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CONFERENCE

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American farmers are facing some of the most difficult headwinds in a generation. Commodity prices, drought, and rising input costs have squeezed margins to the breaking point — and too many farm families are being forced to make decisions under pressure, without the right guidance or the time to think clearly.

Seven Hills Auctions created The State of the Farm Conference because we believe farmers deserve a resource, not a sales pitch. Our goal is to help you understand your options; whether that means restructuring debt, selling a tract that isn't core to your operation, or simply knowing who to call. Sometimes the right answer is a partial sale. Sometimes it's something else entirely. We don't claim to have every answer, but we are committed to being a resource that helps find the right solution for you.

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#### **ALLEN MCCORVEY**

**Ameris Bank, VP Agricultural Commercial Relationship Manager**

Allen McCorvey was born and raised on Row Crop and Cattle Farm in Worth County, GA, where he still lives today with his son and wife of 16 years. Allen graduated with a degree in Agricultural & Applied Economics from the University of Georgia. He is a lifelong advocate of agriculture. With backgrounds in Precision Agriculture, Federal Farm Policy, and Banking, is what enables him to share a unique perspective of today's Agricultural Environment. At Ameris Bank, Allen focuses primarily on Financing Farm and Agri-Business Operating Loans as well financing Agricultural Real Estate and Equipment. Allen handles most of the large Ag Relationships in North Central Florida and throughout South Georgia.



#### **BUDDY LEE**

**Seven Hills Auctions, Chief Executive Officer**

Buddy Lee is a native of Moultrie, Georgia. He grew up on a farm and has spent over 30 years in the auction and real estate industries, directing more than \$750 million in sales for premier landowners, the FDIC, financial institutions, private equity funds, and property owners nationwide — from Washington State to Puerto Rico and many places in between. He holds a BBA in Real Estate from Georgia State University and is a graduate of the Certified Auctioneers Institute at Indiana University.



#### **JAMES MOCK**

**South Georgia Banking, SVP Agricultural Lending Manager**

James Mock is the Worth and Turner County Market President and Senior Vice President, at South Georgia Banking Company. A native of Tifton, Georgia, James specializes in row crop lending and agribusiness, serving as a trusted partner to farmers and agricultural producers across the region. He studied finance at Georgia Southern University and began his career in the Farm Credit system, where he spent 11 years working closely with farmers, landowners, and agricultural loan products. In 2019, James returned home to Tifton and joined South Georgia Banking Company, bringing with him a deep understanding of rural lending and a passion for supporting the agricultural community.



**PLENN HUNNICUTT**  
**South Georgia Crop Insurance, Inc**

Plenn Hunnicutt is the agency owner of South Georgia Crop Insurance, Inc located in Moultrie, GA. Founded in 1998, South Georgia Crop Insurance, services customers in Georgia, Florida and Alabama. After attending Abraham Baldwin Agriculture College in Tifton, Georgia, Plenn continued in agriculture-related business. He is owner of Hunnicutt Farms in Moultrie, GA, a pecan farming operation. Plenn is on the Georgia Development Authority board and the Ameris Community advisory board in Moultrie. Plenn resides in Moultrie, Georgia with his wife JoBeth. Plenn and JoBeth have two children. His son, Wheeler, works with him at South Ga Crop Insurance. Wheeler and his wife Alexis are expecting a baby girl in early June. Daughter Kilby, aka Sugar, is a registered L&D nurse.



**RANDY DOWDY**  
**World Record Crop Producer**

Randy Dowdy is a first-generation row crop farmer from South Georgia and one of the most decorated producers in the history of American agriculture. In 2014, he became the first grower ever to surpass the 500 bushel-per-acre mark in corn, and later set the world record for soybeans with a verified yield of 171 bushels per acre - a record he later eclipsed himself. Known for his data-driven, systems-based approach, Randy focuses on minimizing plant stress to consistently achieve maximum yield potential and he is equally committed to helping other farmers do the same. A true student and teacher of the land, Randy Dowdy represents the cutting edge of what modern agriculture can achieve.



**SENATOR SAM WATSON**  
**Georgia's 11th Senate District**

Senator Sam Watson was raised on his family farm south of Moultrie, Georgia, where agriculture shaped his values and his career. A graduate of Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College and the University of Georgia with a degree in Agriculture Education, Sam has spent his professional life in farming and agribusiness as Managing Partner of Chill C Farms. He has represented District 11 in the Georgia State Senate since 2023, where he has been a consistent advocate for rural Georgia and the agricultural communities of South Georgia. He and his wife Emily farm and raise their family on the same land where he grew up.



**ZEKE CARITHERS**  
**AgSouth Farm Credit, Special Assets Loan Officer**

Zeke Carithers is committed to supporting our rural communities, farmers, and agriculture growth with reliable and honest financial services. He has over seven years of experience in the lending industry, working as a Commercial Loan Officer and Special Assets Loans Officer with Farm Credit. Zeke's work centers around distressed loans, loan restructures, and liquidations. He has had the opportunity to work with a variety of farmers and farming operations throughout his career, both on the lending side and on the special assets side of business.



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**ATTORNEYS AT LAW**



# event agenda

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 17TH, 2026

- 8:00AM**      **Attendee Check-In & Breakfast**  
*Provided by Helena Argi-Enterprises, LLC*
- 9:00AM**      **Welcome**  
*Buddy Lee, Seven Hills Auctions*
- 9:15AM**      **OPERATIONAL EFFICIENCY & INCREASING YIELDS**  
*Randy Dowdy, World Record Crop Producer*
- 10:15AM**     **Morning Break**
- 10:30AM**     **CROP INSURANCE & CHALLENGES**  
*Plenn Hunnicut, South Georgia Crop Insurance, Inc*
- 11:30AM**     **Sponsor Spotlight**  
*A few brief words from the sponsors who helped make this possible.*
- 11:45AM**     **Lunch**  
*Provided by Seven Hills Auctions*
- 12:30PM**     **LEGISLATIVE UPDATES & INITIATIVES**  
*Senator Sam Watson, Georgia's 11th Senate District*
- 1:00PM**      **ECONOMIC UPDATE**  
*Allen McCorvey, Ameris Bank*
- 2:15PM**      **Afternoon Break**  
*Sponsored by Moore, Clark, DuVall, & Rodgers. P.C.*
- 2:30PM**      **PANEL DISCUSSION**  
**FARMING FROM A LENDERS PERSPECTIVE**  
*Zeke Carithers, AgSouth Farm Credit*  
*Allen McCorvey, Ameris Bank*  
*James Mock, South Georgia Banking*
- 3:30PM**      **REAL ESTATE MARKET REPORT**  
*Buddy Lee, Seven Hills Auctions*

