

ABOUT THE ACADEMY



TENNESSEE NEW FARMER ACADEMY



The Tennessee New Farmer Academy is a seven 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.

Directions to TSU Main Campus Agricultural Research & Education Center 1519 Ed Temple Blvd - Nashville, TN 37209

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. Keep straight go thru three traffic signals, after the third signal go approx. 1/8 mile and the research center entrance will be on your left.

From the west via I-40 E:
Take I-40 East toward Nashville. Take Exit 207 and turn left off ramp. Turn right at first traffic signal, continue straight thru next two traffic signals and the research center will be on your left approx.. 1/8 mile past second traffic signal.

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"Developing Successful Small Farm Enterprises"



For more information, please contact:

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**TENNESSEE NEW FARMER ACADEMY
2025 REGISTRATION FORM**

Participant(s) Name(s)

Enterprise Name

Mailing Address

County

Phone

Email

REGISTRATION:

Fee: \$200 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 by

February 28, 2025 to:

Tennessee State University

Attn: Paula Wilson

PO Box 9635

Nashville, TN 37209

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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, business management skills and how to apply for grants and other types of assistance programs 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, sprayer calibration, and equipment operation/safety.

WORKSHOP DATES



March 17, 2025

April 21, 2025

May 19, 2025

June 16, 2025

July 21, 2025

August 18, 2025

September 15, 2025

Workshop times are:

9:00 AM to 4:00 PM (Central Time)

