

## 2009 UT Field Days

June 25

### **Tobacco, Beef and More**

Highland Rim Research and Education Center

July 9

### **Summer Celebration**

West Tennessee Research and Education Center

July 16

### **Tobacco and Forage Production**

Research and Education Center at Greeneville

August 4

### **Steak and Potatoes**

Plateau Research and Education Center

September 3

### **Turfgrass**

East Tennessee Research and Education Center -  
Plant Sciences Unit, Knoxville

October 9

### **Pumpkin Field Day**

West Tennessee Research and Education Center

## Special Events

June 27 and 28

### **Blooms Days**

UT Gardens, Knoxville

October 8

### **Northeast TN Beef Expo**

Education and Research Center at Greeneville

October 10

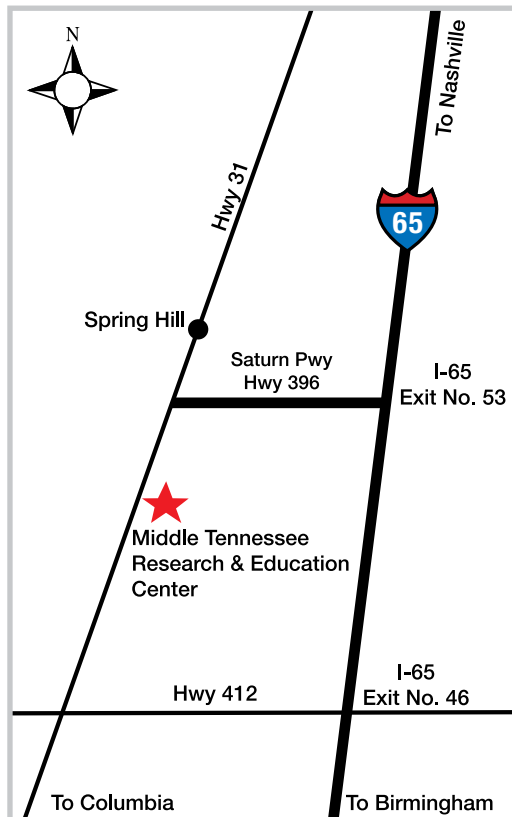
### **Heritage Festival**

Research and Education Center at Ames Plantation

October 17

### **Fall Folklore Jamboree**

Research and Education Center at Milan



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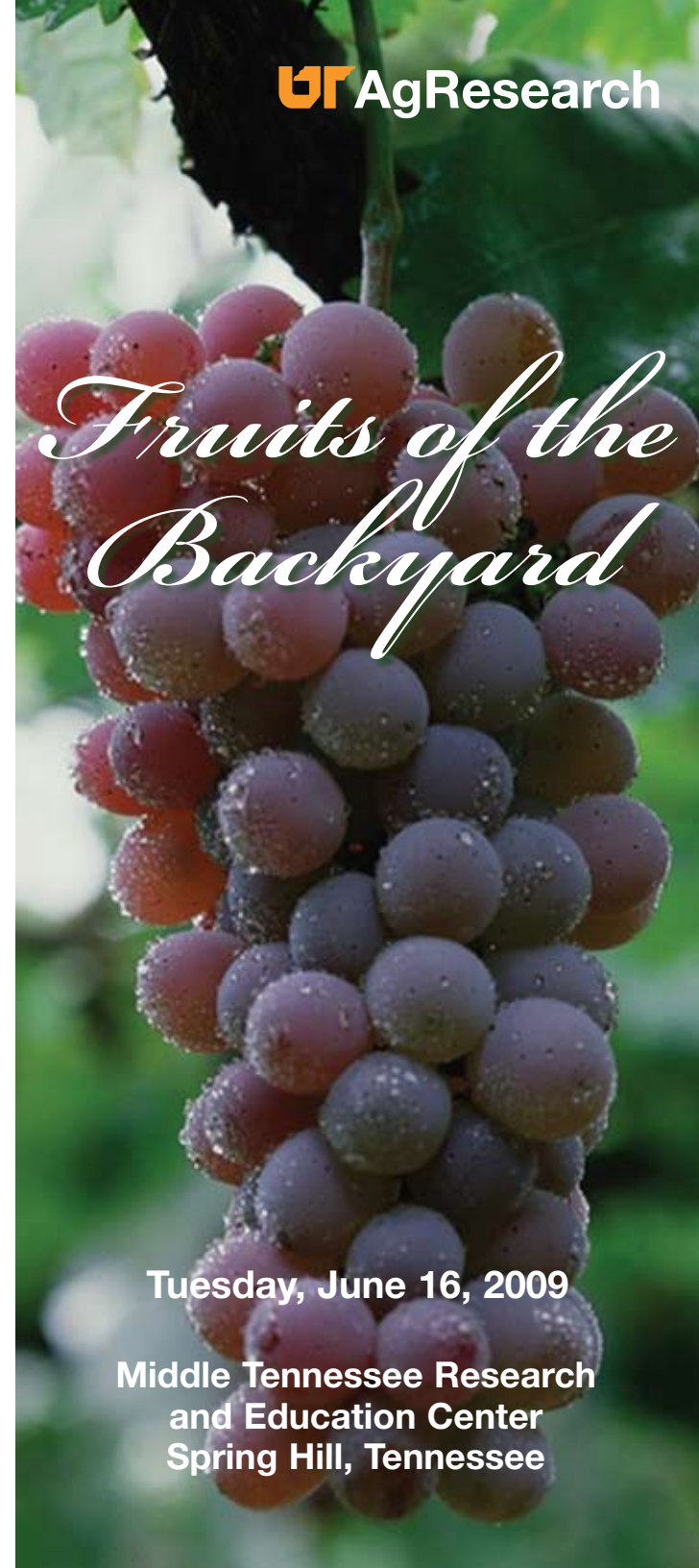
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*Fruits of the  
Backyard*

Tuesday, June 16, 2009

Middle Tennessee Research  
and Education Center  
Spring Hill, Tennessee

# Welcome

We hope you will plan to attend this free educational event to improve your production of backyard fruit, lawn grasses or shrubbery. You will also learn about cost-effective irrigation to maintain your plant health. Our experts will be able to answer all your questions for plants you can use in your backyard.

We expect to have disease and insect experts on hand who will examine your materials for damage. This is a time that you can view the actual crop in the field, have the researchers answer your questions and learn some of the business risks you may incur in growing these crops. Plus, you can have the healthiest lawn in your area after learning the best way to grow the grass of your choice. Industry leaders will be on hand who can supply everything needed to produce a satisfactory planting.

This is an event you do not want to miss. We look forward to hosting you and ask that you call us if you have special needs or any question concerning this public educational event.

*Dennis Onks, Director  
Middle Tennessee Research and  
Education Center*

# Schedule

9:00 a.m. Registration and Trade Show

## Feature Presentations

Each presentation will be made **twice during the day**. Times listed are for both start times for the respective presentation. Presentations will allow for questions.

### Location – Main Tent

9:30-10:15 a.m.

#### Pruning Backyard Grapes and Blueberries

*Dr. David Lockwood  
Professor, Plant Sciences  
UT Extension*

10:15-10:45 a.m.

#### Backyard Lawn Grasses

*Dr. Tom Samples  
Professor, Plant Sciences  
UT Extension*

12:45-1:15 p.m.

10:45-11:15 a.m.

#### Irrigating Your Backyard

*Dr. Brian Leib  
Associate Professor  
Biosystems Engineering  
UT AgResearch*

1:15-1:45 p.m.

11:15 a.m.-Noon

#### Backyard Shrubby

*Wendel Smith  
Extension Agent  
Lawrence County*

1:45-2:30 p.m.

## Educational Displays

### Beneficial Fruit Insects

UT Extension –  
*Dr. Frank Hale*

### Plant Diseases

UT Extension –  
*Dr. Steve Bost*

## SOLUTIONS

UT Institute of  
Agriculture –  
*Mrs. Patty McDaniels*

### Successful Tennessee Products

Center for Profitable  
Agriculture –  
*Mr. Rob Holland  
Ms. Megan Bruch  
& Tennessee Operators*

### Pick Tennessee Products

Tennessee  
Department of  
Agriculture –  
*Mr. Dan Strasser*

### Tennessee Farm Fresh Produce

Tennessee Farm  
Bureau Federation –  
*Mr. Joe Pearson  
Ms. Tiffany Mullins*

## Trade Show Exhibitors

TriGreen Equipment LLC  
Columbia & Franklin, TN

Maury Farmers Cooperative  
Spring Hill & Columbia, TN

Columbia State Community College  
Horticultural Technology Program  
Columbia, TN

The Compost Farm  
Franklin, TN

John Deere Landscapes  
Franklin, TN