



Tennessee Farm Bureau In the Loop



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This newsletter is brought to you by the Tennessee Farm Bureau Federation highlighting important information regarding agriculture and rural life in Tennessee.



Aiken's Angle

Welcome to Tennessee Farm Bureau's brand new newsletter! We've created this tool to keep you "In the Loop" on issues facing the agriculture industry, rural Tennessee and specifically, Tennessee Farm Bureau. As our organization turns 100-years-old this year, we think it is the perfect time to roll this out as our goal is not to be just another email in your inbox, but rather a method in providing you with the knowledge and resources to bring our organization well into the next 100 years.

By: TFBF President Jeff Aiken



Centennial Celebration

This year marks 100 years since a group of farmers created Tennessee Farm Bureau Federation to provide a better way of life for farmers and rural people of Tennessee. Our organization stands strong today as the largest Farm Bureau in the nation, serving more than 679,000 members, and still serving the same purpose 100 years later. [Learn more about our history and celebration plans.](#)





Policy Point

Farm Bureau anticipates six overall themes to be discussed on Capitol Hill and in the news this legislative session - **COVID-19, education, the budget, broadband, government power and hold-over legislative initiatives from 2020**. Within those themes are Farm Bureau priorities and items to watch - the AgEd Taskforce, funding for agriculture in the budget, broadband and the constitutional amendment for right-to-work. **More details regarding priority issues.**

Legislative Visits

In response to the ongoing pandemic, the Tennessee General Assembly limited access to the Cordell Hull Building in Nashville. Therefore, Tennessee Farm Bureau leaders are unable to visit and meet with lawmakers like normal. That didn't stop county leadership from adapting though, as several counties and volunteer leaders called and zoomed lawmakers to discuss issues important to agriculture. **See who participated.**



News Around the State



Reimbursement Request Deadline

COVID-19 has slowed down manufacturing and as a result, inventory may be limited. If your reimbursement request includes purchased items backordered by the supplier, submit reimbursement request by April 1, 2021. **Read More.**



Next Round of COVID-19 Vaccine

Those who work in agriculture or food production will be in the next round - 2A - of distribution for Tennessee's COVID-19 vaccine. Phases do vary by county based on vaccine supply and uptake. **Read More.**

News Around the Country

Celebrate National Ag Day



Every year producers, agricultural associations, government agencies and more join together to recognize our most important industry through National Ag Day. Celebrate this year on **March 23** and use **#NationalAgDay**. [Read more.](#)



American Rescue Plan Act of 2021

In early March the Senate passed the \$1.9 trillion COVID-19 relief package. The legislation goes back to the House - likely this week. Combined, the nutrition and agricultural provisions are estimated at \$22.7 billion. [Read more.](#)

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