April 5, 2021

Aiken's Angle

It's that time of year again - spring planting. A time when excitement for a new crop and an eagerness to get in the field arises. And after the challenging past year, it's a time to be hopeful and optimistic about what this year's crop will bring. We wish you well as you start #Plant21, and remember - the early mornings, late nights and hard work preparing for a good, healthy crop are all worth it when reminded of the gift entrusted to us by being stewards of the land and caretakers of the animals God has graciously given us.

By: TFBF President Jeff Aiken

Farm Bureau Store

In honor of our 100 year anniversary, we are making special apparel available to purchase online and be shipped directly to you. Currently only t-shirts and baseball t-shirts are available, but throughout the year, it will be updated with many other apparel items. We anticipate this store continuing on for all to purchase different items as needed, and we hope it is a convenient and easy way for you to sport Tennessee Farm Bureau apparel throughout the state.

Visit the store.

Policy Point

Successes thus far in the Tennessee General Assembly this session:

1. Passage of SB1368 Bell/HB1163 Lamberth - prohibits local boards of health from regulating agriculture.
2. Passage of SB203 Haile/SB203 Alexander - requires public schools to credit a student who participates in 4-H activities as present for school.

Other working priority issues:

1. Creating a Lemon Law for farm equipment
2. Moving the Tennessee State Fair to Wilson County.

Read More.

NASS Planting Intentions

Every year USDA's National Ag Statistics Service, in cooperation with the Tennessee Department of Agriculture, provides statistics on what farmers intend to plant the upcoming year. This year's was recently released.

Read More.

Additional USDA Assistance

More than $12 billion which will help farmers who previously did not qualify for COVID-19 aid and expand assistance to farmers who have already received help. Sign-up for the new program begins on April 5.

Read more.

Congress Extends PPP Deadline

Congress recently approved legislation that extends the Paycheck Protection Program application deadline from March 31 to May 31, helping more farmers participate in the loan program.

Read more.

AFBF Action Alerts for Estate Tax and Stepped-Up Basis

Other Information

Sign-up to receive the Farm Bureau Newspaper.

Save at Ford with your Farm Bureau membership

View Updated Applications for Upcoming YF&R Contests

Sponsor Shoutout

CASE IH

Hunter & Laura Grills of Dyer County, 2021 Achievement Award winner, recently received a year's lease on a CASE IH tractor. Grateful for CASE's partnership of this program for more than 30 years.

KEUBOTA

Kary Robinson of Franklin County, second place winner in the Achievement Award contest, recently received a year's lease on a Kubota tractor. Thankful for Kubota's recent investment in this program.

VIDEO

TFBF President Jeff Aiken and Tennessee Commissioner of Agriculture Charlie Hatcher share the importance of rural Tennesseans getting vaccinated.

Listen to Tennessee Home & Farm Radio