

“Communicating Leadership in America”
2007 Young Leaders Conference
Sponsored by Tennessee Council of Cooperatives and
Tennessee Young Farmers & Ranchers
Sheraton Music City, Nashville

Friday, February 23

- Noon (CST) **Registration** (lobby)
- 3-5 p.m. **Trade Show** (Belle Meade)
Refreshments
- 1 p.m. **Tour -- O’Charley’s**
Tour departs hotel; bus sponsored by Tennessee Young Farmers and
Tennessee Farm Bureau Federation
- 4-5 p.m. **Orientation for first-time attendees** (Oaklands Room) – Tennessee
Council of Cooperatives board and Tennessee Young Farmers
& Ranchers
- 4-9 p.m. **Photo shoot** (Belle Meade) – Tennessee Electric Cooperative Association
- 5:30 p.m. **Dinner** (McGavock’s), sponsored by Tennessee Farmers Cooperative
Carla Steadman, Tennessee Young Farmers & Ranchers chairman, master
of ceremonies
Conference welcome – Jeff Griggs, president, Tennessee Council of
Cooperatives, and Charles Curtis, Tennessee Farm Bureau
Co-op or Tennessee Council of Cooperatives video
Invocation – Paul Fugate, 2006 Tennessee Young Farmer and Rancher
achievement winner
Introductions
Sponsor remarks – Bart Krisle, chief executive officer, Tennessee Farmers
Cooperative
Cooperatives and Agriculture Jeopardy – Rhedona Rose and Stefan
Maupin, Tennessee Farm Bureau
Ice cream social sponsor remarks – Steve Erickson, Dairy Farmers of
America
Tennessee Young Farmers & Ranchers video – Lee Maddox, Tennessee
Farm Bureau
- Ice cream social** sponsored by Dairy Farmers of America and
Maryland & Virginia Milk Producers, Belle Meade
- Hospitality Suite** (Suite 3) – Everyone is invited!

Saturday, February 24

- 7:15 a.m. **Breakfast buffet**, (McGavock's), sponsored by electric and telephone cooperatives in Tennessee and CoBank
Presiding – Carla Steadman
Invocation – Donald Blankenship, Tennessee Young Farmers & Ranchers Committee
Pledge of Allegiance – Christy Fugate, 2006 Tennessee Outstanding Young Woman
Sponsor remarks – Joe Jackson, Tennessee Electric Cooperative Association; Greg Anderson, Bledsoe Telephone Cooperative; and Derrick Waggoner, CoBank
Break sponsor comments – Bruce Bradford, AgCredit
Announcements – Jeff Griggs
- 8:30 a.m. **Break-out sessions** – Choose either I or II:
Session I (Oaklands)
Ag Enhancements – Joe Gaines, Tennessee Department of Agriculture
Animal ID – Dr. Charlie Hatcher, Tennessee Department of Agriculture
Session II (Evergreen)
Agri-tourism – Dan Strasser, Tennessee Department of Agriculture
Value-added endeavors – Megan Bruch, Center for Profitable Agriculture
- 9:30 a.m. **General session** (McGavock's)
Misconceptions of Agriculture – Chris Fleming, Tennessee Farm Bureau
- 10:30 a.m. **Refreshment Break** (Belle Meade), sponsored by AgCredit
- 11 a.m. **Break-out sessions** – Choose either III or IV:
Session III (Oaklands)
Ag Issues – Rhedona Rose, Stefan Maupin, and John Woolfolk, Tennessee Farm Bureau
Session IV (Evergreen)
Tennessee Beef Alliance – Richard Brown and Kevin Thompson, Tennessee Livestock Producers
- Noon **Lunch buffet** (Andrew Jackson Ballroom), sponsored by Farm Credit
Presiding – Carla Steadman
Invocation – Clint Bain, 2006 Tennessee Young Farmers & Ranchers State Discussion Meet winner
Sponsor remarks – Ricky West, vice president, financial services, Farm Credit Services of Mid-America
Keynote address – Cooperative Incentives, Dave Rowe, Randolph Electric Membership Corporation, Asheboro, N.C.

Announcement of Top 5 county winners of Young Farmer & Rancher
Activity Awards

Afternoon

On your own

Suggestions: Country Music Hall of Fame and downtown Nashville.

2:30 p.m.

Tennessee Council of Cooperatives board/annual meeting, (Oaklands)

5 p.m.

Dinner buffet, McGavock's, sponsored by Tennessee Farm Bureau
Federation

Presiding – Carla Steadman

Invocation, Shannon Rea, 2006 Excellence in Agriculture winner

Introductions

Sponsor remarks – Lacy Upchurch, president, Tennessee Farm Bureau

Keynote remarks – U.S. Congressman Lincoln Davis

Special announcements – Charles Curtis

AITC Benefit and John Willis Memorial Auction – Sam Tays, auctioneer

Hospitality Suite (Suite 3) – Everyone is invited!

Note: Childcare will be provided during meetings only in the
Edgewood Room, compliments of Tennessee Farm Bureau.