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# trade show exhibitors

### Columbia Farm Supply

Columbia, Tennessee

### Farm Credit Services

Columbia, Tennessee

### Franklin Farmers Market

Franklin, Tennessee

### Franklin Farmers Market Educational Foundation

Franklin, Tennessee

### Maury Farmers Co-Op

Columbia, Tennessee

### Riverbend Nurseries

Thompsons Station, Tennessee

### TriGreen Equipment LLC

Columbia, Tennessee

# visit with area farmers

Representatives from agricultural enterprises will be available in the educational displays tent at the Center for Profitable Agriculture display to share their experiences and answer questions. Drop by anytime to visit with them about the lessons they have learned about production and marketing of their various products.



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# FRUITS OF THE BACKYARD FIELD DAY



## JUNE 16, 2015

## 8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

### Middle Tennessee AgResearch and Education Center

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# welcome

Welcome to the Middle Tennessee AgResearch and Education Center's eighth annual Fruits of the Backyard Field Day.

We invite you to join us for a program designed to address issues facing both homeowners and producers. The presentations, educational displays, and trade show vendors will provide valuable and useful information, products, and techniques.

Educational topics, displays, and demonstrations will provide insight into the production of fruits and vegetables, maintenance of lawn grasses and ornamentals, and control of harmful insects and weeds. Also, the program will place special focus on enhancing production with greenhouses, preserving your harvest, and marketing your abundance.

Please plan to attend and bring an interested neighbor as this program has been developed to help you make your backyard a more productive and enjoyable place to spend time with family and friends.

We look forward to hosting you and ask that you contact us with any special needs or questions concerning this educational event, which is open to the public.

Thank you,

Kevin W. Thompson  
*Director*  
*Middle Tennessee AgResearch and Education Center*

# schedule

**8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.** Registration/Visit Trade Show and Educational Displays

**9:30 - 10 a.m.** "Extending your Growing Season with Backyard Greenhouses and Other Ideas"

*Natalie Bumgarner*  
*UT Extension Residential and Consumer Horticulture Specialist*  
*UT Department of Plant Sciences*

**10 - 10:15 a.m.** Break

**10:15 - 10:45 a.m.** "Preserving Your Harvest"

*Starla Hardin*  
*UT Extension Agent, Maury County*  
*Myra Walker*  
*UT Extension Agent, Giles County*

**10:45 - 11 a.m.** Break

**11 - 11:30 a.m.** "Selling Your Surplus... Tips to Making the Farmers Market Fruitful"

*Megan Bruch Leffew*  
*Extension Marketing Specialist, UT Center for Profitable Agriculture*

**11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.**  
Question and Answer Session Open Panel

# educational displays

## Plant Diagnostics

UT Extension Soil, Plant, and Pest Center  
Steve Bost

## Insect Identification

UT Extension Soil, Plant, and Pest Center  
David Cook

## What's in Your Dirt (Soil Testing)

UT Extension Soil, Plant, and Pest Center  
Debbie Joines

## Managing Turfgrass

UT Extension Rutherford County  
Anthony Tuggle

## Gardeners and Their Tools

UT Extension Rutherford County  
Mitchell Mote

## Animal Damage Control

UT Extension Maury County  
Department Staff

## Tennessee Master Gardeners Association

UT Extension Williamson County  
Department Staff and Gardeners

## Preserving Your Harvest

UT Extension Maury & Giles Counties  
Starla Hardin and Myra Walker

## To Bee or Not to Bee . . .

### Why is the Honeybee so Important for Food Production?

Spring Hill High School  
Gwynne Evans and Ag Students

## Backyard Flocks

UT Extension Marshall County  
Ricky Skillington

## Songbirds: The Backyard Singers

Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency  
Polly Rooker

## Helping Farmers Develop Value-Added Enterprises

UT Center for Profitable Agriculture  
CPA Staff and Area Farmers

## UT Organic and Sustainable Crop Production Program

UT Department of Plant Sciences  
Department Staff

## Tennessee AgrAbility Project

UT/TSU Extension Cooperative  
Finis Stribling