

SC STATE CLASS of 1970 SUCCESS STORIES

Louie Rivers Jr.

Retired US Army Lieutenant Colonel; Retired Cooperative Extension Program Area Director



Personal and Professional Development

- Married Sarah Frances, two sons and their wives: Louie III & Whitney; Robert Clay & Yenny; three grandchildren Louie IV, August Jubilee & Eliza Qori
- Traveled to 47 of the states in the United States and to 21 countries.
- Owns and operate the family farm in Bamberg County.
- On 12 November 2017, I received the “2017 Excellence in Extension Award” a prestigious national recognition for extension workers with visionary leadership, a track record of excellence in programming and positive impacts on their community. The award, which has been presented since 1991, is given by the U. S. Department of Agriculture’s (USDA) National Institute of Food and Agriculture (NIFA) and the Association of Public and Land-grant Universities (APLU). This was the first time an individual from an 1890 Institution to win this award.

Community Involvement

- Ordained a Deacon at Temple Memorial Baptist, High Point, NC in 1990.
- Served and Chairman of the Deacon Board of First Baptist Church, Frankfort, KY 2007-2011.
- Co-created the Kentucky Small, Limited Resource, and Minority Farmer conference in 1998.
- Co-established the “The Third Thursday Thing” at Kentucky Cooperative Extension Program 1999.
- Board member of Franklin County Habitat for Humanity 1999 – 2015.6.
- Board member of American Farmland Trust 2015-2018.

Social

- Life member of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, INC
- Walks three – four miles five times a week