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	Andy Brown, *Executive Director*
	AgVOLs	Sarah Moffit, *AgVols Coordinator*
9:00-10:30 AM	**Farming Allies**	
	AgVOLs	Sarah Moffit • Cherita Johnson • Heather Masigat
	TN AgrAbility	Eileen Legault
	Farmer Veteran Coalition TN	Andy Moffit
	UT Extension	Chris Hicks
	American VetFarm Network	Kate Bowen
	AgriCenter / Farm Safe	Patrick Ellis
	Office of Veterans Services	Lisa Kiss
10:30 AM-12 PM	**How Do I Start Farming?**	
	Farming Fundamentals	Rachel Painter
	ARCD Field School	Rachel Kinard
	TSU TN New Farmer Academy	Rylan Thompson
	Veteran Boot Camp	Danielle Caudle • Andy Moffit
12:00-1:00 PM	**Lunch & Networking**	
1:00-2:45 PM	**Exploring Enterprises: Veteran Success Panel**	
	Sweeter Days	Todd Bentley
	Bratton Angus Ranch	Leamon Bratton
	Foggy Meadow Farm	Brice Myers
	Fleur De Lis Farm	Danielle Caudle
	Brown's Farm	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.

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8:00 AM	**Arrival & Check in**
8:00–8:30 AM	**Breakfast & Vendors**
8:30–9:30 AM	**Keynote Speaker** — **Ned Stoller** *Assistive Technology Engineer* ***Efficient Agriculture: Increase Productivity and Decrease Labor with Assistive Technology*** *National AgrAbility Project* & *icanwork.org*
9:30–10:30 AM	**Equipping the Farm** Farm Service Agency — Bailee Bain Farm Credit — Emily Nave NRCS – EQIP — Trevor Hunt
10:30–11:30 AM	**How do I Sell my Products?** Center for Profitable Ag — Kortni Blalock Rising Glory Farm — 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! • *Veteran owned creamery • Sponsored by William Styles with Country Financial*
1:00–3:30 PM	**Cul2Vate Farm Tour & Demos** *Walk or shuttle to the farm on campus.* 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.**
- **AgVols Conference Survey: Please give your feedback 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

Assistive Technology Engineer

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

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