

The Newsletter of the Tennessee Agricultural Production Association

# Summer Meeting Signals an Exciting Year Ahead

The annual meeting of the Tennessee Agricultural Production Association was held at the Embassy Suites in Murfreesboro, Tennessee July 29-31, 2014. The feedback from our members, consisting of retail, university, industry, consultants, research, state government, has been very positive and that growth is indeed in our future. We feel that 2014-2015 will be an exciting year for our association. The Embassy Suites was the perfect venue for our get-together, and we are now looking ahead to our next annual meeting at this venue in July 28-30 of 2015.

A goal of the program committee was to have speakers' presentations that were both informative and useful and with tips that members could take back home to their ag-related businesses. TAPA would like to thank the following speakers for fulfilling this goal: Brad Bennett (Bayer CropScience), Robert Marbury (Tennessee Tractor LLC), Andy Pace (Precision Planting, Inc.), Caydee Savinelli (Syngenta), Allen Summers (Asmark Institute), and from the University of Tennessee: Don Tyler, David Verbree, Forbes Walker, and Shawn Butler.



### Passing of the Gavel

Our association has new leadership! **Dr. Frank Yin** accepted the presidential gavel from **Terry Kelley** during the TAPA business session of the meeting. Our membership is looking forward to Frank's leadership and his ideas in the year ahead. Terry served as TAPA President in 2013-14 and was recognized for his valued service and leadership.

### **Outstanding Individual Award**

Revealing the winner of TAPA's highest honor is of the highest priority during the business session. We were very proud to announce that there were <u>two</u> members who richly deserve the outstanding individual award in 2014: **John Duke** and **Ricky Foster.** Congratulations!

John's agricultural career began in 1986 after he earned his B.S. degree in Plant and Soil Sciences from Middle Tennessee State University. After a brief employment with the Soil Conservation Service, he was employed by Tennessee Farmers Cooperative in 1987. He has served 27 years with TFC and presently manages the Crop Nutrient Department in Lavergne. John has also been an active member of TAPA since its establishment in 1996. He is serving as treasurer and has served distinctively in this position over the years, being re-elected to 6-two year terms, beginning in 2003.

Ricky graduated from Middle Tennessee State University in 1976 with a B.S. degree in Biology. He began his employment with the Tennessee Department of Agriculture in 1977 and has been employed with TDA for 37 years. At present he is the Grants and Enforcement Coordinator with the Division of Consumer and Industry Services, Pesticide Section. Ricky is also an active member in TAPA. With the exception of one two-year term, Ricky has served on the Board of Directors (Director, Government) since TAPA was organized, and was recently reelected to another term in 2014. He is also responsible for all physical arrangements for both winter and annual TAPA meetings..

### **Distinguished Service Recognized**

**Dr. Hugh Savoy** recently stepped down from his distinguished service as secretary of our association. We owe him a debt of gratitude after serving in this position for 15 years. Thank you, Dr. Savoy, for your dedication and years of loyal service to TAPA.

TAPA board of directors **Harry Craft** (Fertilizer) and **Steve Gibbs** (Crop Protection) stepped down after their terms expired recently. We are grateful to them for their years of service!



September 1, 2014

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Have someone in mind for the 2014-15 Tennessee Outstanding Certified Crop Advisor Award? If you do, please see page 4 for nomination instructions!

If you are a TAPA member and would like to be considered to be our representative for the trip to visit Tennessee legislators in Washington, D.C. in May 2015, please tell us your interest at: tapanews@ymail.com. This person will be selected in February 2015.



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# TAPA Annual Meeting 2014 Embassy Suites, Murfreesboro

# Growing Knowledge



## Teamwork



Front Row (L-R): Orey Blackwood, Paul Denton, Fred Allen, Harry Craft, Jake Haun; Back Row (L-R): Jimmy Farless, Merlin Blackwood, Rich Strickland, Dan Underwood, Rob White, Ryan Dickerson



Allen Summers (left), President of the Asmark Institute and guest speaker for the morning session, presented the facts of the West (TX) Fertilizer tragedy and introduced to the TAPA members a new industryled stewardship initiative, *ResponsibleAG*.

# **Building Friendships**



Brad Bennett, Shawn Butler



David Verbree, Bruce Kirksey



Dianne Jenkins, Forbes Walker



Terry Denton, Kenneth Hassell



Harry Craft, Tom Mueller



George Evans, Rob White





Lee Greer, Alan Mosler



Joe Duck, Merlin Blackwood

A new TAPA member from across the ocean:

Ian Leonard (right), Specialist Agronomist with Omnia Nutriology, discusses methods in crop production in his native Australia with President-Elect John Bradley.

# News from "The Hill"



Reuters writer Cary Gillam reported that, "U.S. regulators said they are leaning toward approval of a new line of herbicidetolerant corps developed by Monsanto Co. even though they could increase problematic weed resistance for farmers. Under the draft environmental impact statement by the USDA Animal and Plant Health Inspection

# **Biotechnology**

Service, the agency said its analysis shows the new genetically modified cotton and soybean plants should be approved."

Ms. Gillam added that, "Monsanto developed the new soybeans and cotton to resist a new herbicide that combines dicamba and glyphosate and which Monsanto is branding as Roundup Xtend.

APHIS issued a final Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for genetically altered corn and soybean plants developed by Dow Agro-Sciences. The EIS also states that the agency intends to approve the products.

FarmPolicy, Aug. 7, 2014

A news release last week from Vermont's Attorney General William Sorrell indicated that, "[AG Sorrell] asked the U.S. District Court for the District of Vermont today to dismiss the lawsuit brought by food manufacturer trade associations to invalidate Act 120, Vermont's law requiring the labeling of genetically engineered ('GE') food. 'The State's motion makes the case that Vermont's labeling law withstands all five challenges to its constitutionality made by Plaintiffs and that the Court should dismiss the suit without requiring the State to answer the Complaint or engage in further litigation,' said Attorney General Sorrell. 'While the Plaintiffs prefer not to disclose that their products are made with genetic engineering, over 90% of the general public supports labeling genetically engineered foods,' he added."

FarmPolicy, August 11, 2014

### Judge Casts Doubt on Pesticide Mega Suit, Ruling May Limit Future Cases

A federal judge cast doubt on environmentalists' suit seeking to force EPA to review the effects of scores of pesticides on more than 100 endangered species, suggesting in a recent hearing he may dismiss the case, a ruling advocates say would limit similar Endangered Species Act (ESA) challenges in the future to individual registration decisions.

The Center for Biological Diversity (CBD) is seeking to require EPA to retroactively consult with federal wildlife officials on the risks dozens of registered pesticides may pose to endangered species or their habitats in *CBD et al.*, *v. EPA*, *et al.*, the so-called "mega suit."

EPA and industry intervenor CropLife America are seeking to dismiss the suit, arguing that CBD's arguments to force EPA to consult with federal wildlife officials on risks of pesticide products are, in effect, time-barred challenges to re-registration decisions on the active ingredients. The agency and pesticide industry association say that other claims seeking to force EPA to re-initiate past consultations are no longer relevant.

During an Aug. 8 hearing on the defen-

dants' motion to dismiss the case, Magistrate Judge Joseph Spero offered his "tentative thoughts" on the case, largely backing federal and industry arguments that challenges to pesticide registrations are governed by the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide and Rodenticide Act, (FIFRA). The statute requires suits be brought to an appeals court within 60 days of a re-registration eligibility decision on an active ingredient.

Spero said he intends to rule on the case within 30 days.

Section 7 of ESA generally requires federal agencies to consult with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and/or the National Marine Fisheries Services, collectively known as the services, to determine whether an agency action could cause jeopardy to an endangered or threatened species and then take steps to mitigate or prevent those impacts.

For years environmentalists have sought to force EPA to perform the consultations ESA requires but the agencies' officials have struggled in part because of competing statutory requirements of FIFRA and ESA. To pressure the agencies, advocates have filed lawsuits -- including the mega suit -- seeking to force officials to assess risks and regulate pesticides' uses to limit adverse effects to listed species.

This summer environmental groups reached a proposed settlement in another case, Northwest Coalition for Alternatives to Pesticides (NCAP) et al., vs. EPA and CropLife America et al. In that potentially precedent- setting suit, environmentalists sought to require EPA to take formal steps to protect endangered salmon species in the Pacific Northwest from certain pesticides and to consult with wildlife officials on During the hearing, environmentalists also argued that FIFRA allows district court challenges on product registrations, though Spero's preliminary remarks appeared to back EPA and industry arguments that CBD's challenge to product registrations are actually "collateral attacks" on the reregistration decisions of active ingredients. which are time barred and for which the district court lacks jurisdiction. If Spero dismisses the mega suit, the CBD source said the group intends to appeal to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the 9th Circuit.

Insideepa.com, August 13, 2014

These thumbnail summaries are printed exclusively for TAPA members. The views expressed in these articles are not necessarily the views of the Tennessee Agricultural Production Association but the articles were felt to be worthy of their attention. Source: *On Guard*, Southern Crop Production Association, Dawson, GA



# News for Certified Crop Advisors

### An Invitation to the Certified Crop Advisors of Tennessee

I would like to invite all Certified Crop Advisers to attend the two meetings we hold each year. Tennessee Agricultural Production Association will hold its winter meeting in February 2015 at W.T.R.E.C. in Jackson, TN (details later) and its summer meeting in Murfreesboro, TN July 28-30, 2015. If you attend both meetings you will receive more than enough C.E.U.s to maintain your certification. More importantly you will receive the most current information pertaining to agriculture. Our program committee has been doing a fantastic job of getting great speakers with very informative topics. Frank Yin, University of Tennessee, is TAPA president and John Bradley, former director of the Milan Experiment Station, is president-elect and program chairman. Come join your peers from University Agriculture, Industry Agriculture, Tennessee Government, and Retailers in Agriculture. The interaction among the group is invaluable. Be a part of making Tennessee Agriculture the best it can be.

> Sincerely, *Harry Craft* Chairman CCA Board of Directors

### Bradley Named Tennessee's Outstanding Certified Crop Advisor

The Tennessee Certified Crop Advisor Board of Directors congratulates Dr. John Bradley for being chosen the first recipient of the *Tennessee Certified Crop Advisor of the Year* Award. The announcement was made during the business session of the 2014 Summer Meeting in Murfreesboro, Tennessee.

Dr. Bradley has had 37 years of practical and technical experience in agricultural research and development. He is a Certified Crop Advisor, a Certified Professional Agronomist, and is known throughout the agronomic community for promoting economically and environmentally sustainable practices.

He has become nationally and internation-

ally recognized for his contribution to no-till farming. He has consulted with farmers in forty states in the U.S. as well as in Indonesia, Kazakhstan, Malawi, Brazil, Paraguay, Chile, Argentina and Australia.

Dr. Bradley earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Agriculture from the University of Tennessee at Martin, completed a Master of Science degree in Agriculture at the University of Tennessee at Knoxville, and earned his doctorate in higher education administration from the University of Memphis.

For these reasons and so many more, we congratulate Dr. John Bradley in winning this award and for a job well done in service to Tennessee agriculture.



Harry Craft, Chairman of the CCA Board (right) congratulates Dr. John Bradley at the TAPA Summer Meeting in Murfreesboro.

### 2014-15 Tennessee Outstanding Certified Crop Advisor Award

In 2013-14, the TN CCA board of directors began a recognition program to recognize an active certified crop advisor who is actively involved in Tennessee Agriculture, widely respected, and making significant impacts in our state's agriculture. At the 2014 annual TAPA meeting, we were proud to recognize John Bradley, VP, FBSciences Inc.

In this second year of the recognition program we are soliciting nominations at this time and up until May 15, 2015 with the hope that this longer period for nominations will result in a large number of candidates for the 2014-2015 Tennessee Outstanding Certified Crop Advisor.

Employers, co-workers, friends, clients served, etc.: Send us your nomination for the 2014-2015 TN Outstanding Certified Crop Advisor. This longer time period for nominations will give you the time needed to get together with your nominee and develop a nomination package that very clearly communicates how your candidate is actively involved as a CCA in the Ag Industry, well respected in the Ag community, and has made impacts in Tennessee Agriculture, etc.

Criteria for Selection:

 Be actively involved as a Certified Crop Advisor 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 May 15, 2015.

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

Submit package <u>by email</u> to: TN CCA Board awards selection committee, C/O <u>jseay@ourcoop.com</u>.

> Jaymie Seay Executive Secretary CCA Board of Directors (TN) (615) 793-8410



# TAPA Announces Three Star Regional Scholarship Winners

Tennessee Agricultural Production Association is pleased to announce the awarding of regional scholarships to three deserving college students who are seeking degrees in the field of agriculture.

The winners, from West, Middle, and East Tennessee, were revealed during the TAPA Business Session at the Embassy Suites in Murfreesboro on July 31. They were each awarded \$1000 and a certificate for this honor.

"TAPA is proud to reach out to the leaders of our future. Congratulations to the winners and to the exceptional students from across the state who applied for these scholarships."

To qualify for this award, each student submitted a resume, statement of career goals, and an explanation of what this scholarship opportunity meant to them. Each candidate must also be currently enrolled in a Tennessee college or university and actively pursuing a degree in agriculture or related area.

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The scholarship winner in the Eastern Region of the state is **Andrew Valk**. Andrew's home town is Johnson City, Tennessee. He attends the University of Tennessee - Knoxville, where he expects



Andrew Valk (East Region) with Scholarship Chairman Rick Turnage

to graduate in May 2016. He is pursuing double majors in Plant Science and Business Analytics. His current GPA is 3.90/4.00. Andrew has earned academic honors as well: Dean's List (Summa Cum Laude), five of five semesters.



Bonnie Craighead - Middle Region

**Bonnie Craighead**, scholarship winner in the Middle Region, is from Moss, Tennessee. Bonnie attends the University of Tennessee - Knoxville, where she currently has a GPA of 3.70/4.00. She is scheduled to graduate in May 2017 with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Envronmental and Soil Science. At UT she has been "Top Underclass Scholar in Environmental and Soil Science, Soil Vols-5th Place in Southern Region, Collegiate FFA member, and Chancellor's Honors Scholar. Her plans are to pursue a Master's Degree in Soil Genesis and Classifications. Her career objective is to become a soil scientist working to improve conservation practices, conduct research, and aid farmers in agricultural production.



Sean Stapleton (R) - West Region

Sean Stapleton is the West Region scholarship winner, from Dyersburg, Tennessee. Sean attends The University of Tennessee - Knoxville and his overall GPA is 4.0/4.0. He will graduate in May 2016 with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Animal Science, with a concentration on Pre-Veterinary Medicine. Honors include UTK Chancellor's Honors Program member; Dean's List (Summa cum laude, three semesters); Andrew D. Holt scholarship; National Merit Scholarship; Ned McWherter Scholarship; College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources Honors Program member.

Sean's distant plans are to receive a Masters Degree in Animal Science, and to attend veterinary school in order to prepare for clinical animal behaviorist and researcher.

"Agriculture is our wisest pursuit, because it will in the end contribute most to real wealth, good morals, and happiness." - Thomas Jefferson

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# **UNIVERSITY NEWS**

### UT INSTITUTE OF AGRICULTURE WELCOMES NEW TOBACCO SPECIALIST

SPRINGFIELD, Tenn. – Eric Walker has joined the University of Tennessee Institute of Agriculture as the UT Extension Tobacco Specialist. In this role, Walker will lead the university's education and research efforts involving tobacco. He will also work closely with producers and agricultural industry groups to promote practices for improved crop profitability and sustainability.

Walker will be based at the Highland Rim AgResearch and Education Center in Springfield, but he will serve a statewide clientele. As Tobacco Specialist with UT, Walker will work closely with the University of Kentucky on tobacco extension and research programs.

Walker was raised on a tobacco and beef cattle farm in Middle Tennessee. He has degrees from Austin Peay University (B.S., Agricultural Science), University of Tennessee (M.S., Weed Science), and University of Arkansas (Ph.D., Weed Science).

Most recently Walker was employed as an Associate Professor of Plant Sciences at UT-Martin. He has also worked as a research agronomist with USDA-ARS in Jackson, Tennessee where he collaborated with UT AgResearch and Extension specialists on the evaluation of fungicide and insecticide seed treatments and foliar treatments on soybean.

"I'm excited to be returning to UT Extension and AgResearch and to the production, people and culture of tobacco," says Walker. "I appreciate this opportunity to give back to the field that has given me so much."

You can reach Dr. Eric Walker, UT Extension Tobacco Specialist, at 615-382-3130 or <a href="mailto:ewalke22@utk.edu">walke22@utk.edu</a>





THE UNIVERSITY of

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Dr. Tyson Raper Cotton and Small Grains Specialist

Dear Colleagues,

The West Tennessee Research and Education Center (WTREC) would like to cordially invite you to the 2014 University of Tennessee Cotton Tour. This event is scheduled for Wednesday, Sept. 3<sup>rd</sup> at the WTREC (605 Airways Blvd., Jackson, TN 38301). Registration will begin at 8:30 a.m. with the tour departing at 9. The tour will end at noon with lunch.

University of Tennessee Extension and Research personnel from across the state will be presenting on a wide range of topics including: fungicides and target spot, weed and resistance management, irrigation, cover crops, defoliation, plant bug control, honey bees and neonicotinoids, variable rate seeding, the potential uses of UAVs, and new information concerning the STAX program, just to mention a few.

Look forward to seeing you there!

Tyson Raper

COUEDULE OF EVENTS

Dr. Raper can be reached at 731-425-4707 or traper@utk.edu

SCHEDULE OF EVENIS		
September 3	8:30 A.M Noon	West Tennessee AgResearch Center (Jackson)
September 11	8:00 a.m 3:30 p.m.	East Tennessee AgResearch Center - Plant Sciences Unit (Knoxville)
September 25	11:00 a.m 4:00 p.m.	West Tennessee AgResearch Center (Jackson)
October 9	7:30 a.m Noon	Greeneville AgResearch Center
October 15	8:00 a.m 1:30 p.m.	Forest Resources AgResearch Center - Oak Ridge Forest (Oak Ridge)
October 23	8:30 a.m Noon	East Tennessee AgResearch Center - Organic Crops Unit (Knoxville)
November 16-19	_	Oregon Convention Center Portland, Oregon
January 5-7, 2015	—	Marriott Rivercenter Hotel San Antonio, Texas
January 26-28, 2015		Hyatt Regency Hotel Savannah, Georgia
February 2015	—	TBA Lexington, Kentucky
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# INDUSTRY NEWS

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### **Industry Update Session Well Represented**

Our Industry Sponsors were invited to participate in a 4-hour Industry Update session at the Summer Meeting in Murfreesboro on July 30, 2014. We want to thank the following sponsors for sharing their information with our membership. Very informative!

Agricenter International...Bruce Kirksey Agrium Rainbow Plant Food...Jake Bachman AgXplore International...Woody Sigmin/Jake Waterfield Americot, Inc....Rick Rebstock BASF Corporation...Greg Stapleton Bayer...Rick Turnage Crop Production Services...Dewain Riley Dow AgroSciences...Chris Main Drexel Chemical Co....Manley Gilliam FBSciences...John Bradley Jenkins Consulting...Joe/Dianne Jenkins Progeny Ag Products...Hillary Spain Stever Seeds...Kevin Swanks Syngenta...Mike Saxton Tennessee Valley Resources...Harry Craft Valent USA...Kevin Morrow Verdesian Life Sciences...Mike Howell Yara North America, Inc....Scott Clark



Dan Underwood, Hillary Spain

Industry Update Session July 30, 2014



Rick Rebstock, Woody Sigmin



Bruce Kirksey, Chris Main

### S.W.S.S. WEED CONTEST HELD

Agricenter International (Memphis) was host to the annual Southern Weed Science Society's Weed Contest on August 6, 2014. Seven universities were represented with ten teams in competition. Those competing were graduate students working on their M.S. and PhD degrees and several undergraduates. The students had to be able to identify 150 weeds by seed or plant, spell correctly the common and scientific names, be able to identify a herbicide based on symptomology on weeds and crops, work sprayer calibration problems, and to solve farmer problems and situations. It was a very successful event.

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# CCA Exam Training Workshop Scholarships Available



In Tennessee, the Certified Crop Advisor International and State exams are given annually on the first Friday in February. In 2015, this date will be February 6. The registration period for the 2015 exam runs from October 6 to December 5, 2014.

A workshop primarily for the International CCA exam will be held on December 9-11, 2014 in Nashville, Tennessee. For details, see the CCA website:

### https://www.certifiedcropadviser.org/exams/exam-workshops

This years training will also offer one session focusing on the Tennessee performance objective topic area that has been documented from previous state exams to have "<u>the most missed</u> <u>questions</u>." Conrad Lavender, who will be leading this effort, has many years of experience with these training sessions.

In its July 2014 meeting, the Tennessee CCA board of directors voted to offer <u>individual scholarships (one time only) for participa</u>tion in these training sessions offered by Mr. Lavender. To be eligible for the scholarship you must already be registered to take the February 2015 Tennessee CCA examination. The scholarship will cover 50% of the workshop registration cost up to a maximum of \$150.00. The Tennessee CCA board encourages all 2015 state examinees to participate in this valuable training opportunity. Also be sure and visit the Certified Crop Advisor web site (below) for valuable information on guides to use when specifically studying to pass the Tennessee state exam:

### https://www.certifiedcropadviser.org/exams/exam-study-materials

To apply for this scholarship please email proof of registration for the Tennessee CCA exam along with your mailing address information to:

Harry Craft, CCA Board Chair <u>harrycraft@comcast.net</u> and copy: Hugh Savoy, CCA Exam Training Committee <u>hsavoy@utk.edu</u> Angela McClure, CCA Treasurer <u>athomp15@utk.edu</u> and Conrad Lavender <u>clavender@southernagribusiness.com</u>

You will receive a notice of acceptance and your scholarship funds will be mailed to you after our notification from Conrad of your successful completion of the December workshop.

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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