



VETERANS IN AGRICULTURE CONFERENCE AGENDA

NOV 5 & 6 • 2026

Ellington Agricultural Center
Edward Jones Auditorium
Nashville, TN



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8:00 AM

Registration

8:00-8:30 AM

Breakfast & Vendors

8:30-9:00 AM

Opening Remarks & Introductions

[Appalachian RCD](#)

[AgVOLS](#)

Andy Brown, *Executive Director*

Sarah Moffit, *AgVols Coordinator*

9:00-10:30 AM

Farming Allies

[AgVOLS](#)

[TN AgrAbility](#)

[Farmer Veteran Coalition TN](#)

[UT Extension](#)

[American VetFarm Network](#)

[AgriCenter / Farm Safe](#)

[Office of Veterans Services](#)

Sarah Moffit • Cherita Johnson • Heather Masigat

Eileen Legault

Andy Moffit

Chris Hicks

Kate Bowen

Patrick Ellis

Lisa Kiss

10:30 AM-12 PM

How Do I Start Farming?

[Farming Fundamentals](#)

[ARCD Field School](#)

[TSU TN New Farmer Academy](#)

[Veteran Boot Camp](#)

Rachel Painter

Rachel Kinard

Rylan Thompson

Danielle Caudle • Andy Moffit

12:00-1:00 PM

Lunch & Networking

1:00-2:45 PM

Exploring Enterprises: Veteran Success Panel

[Sweeter Days](#)

[Bratton Angus Ranch](#)

[Foggy Meadow Farm](#)

[Fleur De Lis Farm](#)

[Brown's Farm](#)

Todd Bentley

Leamon Bratton

Brice Myers

Danielle Caudle

Debbie Brown

3:00-3:30 PM

TDA: Pick TN & Homegrown by Heroes Kacey Troup, *Business Consultant*

[Veteran Hub](#) [TN Dept of Agriculture](#)

3:45-4:00 PM

Closing

4:30-6:00 PM

Salute to TN Veterans in Agriculture Reception

Tennessee Agricultural Museum on campus (404 Hogan Road)

Please join Commissioner Holt, Kacey Troup with TDA and guests for heavy hors d'oeuvres, networking and casual conversation.

8:00 AM	Arrival & Check in
8:00–8:30 AM	Breakfast & Vendors
8:30–9:30 AM	Keynote Speaker Ned Stoller <i>Assistive Technology Engineer</i> <i>Efficient Agriculture: Increase Productivity and Decrease Labor with Assistive Technology</i> National AgrAbility Project & icanwork.org
9:30–10:30 AM	Equipping the Farm Farm Service Agency Farm Credit NRCS – EQIP Bailee Bain Emily Nave Trevor Hunt
10:30–11:30 AM	How do I Sell my Products? Center for Profitable Ag Rising Glory Farm Kortni Blalock Christopher Carlough
11:30 AM–12:00 PM	Regional Breakout Groups
12:00–1:00 PM	Lunch, Ice Cream & Networking Visit the ARCD booth to receive your gas card. Head outside for your free scoop of ice cream by Merry Oak Manor Dairy! • <i>Veteran owned creamery • Sponsored by William Styles with Country Financial</i>
1:00–3:30 PM	Cul2Vate Farm Tour & Demos <i>Walk or shuttle to the farm on campus.</i> Explore the farm with tours of high tunnels, beekeeping, marketing and equipment demos. Take home ideas and shop the market store for honey, eggs & produce.
3:30–4:00 PM	Closing

Thank you for coming! Safe travels home!

CONFERENCE NOTES

- ✓ Gas cards will be distributed during lunch on Friday at the ARCD booth.
- ✓ Surveys & Feedback: Look for QR codes to fill out evaluations after the conference!
- ✓ [Hotel Reimbursement Form](#): Up to \$200 per family for those who traveled over 50 miles. Receipt required.

KEYNOTE SPEAKER



Ned Stoller

Nov. 6 @ 8:30am

Assitive Technology Engineer

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physical activities of various trades, and the harsh environments workers are faced with while doing their jobs. Ned excels in thinking outside the box, to provide adaptive technology solutions and tools to help those aging or with disabilities continue to do the work they love.

Ned Stoller performs Assitive Technology Assessments supporting agricultural and skilled trades workers with disabilities. He is a certified Assitive Technology Professional (ATP) with a degree in Agricultural Engineering from Purdue University. Ned has 16 years of experience performing job-site assitive technology assessments for tradesmen and hands-on workers and has worked in hands-on tradesman-type jobs for 25 years. Ned understands how tools are used, the required

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