

A young woman with dark hair pulled back, smiling warmly at the camera. She is holding a large, vibrant bunch of green leafy vegetables, possibly bok choy or a similar variety, which fills most of the frame. The background is a soft-focus green field, suggesting a rural or agricultural setting. The overall mood is positive and hopeful.

Heifer  
International

Planting the seed of hope

An aerial photograph showing a wide, brown river meandering through a dense, vibrant green forest. The trees are tall and thin, likely cypress or similar species, and their reflection is visible in the water. The river flows from the top left towards the bottom right, with several smaller channels branching off. The overall scene is a natural, undisturbed landscape.

## The Mission: **The Project**

### Delta Sprouts

The Delta Sprouts is a southeast Arkansas cooperative established to serve the people of Chicot, Desha and Drew counties. These counties struggle with poverty, poor nutrition, unemployment, decreased population from economic flight and limited jobs due to lack of education. To create the maximum benefit for participants, the project will provide 17 families with heifers, goats and sheep; assist 116 families in producing food and income for their families; and establish two learning centers for livestock and horticulture education. The original 17 families who receive livestock will pass on the gift to an additional 17 families, while the learning centers will impact 50 families per year. The project will also establish three farmers markets and one community kitchen that will benefit 45 families.