



December 15, 2023

TO: COUNTY RICE DIVISION CHAIRMEN

SUBJECT: 2024 RICE DIVISION MEETING—EMBASSY SUITES

The ArFB Winter Commodity Division Meetings will be held January 9, 2024, at the Embassy Suites in Little Rock, AR. Registration will begin at 8:30 a.m., and the rice division meeting will begin at 1:00 p.m. The meeting will be preceded by additional division meetings and a luncheon. This year, the first ArFB Ag PAC board will be elected at 3:30 p.m., after all division meetings have adjourned. An agenda for the rice meeting and the day's events are enclosed for your information and use.

This is your opportunity to review Farm Bureau rice policy and to make recommendations to the board of directors on the best way to implement this policy. Actions taken at this meeting will determine our program of work on rice issues throughout the year. It is important that you be a part of this process.

Farm Bureau will reimburse you for any travel expenses, but please coordinate with the other commodity division chairmen in your county so that you can ride together. If you cannot attend, please make arrangements with your county president for a member of your county cotton action committee to attend. Please email LaTosha White at latosha.white@arfb.com to let her know if you or another member from your county will attend.

Happy Holidays to you and yours! I look forward to seeing you in January!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Brandy Carroll", written in a cursive style.

Brandy Carroll
Director, Commodity Activities and Market Information

cc: John Bailey

**Arkansas Farm Bureau
Commodity Division Meetings
January 9, 2024**

**Embassy Suites Hotel
11301 Financial Centre Parkway
Little Rock, Arkansas 72211**

**8:30 a.m. -
4:00 p.m.**

Registration

**9:30 a.m. -
11:30 a.m.**

Morning Division Meetings

Aquaculture	Beef Cattle	Cotton	Dairy
Forestry	Soybean	Swine	

**11:30 a.m. -
1:00 p.m.**

Luncheon

**1:00 p.m. -
3:00 p.m.**

Afternoon Division Meetings

Equine	Poultry	Small Ruminants
Rice	Specialty Crops	Wheat & Feed Grains

**3:30 p.m. -
4:30 p.m.**

PAC Caucus

4:30 p.m.

PAC Board Meeting

Agenda
Arkansas Farm Bureau
Rice Division Meeting
January 9, 2024

1:00 p.m.	Call to Order	Jeff Rutledge, Chairman Terry Dabbs, Vice Chairman and Board Liaison
	Membership Report and Meeting Summary	Tanner Riggin, NE District Director Organization and Member Programs
	Rice Economics and Enterprise Budgets	Breana Watkins, Instructor, Crop Budget and Conservation Economics, University of Arkansas Division of Agriculture
	Conservation Programs	Josh Hankins, Director of Grower Relations and Rice Stewardship Partnership, USA Rice
	Division Activities and Board Recommendations	Brandy Carroll, Director, Commodity Activities & Market Information
3:00 p.m.	Adjourn	