_2018_8_13_COPY_01&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_aae5e4a315-53e9cb57da-294336393>

**CARE OKFROnline by Sarah Blaney**

[CARE – Oklahoma Farm & Ranch (okfronline.com)](http://okfronline.com/2018/06/care/)

**Original Project Press Release on Oklahoma Farm Report**

[Oklahoma Farm Report - Oklahoma Association of Conservation Districts, Texas AgriForestry Small Farmers and Ranchers, and Oklahoma Black Historical Research Project Partner to Continue to Increase Opportunities for Minority Farmers & Ranchers](http://www.oklahomafarmreport.com/wire/news/2020/10/00512_OACDpartner10202020_132719.php#.YBGajjmSlyw)

**Envisioning Racial Equity in Agriculture**

**By Jean Willoughby**

[Envisioning Racial Equity in Agriculture — Racial Equity Institute](https://www.racialequityinstitute.com/blog/2019/4/2/envisioning-racial-equity-in-agriculture)

# **U.S. Department of Agriculture Announces Heather Dawn Thompson as Director, Office of Tribal Relations**

[U.S. Department of Agriculture Announces Heather Dawn Thompson as Director, Office of Tribal Relations | USDA](https://www.usda.gov/media/press-releases/2021/01/25/us-department-agriculture-announces-heather-dawn-thompson-director)

**March Recommended Reading**

* **Indigenous People Have Reclaimed The National Bison Range**

<https://civileats.com/2021/02/03/indigenous-people-have-reclaimed-the-national-bison-range/>

* **Chairman Scott Issues Statement Following Release of Budget Reconciliation Text**

<http://www.oklahomafarmreport.com/wire/news/2021/02/00292_ChairmanScott02092021_145938.php#.YCMa0ehKiUk>

* **‘Minari’ Shines a Spotlight on Asian American Farmers**

<https://civileats.com/2021/02/12/minari-shines-a-spotlight-on-asian-american-farmers/?utm_source=Verified+CE+list&utm_campaign=b515cd2f1e-EMAIL_CAMPAIGN_7_3_2018_8_13_COPY_01&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_aae5e4a315-b515cd2f1e-294336393>

* **U.S. Department of Agriculture Announces Key Leadership in Farm Production and Conservation Mission Area**

[U.S. Department of Agriculture Announces Key Leadership in Farm Production and Conservation Mission Area](https://lnks.gd/l/eyJhbGciOiJIUzI1NiJ9.eyJidWxsZXRpbl9saW5rX2lkIjoxMDEsInVyaSI6ImJwMjpjbGljayIsImJ1bGxldGluX2lkIjoiMjAyMTAyMTkuMzU1NTM3NjEiLCJ1cmwiOiJodHRwczovL3d3dy5mc2EudXNkYS5nb3YvbmV3cy1yb29tL25ld3MtcmVsZWFzZXMvMjAyMS91cy1kZXBhcnRtZW50LW9mLWFncmljdWx0dXJlLWFubm91bmNlcy1rZXktbGVhZGVyc2hpcC1pbi1mYXJtLXByb2R1Y3Rpb24tYW5kLWNvbnNlcnZhdGlvbi1taXNzaW9uLWFyZWE_dXRtX2NhbXBhaWduPTAyMTlfbGVhZGVyc2hpcF9uciZ1dG1fbWVkaXVtPWVtYWlsJnV0bV9zb3VyY2U9Z292ZGVsaXZlcnkifQ.n0T_xe2ArdiLpqGqw_E2t4d_lSYrfpoH8ewvrt5tcP0/s/597674102/br/98002312759-l)

# **Fridays on the Farm: A Community Legacy at Lyles Station**

[Fridays on the Farm: A Community Legacy at Lyles Station | Farmers.gov: Resources for Farmers and Producers](https://www.farmers.gov/connect/blog/conservation/fridays-farm-community-legacy-lyles-station?utm_campaign=fotfa&utm_content=lylesstationa&utm_medium=email&utm_source=govdelivery)

* **Black History Month - Celebrating Black American Achievements Past and Present**

<https://www.farmers.gov/connect/blog/farm-life/black-history-month-celebrating-black-american-achievements-past-and-present?utm-campaign=blackhistorymontha&utm-content=blackfarmersblogreviewa&utm_medium=email&utm_source=govdelivery>

* **USDA Secretary Tom Vilsak Employee Message**

[USDA Secretary Tom Vilsack Employee message 2 25 2021 - YouTube](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wqP7zoWhmXg&feature=youtu.be)

**April Recommended Reading**

# **How $1.9 trillion COVID-19 relief bill aims to help Black and socially disadvantaged farmers**

[COVID-19 legislation: How bill offers debt relief for Black farmers (usatoday.com)](https://www.usatoday.com/story/news/politics/2021/03/13/how-covid-relief-bill-aims-to-help-socially-disadvantaged-farmers/4637103001/)

# **Op-ed: The Farm Bureau Says it Wants to Fight Racism. Here’s Where to Start**

[**https://civileats.com/2020/07/03/op-ed-the-farm-bureau-says-it-wants-to-fight-racism-heres-where-to-start/?utm\_source=Verified+CE+list&utm\_campaign=bebc8812d6-EMAIL\_CAMPAIGN\_7\_3\_2018\_8\_13\_COPY\_01&utm\_medium=email&utm\_term=0\_aae5e4a315-bebc8812d6-294336393**](https://civileats.com/2020/07/03/op-ed-the-farm-bureau-says-it-wants-to-fight-racism-heres-where-to-start/?utm_source=Verified+CE+list&utm_campaign=bebc8812d6-EMAIL_CAMPAIGN_7_3_2018_8_13_COPY_01&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_aae5e4a315-bebc8812d6-294336393)

* **Civil Eats: Tracy McCurty Has Worked a Long Time to See Historic Wrongs Righted for Black Farmers**

<https://civileats.com/2021/03/29/tracy-mccurty-has-worked-a-long-time-to-see-historic-wrongs-righted-for-black-farmers/?utm_source=Verified+CE+list&utm_campaign=0c912d899d-EMAIL_CAMPAIGN_7_3_2018_8_13_COPY_01&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_aae5e4a315-0c912d899d-294336393>

# **American Rescue Plan Socially Disadvantaged Farmer Debt Payments**

[American Rescue Plan Socially Disadvantaged Farmer Debt Payments | Farmers.gov](https://www.farmers.gov/connect/blog/loans-and-grants/american-rescue-plan-socially-disadvantaged-farmer-debt-payments)

## **NACD’s Diversity Equity and Inclusion Task Force on Open Meeting Laws**

[NACD’s Diversity Equity and Inclusion Task Force on Open Meeting Laws - NACD (nacdnet.org)](https://www.nacdnet.org/2021/03/11/nacds-diversity-equity-and-inclusion-task-force-on-open-meeting-laws/)

* **Analyzing Loan Totals for Socially Disadvantaged Farmer**

[Analyzing Loan Totals for Socially Disadvantaged Farmers (dtnpf.com)](https://www.dtnpf.com/agriculture/web/ag/blogs/ag-policy-blog/blog-post/2021/03/12/analyzing-loan-totals-socially?referrer=twitter#.YEug9p44By0.twitter)

* **House Agriculture Panel Probes Systemic USDA Discrimination Against Black Farmers**

<https://patch.com/michigan/across-mi/house-agriculture-panel-probes-systemic-usda-discrimination-against-black-farmers>

**May Recommended Reading**

* **Indigenous Fold Sovereignty Movements are Taking Back Ancestral Land**

<https://civileats.com/2021/03/31/indigenous-food-sovereignty-movements-are-taking-back-ancestral-land/?utm_source=Verified+CE+list&utm_campaign=3caed67366-EMAIL_CAMPAIGN_7_3_2018_8_13_COPY_01&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_aae5e4a315-3caed67366-294336393>

* **Interview with Mr. Alvin Lee**

<https://www.harvestpublicmedia.org/post/after-decades-discrimination-lawmakers-propose-justice-black-farmers?fbclid=lwAR2hPzJOKEJls4L>

* **The Next Generation of Black Farmers**

<https://www.vox.com/first-person/22375958/biden-stimulus-relief-black-farmers>

* **The American Rescue Plan Act of 2021**

<https://files.constantcontact.com/956d5758701/f46a4582-ce96-4746-9f43-d655729fcf4a.pdf>

**June/July Recommended Reading**

# **A New Native Seed Cooperative Aims to Rebuild Indigenous Foodways**

[A New Native Seed Cooperative Aims to Rebuild Indigenous Foodways | Civil Eats](https://civileats.com/2020/11/10/a-new-native-seed-cooperative-aims-to-rebuild-indigenous-foodways/)

# **American Rescue Plan Debt Payments FAQ**

[American Rescue Plan Debt Payments FAQ | Farmers.gov](https://www.farmers.gov/americanrescueplan/arp-faq)

**August/September Recommended Reading**

**Guidance for Heirs’ Property Operators Participating in Farm Service Agency (FSA) Programs**

**FACT SHEET**

**July 2020**

<https://www.fsa.usda.gov/Assets/USDA-FSA-Public/usdafiles/FactSheets/guidance_heirs_property_operators_participating_in_fsa_programs-factsheet.pdf>

**Civil Eats: A Year After the Tulsa Race Massacre A Grocery Store Opens to Serve the Community.**

<https://civileats.com/2021/05/28/a-century-after-the-tulsa-race-massacre-a-grocery-store-opens-to-serve-the-community/>

**MORE THAN 25 ORGANIZATIONS FILE AMICUS BRIEF TO RELEASE WISCONSIN ORDER HALTING $4 BILLION IN LOAN FORGIVENESS FOR BIPOC FARMERS**

<https://static1.squarespace.com/static/5b2c7bebcef3725e593fb2fe/t/60d4c72206f9db3db3113e61/1624557530663/RC-IAC-LLPP-Press-Release-624.pdf>

## **Politico: ‘Rampant issues’: Black farmers are still left out at USDA**

<https://www.politico.com/news/2021/07/05/black-farmers-left-out-usda-497876>

# **Farmer Co-ops Are Giving Latinx Communities Room to Grow**

<https://civileats.com/2021/07/15/farmer-co-ops-are-giving-latinx-communities-room-to-grow/>

**October RECOMMENDED READING**

**The Museum Building an Incubator for Native Food Businesses**

<https://civileats.com/2021/06/21/the-museum-building-an-incubator-for-native-food-businesses/?utm_source=Verified+CE+list&utm_campaign=eb73b524c4-_CE_Newsletter_8_17_2021_Format_Test8_12_2021_13_1&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_aae5e4a315-eb73b524c4-294336393>

**The disturbing history of how conservatorships were used to exploit, swindle Native Americans**

https://theconversation.com/the-disturbing-history-of-how-conservatorships-were-used-to-exploit-swindle-native-americans-165140

**Helping veterans become successful in agriculture**

[**Helping veterans become successful in agriculture - AgriLife Today (tamu.edu)**](https://agrilifetoday.tamu.edu/2020/11/11/helping-veterans-become-successful-in-agriculture/)

**Government Resource Guide for Farmer Veterans**

**https://oklahoma.gov/content/dam/ok/en/veterans/documents/agrivets/Government\_Resources\_Guide\_for\_Farmer\_Veterans\_102015.pdf**