

# THE TAPA QUARTERLY

*The Newsletter of the Tennessee Agricultural Production Association*

Preparations for the 2014 Annual Meeting & Agronomic Workshop are in full swing...

## **Join us in Murfreesboro!**

Plans are being made to welcome retailers, consultants, university, industry, researchers, and others interested in agriculture to the 2014 Annual Meeting & Agronomic Workshop at the Embassy Suites in Murfreesboro, TN, July 29-31, 2014.

If you plan to attend this meeting and have not pre-registered, it's a good time to do so. To pre-register by the July 1 deadline, click on the link below and this will take you directly to the meeting's Pre-Registration form. Simply complete this form, print a copy, and mail it with your payment to TAPA Treasurer John Duke. John's mailing address is at the bottom of the form.

[Click here](#) to gain access to the meeting's Pre-Registration form.

### Recreation

If you would like to play golf on Wednesday afternoon (July 30), please let us know on the pre-registration form.

A special note: If your spouse will be coming with you to Murfreesboro, he or she is invited to be a part of a group tour of the *Nissan North America Production Plant* in Smyrna on Tuesday afternoon, July 29. Please be sure to check the box on the pre-registration form.

TAPA members had a fun time at Bent Creek Golf Course while attending last year's Annual Meeting & Agronomic Workshop in Gatlinburg.

Front Row L-R: Jimmy Farless, Merlin Blackwood

Back Row L-R: Mike Saxton, Harry Craft, Jeremy McKay, Dan Underwood, Joey Caldwell; Rich Strickland; Terry Kelley, Jake Haun

### The Program

If you attend this meeting you'll find that the variety of speakers and their timely topics are tailored for today's Tennessee Agricultural professional. Additionally, CCA CEU credits and Tennessee recertification points in each of four categories (C1, C4, C10 and C12) have been approved.

[Click here](#) for the meeting's agenda.

[Click here](#) for synopses of presentations from our impressive list of speakers.

### Lodging

A block of rooms has been reserved for our attendees. The discounted room rate is a substantial savings, so be sure to make your room reservations by the cut-off date, July 1.

You may call 1-800-EMBASSY, the hotel directly at 615-890-4464 or go on line at [www.murfreesboro.embassysuites.com](http://www.murfreesboro.embassysuites.com). The TAPA group code is APA.

Sincerely,

Terry Kelley  
President  
TAPA



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## WASHINGTON, D.C. “HILL VISITS”

*John F. Bradley*

The Southern Crop Protection Association (SCPA) held its Washington DC “Hill Visits” to the Southern Senators’ and Representatives’ offices on May 7-8 to discuss major issues concerning crop production. I was privileged to represent TAPA and FBSciences along with other agricultural industry leaders from Tennessee and the Southern US.

Tennessee was represented by Michael Boden, Syngenta Crop protection (Memphis, TN), Lewis Rodrigue, Helena Chemical (Collierville, TN), Kevin Stewart, Gowan Co. (Collierville, TN), and myself. Upon arrival we received instructions, schedules and training and divided into teams. On the second day we made scheduled visits to each on the following congressional offices:

- Senator Lamar Alexander, meeting with Daniel Hale, Ag Legislative Aide
- Senator Bob Corker, meeting with Hunter Bethea and John Haley, Legislative Aides
- Rep. Diane Black, meeting with Mary Ann Ludwig, Legislative Assistant
- Rep. Scott Des Jarlais, meeting with Dayne Cutrell, Legislative Director
- Rep. Stephen Fincher
- Rep. Phil Roe, meeting with Tiffany McGuffee, Communications Director
- Rep. Steve Cohen, meeting with Michael Fulton, Agriculture Legislative Assistant
- Rep. John Duncan, meeting with Don Walker, Deputy Chief of Staff

L-R: Kevin Stewart, John Bradley, Daniel Hale  
(Legislative aide to Sen. Lamar Alexander (R-TN))



L-R: John Bradley, Rep. Stephen Fincher (R-TN),  
Kevin Stewart

Kevin Stewart and I teamed and discussed SCPA and TAPA’s stand and recommendations of four major issues:

- Clean Water Act; Refining ‘Waters of the US by EPA and Army Corps Of Engineers
- Pesticide National Discharge Elimination Systems (NPDES) General permits
- The Endangered Species Act Consideration for Pesticides
- Pollinator and Colony Health (Honey Bee Colony Collapse)

All Senators and Representatives were aware of these issues, understood them and were actively working on behalf of our recommendations and requests. In addition to our discussion of the issues we offered TAPA’s broad expertise of Tennessee agriculture as a ready resource for any future questions and technical information on agricultural issues. Along with the Tennessee delegation, eight other southern states had delegations calling on respective legislators. I would be happy to share the complete platform of any or all of the issues discussed in detail by contacting me direct.

I appreciate TAPA allowing me to represent our organization. It was a good day on ‘Capitol Hill’!





## News from “The Hill”

### Clean Water Act

The House Transportation and Infrastructure Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment will hold a hearing on the EPA/ Army Corps proposal to clarify the jurisdiction of the Clean Water

Act. Last week, 230 House members signed on to a bipartisan letter demanding that the Obama administration withdraw the “legally and scientifically unsound” rule. The number of signatories suggests

there could be a struggle between the House and Senate over a possible policy rider targeting the rule.

*Executive Briefing, May 6, 2014*

### Labeling of Food Entirely or Partially Produced with Modern Biotechnology

Vermont Gov. Peter Shumlin has signed a “...first-in-the-nation law requiring that the labeling of food produced from genetic engineering ... Under the new law, food for human consumption offered for retail sale in Vermont that is entirely or partially produced with genetic engineering must be labeled to indicate this fact, as of July 1, 2016. Violators face penalties and further action by the Attorney General’s Office. In addition, the bill creates a special fund to support the implementation and administration of the state labeling law, including costs and fees associated with expected challenge in court by food producers who do not want to disclose the information to consumers ...” - In response, the Grocery Manufacturers Assn. issued a statement encouraging policymakers to “...support alternative legislation that would ensure that food labels are accurate and consistent for consumers. Bipartisan federal legislation, the Safe and Accurate Food Labeling Act, HR44432, would require a label on foods containing GM ingredients if the FDA – our nation’s foremost food safety authority – determines there is a health or safety risk. Any labeling of GM ingredients would therefore be based on science, not fear or the varying politics of the 50 states ...”

*FIEN, May 8, 2014*

### Regulations

House Ag Committee Chair Frank Lucas (R-OK) noted in a recent column in the *Tulsa World* that, “The EPA strikes again. “This time it is has created a new proposal to expand the definition of ‘waters of the U.S.’ for all CWA programs. Administrator Gina McCarthy claims it is to protect our precious waters and natural resources, but anyone reading what the EPA proposes, would have doubts about its intent.”

Chairman Lucas stated that, “To be clear, we are all in support of protecting previous waters and natural resources. Farmers and ranchers are especially sensitive to this effort because they rely on them for their livelihoods. But this proposed rule expands federal control of land and water resources across the nation and seemingly does so for the sake of more control. The proposal establishes broader definitions of existing regulatory categories,

such as tributaries, and regulates new areas that are not jurisdictional under current regulations, such as adjacent non-wetlands. Ponds would now be included in the definition of ‘tributary’ and these vastly expanded tributaries would automatically fall under the jurisdiction of the EPA regardless of whether the pond is connected to navigable water, which was originally intended as the limit of federal authority.”

*Farm Policy, May 12, 2014*

## Field Days

### 28<sup>TH</sup> MILAN NO-TILL CROP PRODUCTION FIELD DAY Thursday, July 24



UNIVERSITY OF TENNESSEE  
AGRESEARCH AND EDUCATION CENTER  
AT MILAN  
MILAN, TENNESSEE



**GROWER DAY**  
Proctor, Arkansas  
August 6, 2014  
2:30 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

*Door prizes will be available, and a meal served at the conclusion of the tour.*

Please contact your local sales rep for more information:  
Todd McClellan: 317-522-6641  
McKenzie Clifton: 316-573-3645

### UNIVERSITY WEED TOUR



Dear Colleagues:

The University of Tennessee Weed Tour will be held Wednesday, June 25 at the West Tennessee Research & Education Center in Jackson, TN( 605 Airways Blvd).

Registration will start at 8:30 A.M. and the tour will begin at 9:00 A.M.. The tour will culminate at 12:00 with lunch in room A in the main building.

The tour will cover 60 weed management research tests in corn, soybean and cotton. Most of the research shown will be on management of glyphosate resistant horseweed and Palmer amaranth. Management of these weeds in Liberty and glyphosate based systems as well as some of the new herbicide technology traits on the horizon in corn, cotton and soybeans will be highlighted. Moreover, many of the newer premixes in corn will be demonstrated. As usual, a plot plan book will be available. UT personnel will lead the tour and be available for consultation as well as discussion of issues and product performance.

Hope to see you there!

*Larry Steckel*

### 15<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL MONSANTO AG ACADEMY FIELD DAY



AUGUST 7, 2014

Registration 8:00 - 9:00 A.M.  
Tours begin at 9:00 A.M.  
Monsanto Research Facility  
Union City, TN

For more information, contact:  
Larry Ganann  
(901) 326-7140

### PROGENY AG PRODUCTS FIELD DAY



JULY 24, 2014

Research Farm on Hwy 64  
in Wynne, AR  
Registration begins at 8:00 A.M.  
Tours begin at 9:00 A.M.  
Lunch provided by Cajun Express

For more information, contact:  
Hillary Spain  
(870) 208-6032

MORE FIELD DAYS	DATES	TIMES	LOCATIONS
FRUITS OF THE BACKYARD	JUNE 17	8:30 A.M.-12:30 P.M. (CDT)	MIDDLE TENNESSEE AGRESEARCH CENTER (SPRING HILL)
TOBACCO, BEEF AND MORE	JUNE 26	8:00 A.M.-1:00 P.M. (CDT)	HIGHLAND RIM AGRESEARCH CENTER (SPRINGFIELD)
SUMMER CELEBRATION	JULY 10	TBA	WEST TENNESSEE AGRESEARCH CENTER (JACKSON)
TOBACCO AND FORAGE PRODUCTION	JULY 17	TBA	GREENEVILLE AGRESEARCH CENTER
STEAK AND POTATOES	AUGUST 5	TBA	PLATEAU AGRESEARCH CENTER (CROSSVILLE)
COTTON TOUR	SEPTEMBER 3	8:30 A.M. - 1:00 P.M. (CDT)	WEST TENNESSEE AGRESEARCH CENTER (JACKSON)
TURF AND ORNAMENTAL	SEPTEMBER 11	TBA	EAST TENN. AG. RESEARCH CENTER (PLANT SCIENCES UNIT KNOXVILLE)
PUMPKIN	SEPTEMBER 25	TBA	WEST TENNESSEE AGRESEARCH CENTER (JACKSON)
NORTHEAST TENNESSEE BEEF EXPO	OCTOBER 9	TBA	GREENEVILLE AGRESEARCH CENTER
WOODS AND WILDLIFE	OCTOBER 15	TBA	FOREST RESOURCES AGRESEARCH CENTER
ORGANIC CROPS FIELD TOUR	OCTOBER 23	TBA	EAST TENN. AG. RESEARCH CENTER (ORGANIC CROPS UNIT, KNOXVILLE)

*Three new individuals are assigned to Tennessee. TAPA would like to welcome them to the area...*

BASF Corporation hired **Mr. John Schultz** to be the Technical Service field representative for the state of Arkansas. John grew up in a family farming corn, cotton, and soybeans in NW Tennessee, was a Tennessee state FFA officer, received a B.S. degree in Agricultural Business from the University of Tennessee, and his M.S. from the Univ. of Missouri in Weed Science in May. John began work with BASF on May 12 and is living in central Arkansas.

DuPont Pioneer is pleased to announce **Brian Adams** as the new Field Agronomist for West Tennessee and the purchase area of Kentucky. Brian is a native of Huntingdon, Tennessee. Brian has previously worked as a Salesman for Crop Production Services in Marissa, Illinois, and most recently worked as a Graduate Research Assistant in Entomology and Plant Pathology under Dr. Angus Catchot and Dr. Jeff Gore at Mississippi State University. He is a graduate of the University of Tennessee at Martin with a Bachelor of Science degree in Agricultural Business. He received his Master's Degree in Entomology from Mississippi State University, and is presently completing his Ph.D. in Entomology, also at Mississippi State University. He currently resides in Starkville, Mississippi, along with his wife, Julie, and they are the proud parents of a brand-new baby boy, Hayes, who was born on April 29<sup>th</sup>, 2014. Brian will join the DuPont

Pioneer team full-time upon completion of his Ph.D. on December 1<sup>st</sup> of this year, and will relocate to West Tennessee at that time. Until then, he will be working part-time and attending various meetings within the Area as part of his early on-boarding with his team.

**Mike Howell** has been named Technical Services Representative for Verdesian Life Sciences, working with Verdesian's existing and future line of nutrition technologies. In his new position, Mike will work closely with the Verdesian sales team to meet customers' needs as well as help manage field development of new product technologies and research trials with university, customers, and private research groups. Prior to joining Verdesian, Mike was a field agronomist for Agrium Advanced Technologies where he developed and implemented research projects with third-party researchers and promoted technical and agronomic benefits with key customers in the United States. Previous positions include research manager for Monsanto Company and both Area Agronomist and Extension Educator with Mississippi State University. Mike earned his B.S. degree in soil science, M.S. degree in entomology and is completing his PhD degree in agronomy from Mississippi State University. Along with his wife and 5 children, Mike currently lives in Wiggins, MS.

## INDUSTRY SPONSORS 2014

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	website
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BASF CORPORATION	<a href="http://agproducts.basf.com">agproducts.basf.com</a>
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YARA NORTH AMERICA, INC.	<a href="http://yara.us/">yara.us/</a>
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TENNESSEE FARMERS CO-OP	<a href="http://ourcoop.com">ourcoop.com</a>
TENNESSEE TRACTOR IRRIGATION	<a href="http://ttractor.valleydealers.com/">ttractor.valleydealers.com/</a>
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MASON HALL GRAIN	<a href="http://obiongrain.com">obiongrain.com</a>
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### Register Now for the ASA Succession Planning Workshops

Everyone puts it off until it's too late, protecting your family's legacy. This weekend before you get in the fields or before you take your mother to Sunday brunch, do something that can help protect you and help keep your farm in the family, register for the ASA Succession Planning Workshops.

Why should you attend these succession planning workshops? According to USDA Family Farms Overview "An estimated 70 percent of U.S. farmland will change hands in the next 20 years. If a farm or ranch family has not adequately planned for succession, it [the farm] is likely to go out of business, be absorbed into ever-larger farming neighbors, or be converted to non-farm uses."

That means, without a succession plan in place all of the hard work you put into building your farm, planting and harvesting your crops, hours spent on preserving the land, could all be for nothing.

The ASA Succession Planning Workshops are taking place near you. These one-day workshops are being held:

- June 24 at the University of Memphis – University Center in Memphis, TN
- June 26 at the Julian Carroll Convention Center in Paducah, KY

The workshops are open to all soybean producers and will have a registration fee for ASA members of \$50 for the first person in a family and \$30 for each additional family member. For non ASA members, the registration fee for the first person in a family \$90 and a \$70 fee charged for each additional person. To register, click on the link <http://soygrowers.com/succession-planning-workshop/> and choose which city and session you want to attend.

The workshops will taught by Kevin Spafford, founder of Legacy by Design. Legacy by Design is a firm dedicated to succession planning for farm families and agribusiness owners. Over the last 10 years, he's spearheaded initiatives to improve the way farmers, ranchers and agribusiness owners engage in the succession planning process.

For more information about these workshops go to ASA website at [www.soygrowers.com](http://www.soygrowers.com). For more information about eLegacyConnect go to <http://soygrowers.com/belong/membership-benefits/>.

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**2013-14 Tennessee Outstanding  
Certified Crop Advisor Award**

**Criteria for Selection**

- Be actively involved as a CCA in the agricultural industry
- Be well respected in their agricultural community
- Accomplishments in their field will impact and have impacted many over time.
- Have either a lifetime of achievement in agriculture, be an industry leader, or an upcoming active innovative crop advisor (or a combination).

**Selection Process:** Scan and submit nomination package by email to CCA Board Awards Selection Committee by July 15, 2014.

**Nomination package should contain:**

- Signed letter of nomination addressing above criteria with contact information for individual making the nomination
- 1 to 3 signed letters of support from current clientele with contact information for each client

Submit package by email to: TN CCA Board awards selection committee, C/O [jsey@ourcoop.com](mailto:jsey@ourcoop.com).

**Jaymie Seay  
Executive Secretary  
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(615) 793-8410**

The winner will be announced at the TAPA Annual Meeting & Agronomic Workshop in Murfreesboro!

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.

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