

# Public Notice of Cooperative Agriculture Program Opportunity

[Wheeler National Wildlife Refuge](#) and [Key Cave National Wildlife Refuge](#) in Northern Alabama are seeking producers for their cooperative agriculture program. Producers may apply to work land on one or more of seven farms totaling approximately 3,325 acres on Wheeler National Wildlife Refuge (NWR) and one farm totaling about 295 acres on Key Cave NWR for a period of not more than five years (2020-2024), renewable on an annual basis. For information on the application process and details on the cooperative agriculture program, please see the Wheeler NWR website, <https://www.fws.gov/refuge/wheeler/>, or contact Bill Gates at [William\\_Gates@fws.gov](mailto:William_Gates@fws.gov) or call 256-353-7243 during weekdays. Applications must be received by 3:30 p.m. Friday, July 26, 2019 at the refuge office.

A pre-application meeting, including visits to representative fields, will be held on Tuesday, June 25, 2019 at 9:00 a.m. at the Wheeler NWR Visitors Center, 3121 Visitor Center Road, Decatur, Alabama 35603. This will include a visit to several farm fields on this refuge to view representative fields. Prospective applicants are strongly encouraged to attend this meeting. Visits to fields on Key Cave NWR are the responsibility of the applicant.