

→ **Appalachian Producers Cooperative Meat Processing Facility**



In July 2021 ARCD was invited to meet with a group of livestock producers who wanted to talk about building a regional meat processing facility in Washington County. The group wanted an organization that understood farming and the importance of local food production & processing and had a history of writing and managing grants.

One of the group members is a former County Mayor and RC&D Council member and felt ARCD was the right fit. The Council reviewed the project and felt the need was there and that we could handle it. With no guarantee of success or getting repaid for countless hours of work, planning and grant writing commenced.

Two and half years later - with several million dollars in grants secured and the first Agricultural Cooperative formed in Tennessee in over 50 years - we are under construction.

We held a groundbreaking in November 2023 and hope to open by early 2025. More meat processors are needed in Tennessee. See how it can be replicated in your community.



## Hotel Information

**Hampton Inn by Hilton**  
508 N State of Franklin Road  
Johnson City, TN 37604  
(direct) 503-459-9952  
(hotel) 423-929-8000

**Rate \$139.00 Plus Tax**

We have rooms reserved for the nights of August 8 and 9. This Hotel is 12 to 15 minutes from Downtown Jonesborough.

[Click Here to book your room.](#)

Tennessee RC&D Council

# Annual Meeting

**August 9-10, 2024**

**Washington / Jonesborough Library**  
200 Sabin Drive  
Jonesborough, TN 37659

**Registration Cost \$50**  
Register online at [arcd.org](http://arcd.org)



## Friday - August 9

Lunch on your own. Jonesborough offers a wide array of great restaurants for lunch.

- 1:30 PM - Jonesborough Public Library**  
Storyteller, TN RC&D Business Session and Presentation on Agritourism & APC Project
- 6:00 PM - Kitchen at Grace Meadows** Dinner  
Family Style Dining – Come Hungry!! ([gracemeadowsfarmtn.com](http://gracemeadowsfarmtn.com))
- 7:30 PM - Main Street in front of the Courthouse**  
Entertainment – Music on the Square-

## Saturday - August 10

- 7:30 AM - Breakfast** – Provided at Hampton Inn or on your own
- 8:30 AM - Meet Up Location TBA.** Tour of Appalachian Producers Coop Meat Processing Facility Project
- 10:00 AM - Tour of local food development** in Downtown Jonesborough
- 12:00 PM - Adjourn by noon.** Lunch on your own and enjoy downtown.

## About Historic Jonesborough

Jonesborough is Tennessee's Oldest Town and boasts a rich history and is an active community. It played a role in the westward expansion of settlers in Tennessee!

The International Storytelling Festival in October each year lives up to its name and draws both performers and visitors from around the globe. Home to the International Storytelling Center, you can hear raconteurs year round with their Teller in Residence Program.

There is much to do with many unique shops, restaurants, a local distillery and an award winning Theater. For the outdoor lover there is a water park, greenway and nature trails to enjoy.



*Kitchen at Grace Meadows – Dinner Friday*



The Annual Meeting is being hosted by the Appalachian RC&D Council, whose mission is to conserve natural resources and improve rural economies through community leadership and enhanced educational opportunities. [www.ARCD.org](http://www.ARCD.org)

## Tour Stops

Tour stops feature projects the Appalachian RC&D Council has either led or played a key role in over the years.



## → Jonesborough Locally Grown

### Jonesborough Farmers Market, Boone Street Market & Farmacy Fit Program

On Saturday we will visit the wonderful Jonesborough Farmers Market, featuring many unique locally grown and made items. ARCD was the early fiscal sponsor for the Market to help them get started. You can participate in the Farmacy Fit program where you walk a mile and get \$3.00 in FF Bucks. Your FF bucks can only be used to purchase healthy locally grown produce. Multiple farmers markets participate in this program. Learn how to make it happen in your community. We will also visit the Boone Street Market, where you can purchase locally grown and made food items year-round.

