

# BLACK FARMERS & AGRICULTURALISTS ASSOCIATION

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## THE LAND LOSS FUND

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Dear Friend:

### PLEASE SUPPORT BLACK FARMERS GOING TO DC

Many know that the historic *Pigford vs. Glickman Class Action* was brought about because of a crisis in the African American farming community. **The situation has not changed!** While there still is a crisis in the African American community, many of you are not aware that the Black farmers in this country were not paid the \$50,000 and debt relief promised. Actually only just over 13,000 farmers have actually received some form of relief from the USDA. **More than 9,000 were denied after meeting the deadline, and another 66 thousand plus never had an opportunity to apply because they were not duly notified.** There are farmers in the immediate region who have not received any justice through the Pigford Class Action.

Most of us are less than two generations removed from the farm. Our great and great-grandparents were farmers; even some who sit in church pews on Sundays were or still are farming. Many of us are no strangers to land theft because our family's land may have been stolen. We must stop land theft by private and government agencies! **Help us help farmers and landowners.**

**Our Black people continue to lose our arm of legacy - land.** We are losing farm land in record amounts, and **as we lose the land - we lose assets and collateral for future generations.** In some parts of the United States, it's business as usual. Intimidation, land and property theft, politically motivated eminent domain land seizures, even lynching still goes on. Black people continue to die in parts of the South in land disputes.

In other parts of the South, white farmers continue to illegally operate on Black farmers' lands through intimidation. These land thieves simply roll their tractors onto black land and start farming. With relatives in law enforcement and the state legislatures, these modern day land thieves have been virtually invincible. Please, help us help farmers.

The same potential for land theft in the 9<sup>th</sup> Ward in New Orleans has already happened to many black farm families. **Help us help farmers and landowners.**

We just buried the queen of the civil rights movement, the noble **Coretta Scott King**. Speakers at the Going Home Ceremony for Mrs. King told us that we must continue the work that the Kings started. **Property rights and economic equality remain two of the biggest hurdles we must overcome.**

**The two leading Black farmer organizations in the country, Black Farmers & Agriculturalists Association (BFAA) - President Gary R. Grant (NC) and the National Black Farmers Association (NBFA) – John W. Boyd, President (VA) have called for and received commitment from many other groups concerned with this issue to come to Washington, DC on April 26 to bring the plight**

**of the Black farmers back into the spotlight, especially since USDA has not changed policies that help the farmers.**

We need your help. Help us ensure the survival of the Black family farm. **Help us help farmers**, as we find new markets, new techniques and give support to our struggling Black farmers.

Support local Black farmers and land owners to come to Washington, DC on April 26, 2006 to bring the plight of the Black farmer back to the attention of the US Congress.

**PLEASE MAKE A TAX DEDUCTABLE CONTRIBUTION to support this effort.**

If you have questions, please feel free to contact BFAA at (252) 826-2800.

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