

National Sustainable Agriculture Coalition Summer Meeting Summary: Fayetteville, Arkansas



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The National Sustainable Agriculture Coalition ("NSAC") held its summer meeting at the Stonebreaker Barn situated on Markham Hill in Fayetteville, Arkansas.

The NSAC describes the organization as:

... an alliance of grassroots organizations that advocates for federal policy reform to advance the sustainability of agriculture, food systems, natural resources, and rural communities.

The organization notes that it rotates its summer meeting locations yearly to:

- Reflect the geographical diversity of NSAC's member organizations
- Allow NSAC members to observe how different local food systems operate.
- Understand how the policies NSAC advocates for impact farmers on the ground.

Arkansas was noted to be an important agricultural state and home to Senate Agriculture Committee Chairman Senator John Boozman.

NSAC in an August 26th blog post provided a meeting summary and noted in part:

- Margo Hale, ATTRA Program Director and Armed to Farm Director at the National Center for Appropriate Technology, provided an overview of Arkansas' agricultural landscape.
- Discussion of Senate Farm Bill markup, which included a review of the discussion draft.
- Tour of Northwest Arkansas' local food system, which included visiting:
 - Market Center of the Ozarks.
 - Center for Arkansas Farms and Food.
 - Ozark Natural Foods Coop.
 - Arkansas Food Innovation Center.

A copy of the NSAC blog post summarizing the summer meeting can be found [here](#).