



Improving Tennessee's Environment for Local Farms

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Mission

- TDA is working to maintain and promote rural economic development and interest in our Tennessee communities. Rural sustainability is important and beneficial to our environment, heritage, and culture.

Programs

- Pick Tennessee Products
- Agritourism
- Tennessee Agricultural Enhancement Program (TAEP)
- Agribusiness Development
- Farmers Markets
- Community Gardens
- Local Foods
- Century Farms
- TN Farmland Legacy

Pick Tennessee Products

- Campaign to promote local products
- Listing of artisan, consumable, and educational products and activities



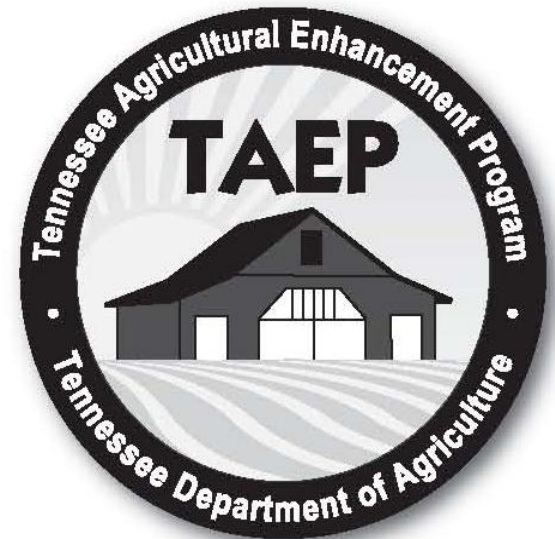
Agritourism

- Promoting the growth and development of agritourism in Tennessee.



Tennessee Agricultural Enhancement Program (TAEP)

- Producer Programs
- Agricultural Resources Conservation Fund



- Available TAEP programs



Program	Eligible Industry
Cattle Genetics	Cattle
Livestock Equipment	Cattle, Goats/Sheep
Hay Storage	Cattle Goats/Sheep, Hay
Livestock Feed Storage	Cattle, Goats/Sheep, Poultry, Swine
Grain Storage	Corn, Soybeans, Wheat, Other
Producer Diversification	Agritourism Fruits and Vegetables Honey Bees Organics
	Aquaculture Horticulture Value-Added Products Viticulture

TAEP- Agricultural Resources Conservation Fund

- Provides cost-share assistance to install Best Management Practices (BMPs) that reduce agricultural water pollution and soil erosion:
 - Technical assistance costs
 - Conservation field day expenses
 - Procurement of specialty agricultural equipment



Agribusiness Development

- TDA provides information and services for prospective agribusiness employers.
- Coordinates with other state and local agencies to provide "one-stop shopping"
- Works with the Center for Profitable Agriculture and Forest Products center.

Community Gardens

- Create community
- Bring access to fresh food in “food deserts”
- Great teaching tools
- Build up the future generation’s interests in growing



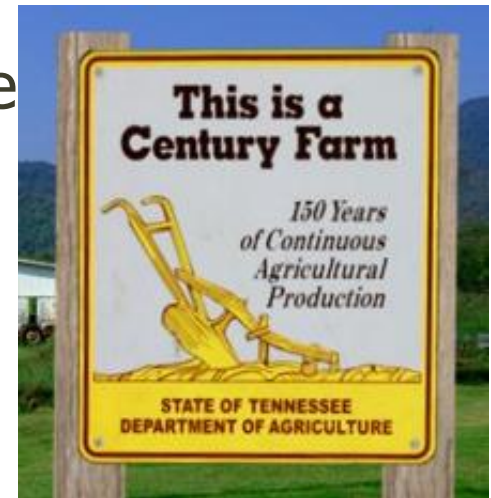
Farmers Markets & Local Foods

- Online search
- USDA sites over 7,800 nationwide
- Increasing popularity with the availability of SNAP benefits and community access.



Century Farms

- A partnership with the Center for Historic Preservation (CHP) at Middle Tennessee State University
- Identifies, documents, and recognizes farms owned by the same family for at least 100 years.
- 1400 farms certified



Tennessee Farmland Legacy

- TDA is dedicated to preserving the state's farmland while keeping farms profitable.
- \$3.1 billion annually farm gate value
- 79,000 farms are 43% of the state's total land area
- Every year, Tennessee loses approximately 60,000 acres farmland.



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