# THE TAPA QUARTERLY

# The Newsletter of the Tennessee Agricultural Production Association

## Message from the President

By Eric Walker, University of Tennessee



The TAPA Winter Agronomic Workshop was held on February 8 in Jackson, Tennessee, where attendees were treated to an excellent program put together by our President Elect and Program Chair, Bruce Kirksey. This was just a preview of the great things to come under Bruce's leadership. He is already working on another excellent program for our Summer Annual Meeting and Agronomic Workshop where he will become our next president. This meeting will be held on August 1-3 at the Park Vista Double Tree Hotel in Gatlinburg. Devastated by wild fires last winter, Gatlinburg is again thriving, so bring the family and enjoy the majestic beauty of the Smoky Mountains and the activities that the area offers. Our summer meeting is a great opportunity to learn timely and important agronomic information, earn CCA CEU and Tennessee recertification points, and interact with one another to build

collaborations and friendships. Let's all make plans to attend, promote this meeting throughout our networks, and encourage others to attend. Together, we can make our upcoming summer meeting the best one yet!

Because of the hard, steady work of our members and support of our sponsors, great things are happening within TAPA. Increasing membership, member participation, sponsorship, and quality of our organization continue to be high priorities. We reached our membership goal of 80 late last year, and I'm confident that we will surpass our new goal of 90 if we all spread the word about TAPA. To further strengthen and grow our organization and secure its future, new efforts are underway to increase undergraduate and graduate student membership and participation in TAPA. Details will be released later this year. Current member attendance at our meetings and workshops is an area in which we can improve. Please plan ahead to attend these meetings and show that you support TAPA, those who organize and put on our meetings, and the speakers who donate their time and efforts to ensure that our events are successful and of value to attendees.

Please take a minute and examine our list of sponsors. Their support is essential to our organization, and we greatly appreciate it. If you know of a potential sponsor that is not currently listed, please let me know. Also, we are always striving to improve the quality of our organization and its offerings so that it benefits our members and others involved in agriculture in our state. If you have suggestions concerning ways to improve TAPA, please let me know. Please visit our website at tapa.tennessee.edu and our Facebook page to learn more about our organization, then share these outlets with our friends, co-workers, and associates. Darrell Hensley does an excellent job maintaining and updating these sites. Also, Ron Akin puts together an outstanding newsletter. Please share these with your friends and colleagues, as these are full of timely topics, useful information, and important events.

The future of TAPA is bright if we individually and collaboratively work to ensure that our organization is successful by offering programs and affording opportunities that will benefit TAPA members, participants, sponsors, and the state of agriculture in Tennessee. Membership and sponsorship will grow, and TAPA will continue to have a positive, significant, and growing impact. Thank you all for your support and involvement. I look forward to seeing you in Gatlinburg this summer.

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Do you know someone deserving of the 2017 Outstanding Certified Crop Advisor award? The winner will receive a \$500 cash prize! See Page 6 for details!

#### TAPA THREE STAR SCHOLARSHIP ANNOUNCEMENT



Tennessee Agricultural Production Association is pleased to announce the fourth year of three regional

scholarships for deserving college sophomores and juniors seeking degrees in the field of agriculture. Students will be eligible for the \$1,000 Three Star Scholarships in West, Middle, and East Tennessee by submitting a resume, a statement of career goals, and an explanation of what this scholarship opportunity means to the candidate.

To qualify, the candidate must be currently

enrolled in a Tennessee college or university and actively pursuing a degree in agriculture or related area. Students may apply via email at psep@utk.edu by May 31, 2017. Within the subject line include "TAPA Scholarship". Place submission information (resume, other work in area of agriculture) within the body of the text. No attachments please. Previous winners are not eligible.

A TAPA representative will communicate the potential award to Ag program coordinators throughout Tennessee. The

individual will be notified upon receipt of application. All applicants, including the winners, will be contacted by phone or e-mail.

TAPA is proud to reach out to the leaders of our future and we look forward to announcing the winners at our summer meeting in Gatlinburg August 1-3, 2017.

Sincerely,

Rick Turnage
Scholarship Chairman



# Add these important events to your 2017 Calendar!

Field Days	Location	Date	Time
Tennessee Healthy Hardwoods	Forest Resources AgResearch & Education Center - Oak Ridge Forest	May 20	8:00 a.m.
Fruits of the Backyard	Middle Tennessee AgResearch & Education Center	June 13	8:30 a.m.
Tobacco, Beef and More	Highland Rim AgResearch & Education Center	June 22	8:00 a.m.
Summer Celebration	West Tennessee AgResearch & Education Center	July 13	9:00 a.m.
Steak and Potatoes	Plateau AgResearch & Education Center	August 1	8:00 a.m.
Cotton Tour	West Tennessee AgResearch & Education Center	September 6	8:00 a.m.
Turf and Ornamental	East Tennessee AgResearch & Education Center	September 7	7:00 a.m.
Forest Research Overview Gathering	Forest Resources AgResearch & Education Center - Cumberland Forest	September 14	8:00 a.m.
Ag in the Foothills	East Tennessee AgResearch & Education Center	October 6	7:00 a.m.
Northeast Tennessee Beef Expo	AgResearch & Education Center in Greeneville	October 12	7:30 a.m.
Organic Crops Field Tour	East Tennessee AgResearch & Education Center - Organic Crops Unit	October 26	9:00 a.m.
Special Events	Location	Date	Time
UT Gardens Green Industry	UT Gardens Knoxville	June 20	8:00 a.m.
Fall Gardeners' Festival	Plateau AgResearch & Education Center	August 29	9:00 a.m.
Heritage Festival	AgResearch & Education Center at Ames Plantation	October 14	9:00 a.m.
Fall Folklore Jamboree	AgResearch & Education Center at Milan	October 21	9:00 a.m.

# Plan for our summer meeting in Gatlinburg...<u>and bring the family!</u> By Ricky Foster Local Arrangements Chair

The 2017 TAPA Annual Meeting and Agronomic Workshop will be held at The Park Vista a Doubletree by Hilton Hotel, located at 705 Cherokee Orchard Road in Gatlinburg, Tennessee. The TAPA Board Meeting and CCA Board Meeting will be held the afternoon of Monday, July 31, 2017. The meeting will begin on the morning of Tuesday, August 1, 2017 and will conclude at Noon on Thursday, August 3,2017. The Park Vista Doubletree by Hilton Hotel is offering TAPA members a **Single Rate** and a **Double Rate** of \$125 per night. Individual Reservations must be made no later than Midnight June 30, 2017. Once the cut-off date has passed, all unreserved guestrooms will be released from the block. Guestrooms and the guestroom rate will be based on availability for any individuals calling to make reservations under the group block after the cut-off date.

For TAPA Members who are interested the Park Vista also offers King Suites at a rate of \$225 per night and Family Suites at a rate of \$245 per night that can be reserved by TAPA members. The suites are based upon availability.

Reservations can be made online or by phone. The website for online reservation is <a href="www.parkvista.com">www.parkvista.com</a> and the on-line booking code is **TAP**. The Hilton Reservation line is 800-421-7275 and you can use the Group Code **TAG** or TAPA Annual Meeting when making reservations by phone. For TAPA members wanting to arrive early or stay a few days after the meeting you can still get the TAPA room rate. If the reservationist does not give the proper room rate when making the reservation contact Ricky Foster at tnfan01@gmail.com and he will notify The Park Vista to make sure that TAPA members get the proper room rate.

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# TAPA Winter Agronomic Workshop

February 8, 2017

Jackson, Tennessee

Day of Learning and Building Relationships



### Winter Workshop Overview By Dr. Bruce Kirksey Program Chair



The Winter Agronomic Workshop of the Tennessee Agricultural Production Association was held at the Doubletree Hotel in Jackson, Tennessee on February 8, 2017. The feedback from the attendees has been positive on the outlook for this upcoming season. We are now looking ahead to our next annual meeting August 1-3, 2017. The hotel is very much looking forward to TAPA being there again this year.

The primary goal of the program committee was to provide timely agricultural information and useful take-home tips for our members. TAPA would like to thank the following speakers for giving us a successful meeting: Mr. Zachery Maye (National Weather Service), Dr. Brian Leib (University of Tennessee), Mr. Parks Wells (Tennessee Soybean Promotion Council), Mr. John

Butler (Agricenter International, Mr. Austin Carroll (Tennessee Timber), Dr. Allan Houston (University of Tennessee), Dr. Oscar Ruiz (WayPoint Analytical), Mr. Derek Emerine (Helena Chemical), Mr. Jai Templeton (Tennessee Department of Agriculture), and Mr. Matthew Denton (NRCS).



(Left Photo) Speaking at the Winter Agronomic Meeting in Jackson was **Jai Templeton** (third from left), Commissioner of Agriculture, Tennessee Department of Agriculture. Mr. Templeton's entertaining presentation was entitled "Tennessee Rural Economy."

Among the attendees who enjoyed Mr. Templeton's presentation were **Ricky Foster**, Tennessee Department of Agriculture; **Matt Fennel**, Tennessee Farm Bureau; and **John Bradley**, Spring Valley Farms.

**Ricky Foster** and treasurer **Dianne Jenkins** were very busy registering attendees at the Agronomic Workshop in Jackson.

Announcement: Ricky will officially retire from his position at the Tennessee Department of Agriculture on March 31, 2017. Also, after 18 years of service on the TAPA Board and in his familiar chair position on the local arrangements committee, he will step down at the conclusion of the Annual Meeting & Agronomic Workshop in Gatlinburg August 1-3. We will miss his being at the registration table at each of our two meetings each year. Thank you very much for your many years of service to our TAPA organization.





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# **Industry News**

**Agrium** has hired **Hubert Conley** out of Cleveland, Tennessee to join the Rainbow sales and marketing team. Hubert will be working closely with the current Rainbow sales representative, Scott Benjamin, to effectively call on retailers throughout the state. Hubert is a former Coop employee of 15 years, and Agrium is extremely glad to have him on board.

# **TAPA Receives Name Badges**

**Dr. Neil Rhodes,** Professor and Extension Weed Management Specialist with the University of Tennessee, donated name badges to TAPA for use in upcoming meetings. These badges will be extremely useful!

Neil has been a strong supporter of our organization by his meeting attendance, as a guest speaker, and as a contributor to our quarterly newsletter. The TAPA Board of Directors would like to thank him for this additional support and his thoughtfulness and generosity.

The badges were first used at our meeting in Jackson last month and will be used at our upcoming summer meeting in Gatlinburg.

## **SCPA Hill Visits**

The Southern Crop Protection Association Board and their members will be visiting representatives and senators and their staffs in Washington, D.C. on May 3-4, 2017. In addition, representatives of several state associations from various Ag disciplines will join SCPA for this important visit. The purpose is to discuss issues that are relevant to the farming industry in the South. The Tennessee Agricultural Production Association has sent a representative for many years and will do so again in 2017.

**Rick Turnage,** who made this trip the last two years, will represent TAPA again this year. The representatives, senators, and their staff from Tennessee will be visited to discuss issues vital to the Tennessee farming industry. Rick will present a full report at our annual meeting in Gatlinburg August 1-3, 2017. Let's all wish him a safe trip!

# **TAPA Board Meets**

The TAPA officers, board of directors, and committee chairs met at the Doubletree Hotel in Jackson on February 7th. Attendees were Eric Walker, Bruce Kirksey, Kyle Jackson, Rick Turnage, Scott Stewart, Hillary Spain, John Bradley, Ron Akin, Don Tyler, Dianne Jenkins, Guy Spence, Ricky Foster, Kenneth Hassell, and Forbes Walker.

One of the items of business was the upcoming Annual Meeting and Agronomic Workshop in Gatlinburg August 1-3. Ground work is now being laid for a terrific three days of education, rekindling friendships, and enjoying the sites in Gatlinburg.

If you're in the business of agriculture, this summer meeting is for you! Pre-registration and meeting agenda details will be coming soon!

### TAPA Sponsors for 2017

Thanks to our sponsors for their generous support in the new year! Click on their links below to learn more about them:

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# UNIVERSITY OF KENTUCKY WHEAT PRODUCTION FIELD SCHOOL: A HANDS-ON TRAINING — March 8 & April 26, 2017

The UK Wheat Science Group will offer three hands-on training sessions on managing wheat in



College of Agriculture, Food and Environment Cooperative Extension Service Kentucky. The sessions will be held at UKREC in Princeton (1205 Hopkinsville St) and are scheduled March 8 (Green-up) and April 26 (Prior to Flowering). These programs are directed towards

crop advisors and farm managers who provide agronomic guidance for wheat production. Class size will be limited to 30 people per training. Lunch will be provided.

### <u>Pre-registration is required for each training.</u> <u>There will be a \$60 fee for each session.</u>

Use the following link to pre-register by individual training dates.

March 8th (register by Monday, March 6) https://www.eventbrite.com/e/wheat-field-school-green-up-tickets-30864680089

April 26<sup>th</sup> (Register by April 19) https://www.eventbrite.com/e/wheat-field-school-pre-heading-tickets-30865542669

If you have any issues or questions with registration, please contact:

Dr. Edwin Ritchey: **edwin.ritchey@uky.edu** or 270-365-7541 ext. 301 or Kelsey Mehl: **kelsey.mehl@uky.edu** or 270-365-7541 ext. 200.

A third session will cover topics associated with pre-planting decisions in the fall of 2017 (topics and times TBA).

This training is made possible, in part, by funding from the Kentucky Small Grain Growers Association.





### **March 8th Topics**

- Submitting samples to UK diagnostic lab Brenda Kennedy
- Relating soil productivity to soil types Jerry McIntosh (NRCS)
- Growth stage / plant dissection at greenup Carrie Knott
- Assessing freeze damage Carrie Knott
- Planting date and seeding rate differences impact tiller counts -Carrie Knott
- Herbicide symptomology associated with injury from tank contamination, application timing, etc. Jim Martin
- Nitrogen management Edwin Ritchey & John Grove
- Tillage and traffic impacts on establishing wheat stands John Grove & Edwin Ritchey
- Impact of rooting depth of ryegrass on productivity of certain soils Lloyd Murdock
- Weed Identification Jim Martin

#### **April 26 Topics**

- Growth stage / plant dissection near heading Carrie Knott
- Planting date and seeding rate differences impact stem counts near heading Carrie Knott
- Growth regulators for wheat Carrie Knott
- Application timing of fungicides Carl Bradley
- Late nitrogen applications for protein John Grove
- Plant analysis for assessing nutrition John Grove
- Tillage and traffic impacts on growth John Grove & Edwin Ritchey
- Managing insects during grain storage Raul Villanueva
- Controlling ryegrass as a cover crop and as a weed in wheat Lloyd Murdock & Jim Martin
- Weed Identification Jim Martin

Approved Credits for March 8th Training: CCA CEUs (6): Soil & Water Management 2.5; Integrated Pest Management 1; Crop Management 2.5

Pesticide Applicators Credits (4 hrs) General Hrs 3; Specific Hrs 1 (1A, 10, 12) Credits for April 26th Training: TBA







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Would you like to become a TAPA member? If so, send an email with your phone number to: tapanews@ymail.com.
Ron Akin will contact you with membership details.

The Tennessee Certified Crop Advisor Board of Directors Announces:

# Tennessee Outstanding Certified Crop Advisor Award

The Certified Crop Advisor program is the benchmark of Ag professionalism. Certification is the standard by which professionals are judged. The purpose of a certification program is to protect the public and the profession. It is a voluntary professional enhancement to a person's career credentials. Farmers and employers prefer to work with Certified Crop Advisors (CCA) because CCAs have demonstrated they have the commitment, education, expertise, and the experience to make a difference in a client's business.

In 2013 the TN CCA Board of Directors began a recognition program to award a certified crop advisor who is actively involved in Tennessee agriculture, widely respected and is making significant impacts in TN agriculture.

Nominate your Certified Agronomist for the CCA of the Year. Sponsored by Farm Bureau of Tennessee the CCA of the Year will be awarded a cash prize of \$500 as well as recognized at the Tennessee Agricultural Production Association Meeting in the summer of 2017.

#### **Criteria for Selection**

- Be actively involved as a CCA in the agricultural industry
- Be well respected in their agricultural community
- Accomplishments in their field
- Have either a lifetime of achievement in agriculture, be an industry leader, or an upcoming active innovative crop advisor

Submit a signed letter of nomination addressing the criteria with contact information for the individual making the nomination, along with 2 letters of support from current clientele.

Submit package no later than May 31, 2017 by email to:

TN CCA Board awards selection committee,
C/O jseay@ourcoop.com

Jaymie Seay
Executive Secretary
CCA Board of Directors

The Tennessee Agricultural Production Association (TAPA) is a non-profit organization established in September 1996 through the merger of the Tennessee Agricultural Chemical Association (TACA) and the Tennessee Plant Food Educational Association (TPFEA). TAPA's purpose is to promote, coordinate and disseminate information related to current recommended agricultural production practices among those engaged in research, education, manufacture, distribution and regulation of Tennessee agriculture.

The TAPA Quarterly is published in March, June, September, and December. Please submit articles or other information of interest to be published to Ron Akin at tapanews@ymail.com. Use this e-mail address if you wish to unsubscribe.

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