



Tennessee Fruit and Vegetable Grower's Newsletter

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“Register early and tell your friends about the TFVA meeting in association with THE (Tn. Hort. Exposition) Jan 28-30, 2009 at the Nashville Airport Marriott Hotel. This will be our biggest and best convention with more exhibitors than ever. This year, TFVA will have a banquet Fri. evening with special entertainment by Kevin Black. Additionally this evening will be a special time to share insights for the next farming year, amusing anecdotes about last year and interesting factoids from you. Be sure to register for our “special evening” when you pay your membership dues and exposition registration.” Jim Beale TFVA President

Newletter: This newsletter will be distributed to all Tennessee Fruit and Vegetable Association members. It will bring you topics of interest, notice of activities and other announcements. If there is any information you wish would be provided through this newsletter please contact Tiffany Howard at 931-388-7872 ext 2763 or email tmullins@tbf.com

The Tennessee Horticulture Expo: T.H.E is a collective meeting of the following organizations in Tennessee: TFWA Tennessee Farm Wine Association, TFVA Tennessee Fruit and Vegetable Association, TFGA Tennessee Flower Growers Association, TN Agritourism Conference, TVOS Tennessee Viticulture and Oenological Society and the TFMA Tennessee Farmers Market Association. We are collectively meeting at the same time to provide you with a Bigger and Better Trade show, more networking opportunities, more educational opportunities and more special events, plus the familiar, high quality program that you expect from each organization. T.H.E. will be held January 28-30, 2009 at the Airport Marriott Hotel. TFVA session topics range from Food Safety, Vegetable Season Extension, Small and Tree Fruit Updates and many more! For registration information please visit www.tnthe.com.

Cap and Trade: The House cap and trade bill is being heavily discussed. There are many opinions about the outcome of this bill. Many believe it is in place to help our environment, although others do not see it as being successful, but only detrimental to our country. Many predict that this bill will impose higher energy and food costs on consumers, raise fuel, fertilizer, and energy costs for farmers and ranchers and shrink the American agricultural sector, resulting in reduced U.S. food production. You may find more links and information about the House bill by visiting www.tnfarmbureau.org and clicking on “Hot Topics”. Let your voice be heard by contacting your U.S. Senators, Lamar Alexander and Bob Corker. They will face this bill in 2010 and are collecting opinions now. They can be reached by mail, email or telephone.

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Southeast Vegetable and Fruit Expo: South Carolina and North Carolina folks may be popular in this crowd, but that doesn't mean that Tennessee producers wouldn't find some needed information. This Expo will be held Dec 1-2, 2009 in Myrtle Beach, SC . Popular topics include information on watermelons, pickling cucumbers, tomatoes, peppers, small fruits, nutrient management, organics, and more. For more information visit www.ncvga.com

