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ONF's Produce Manager to serve on Southern SARE's Administrative Council

FAYETTEVILLE, AR – Pauline Thiessen, Produce Manager at Ozark Natural Foods Co-op, accepted the position of Producer Representative on the Administrative Council (AC) for the Southern SARE program. The AC guides the vision of the program, sets goals, provides feedback from groups and acts as ambassadors from the program to the region.

“SARE's mission is to advance—to the whole of American agriculture—innovations that improve profitability, stewardship and quality of life by investing in groundbreaking research and education.”

Thiessen will participate in helping the southern region's farmers gain access to funding and education. She will also help with the fostering and development of sustainable agricultural processes.

The Southern SARE region is made up of Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, Oklahoma, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, Virginia, Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands.

Ozark Natural Foods is a locally owned consumer cooperative dedicated to healthful living and sustainability by providing our owners and the Northwest Arkansas community with natural and organic products and related services, located at 1554 N. College Ave., in the Evelyn Hills Shopping Center.

For more information on Southern SARE and the Administrative Council, please visit: <http://www.southernsare.org/About-Us/Advisory-Leadership-Committees>

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