

# ABOUT THE ACADEMY

The Tennessee New Farmer Academy is a six-month certificate program designed for those with an interest in becoming agricultural entrepreneurs. Ideal candidates for this program include those who are new to agriculture, those who wish to transition into agriculture from another field such as military service or private sector work, or those who are looking for a post-retirement opportunity.

The program focuses on teaching the concepts, providing the information, and facilitating the hands-on experience needed to build solid, viable, and successful agricultural businesses.

2015 New Farmer Academy Participants



## DIRECTIONS TO TSU AITC BUILDING:

### *From the north via I-65 or the northwest via I-24:*

Approaching Nashville, I-24 merges with I-65. Continue south on I-65 to I-40 West, then follow directions below.

### *From the south via I-65, from the southeast via I-24, or from the east via I-40 W:*

Take I-40 West to the 28th Ave exit; turn right off the ramp. Turn left at first traffic light onto John A. Merritt Blvd. Turn right into Humphries Hall parking lot. The AITC Building is adjacent to the lot.

### *From the west via I-40 E:*

Take I-40 East toward Nashville. Take Exit 207 and turn left off ramp. Continue to traffic light and then to the stop sign. Turn right into Humphries Hall parking lot. The AITC Building is adjacent to the lot.

# TENNESSEE NEW FARMER ACADEMY



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**TENNESSEE NEW FARMER ACADEMY  
2016 REGISTRATION FORM**

Participant(s) Name(s)

Enterprise Name

Mailing Address

County

Phone

Email

**REGISTRATION:**

Fee: \$150 per person (includes textbook, materials and lunches)

Make checks payable to:  
*Tennessee State University CEP*

*To register, please complete this form  
and mail with registration fee to:*

*Tennessee State University  
Attn: Rhonda Mitchell  
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## EDUCATIONAL TOPICS:

### FARM BUSINESS & MARKETING BASICS

Over multiple sessions, you will learn to identify the appropriate enterprise for you and your farm, how to start your business, and how to navigate the regulatory issues of the agricultural world. Additionally, you'll learn about some of the most effective marketing strategies like farmers markets and CSAs, and how to apply for grants and other types of assistance available to new farmers.

### AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION PRACTICES

A portion of each session will be dedicated to helping you establish and/or maintain productive and efficient operations, covering topics like soil health, livestock production, fruit and vegetable production, beekeeping, irrigation strategies, organic production, greenhouse management, and hydroponics.

### HANDS-ON EXPERIENCE

In addition to classroom instruction, the New Farmer Academy provides hands-on experiential sessions on topics including fruit tree pruning and care, drip irrigation and plasticulture, fencing installation and repair, GPS/GIS mapping, sprayer calibration, and equipment operation/safety.



## WORKSHOP DATES

**APRIL 18, 2016**

**MAY 16, 2016**

**JUNE 20, 2016**

**JULY 18, 2016**

**AUGUST 15, 2016**

**SEPTEMBER 19, 2016**

