



TENNESSEE COUNCIL OF COOPERATIVES

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To: TCC Membership
From: Jerry Kirk, Administrative Secretary-Treasurer
Date: December 30, 2008

It's time to choose your cooperative's couples (or individuals) to attend the **2009 Tennessee Young Leaders Conference on Friday and Saturday, February 20 and 21, at Doubletree Hotel in Jackson**. Please pass this information along as soon as possible to the person in your organization who is responsible for couple selection. I'm enclosing information concerning the revised allocation of delegates approved this year by the TCC membership.

This highly regarded conference is a combined effort of the Tennessee Council of Cooperatives (TCC) and the Tennessee Farm Bureau Young Farmers & Ranchers organization. Your TCC dues cover the conference registration fee, hotel room cost and cost of conference meals. As soon as the 2009 conference program is finalized, it will be posted on our Web site at tennesseecouncilofcoops.org.

TCC's annual conference provides cooperatives across the state a unique opportunity to educate its young leaders regarding the benefits of cooperatives. Your council has worked hard to build a foundation of appreciation and support for existing cooperatives among conference participants. Those attending the 2009 conference will be exposed to ideas and information that will enable them to add value to their own businesses, form new niche cooperatives with others in their communities, and meet the challenges of the future with cooperative marketing innovations.

More than ever, to be selected for this conference should be considered a true honor and opportunity for your participants. We encourage you to carefully select attendees. Sending outstanding people to this conference may be your single most important outreach activity to ensure that the cooperative way of doing business remains strong in the future.

Couple(s) or person(s) chosen should be:

- under 40 years of age
- interested member(s) of your cooperative
- persons who will benefit from this educational experience

For attendees with young children, childcare will be provided during the meeting sessions.

Please select your representatives, complete a copy of the attached registration form in full and mail, e-mail, or fax it to Roberta Smith, TCC's new administrative secretary-treasurer by **Friday, January 23, 2009**. Roberta will need one registration form per couple or per single participant. When she receives the completed registration forms, she will make hotel registrations for the couple or person you have chosen.

If you have additional questions, do not hesitate to contact Roberta at the information listed on the registration form.