



FRUITS OF THE BACKYARD

FIELD DAY

8:00 A.M. - 12:00 P.M.
TUESDAY, JUNE 10, 2025

MIDDLE TENNESSEE AGRESEARCH AND
EDUCATION CENTER AT SPRING HILL



WELCOME

Welcome to the Middle Tennessee AgResearch and Education Center’s seventeenth annual Fruits of the Backyard Field Day.

We invite you to learn about topics beneficial for both backyard growers and larger scale producers. The presentations and educational displays will provide useful information about products and techniques to improve your backyard production and provide insight for landscaping solutions, raised bed irrigation, and planting options. Learn about and tour the center’s blackberry and blueberry research trial plots.

Please plan to attend and bring an interested neighbor, as this program has been developed to help you make your backyard a more productive and enjoyable place to spend time with family and friends. Join us to build your knowledge base and become a more informed producer and citizen.

We look forward to hosting you and ask that you contact us with any special needs or questions concerning this educational event, which is open to the public.

Thank you,

Kevin W. Thompson
Center Director
Middle Tennessee Research and Education Center

SCHEDULE

8:00 a.m.–8:30 a.m.

REGISTRATION/VISIT DISPLAYS

8:30 a.m.–8:55 a.m.

“WHATCHA GONNA GROW? PICKING WINNERS FOR MIDDLE TENNESSEE”
Dave Lockwood, Professor of Plant Sciences, UT Institute of Agriculture
Annie Vogel, Professor of Plant Sciences, UT Institue of Agriculture

8:55 a.m.–9:00 a.m.

Q&A

9:00 a.m. – 9:25 a.m.

SETTING YOURSELF UP FOR SMALL-SPACE SUCCESS
SIGHTS, SYSTEMS, AND CROPS
Natalie Bumgarner, Assistant Professor and Residential and Consumer Horticulture Specialist, UT Extension
Kelly Dozier, Horticulture Agent, UT Extension Maury County

9:25 a.m.–9:30 a.m.

Q&A

9:30 a.m.–9:50 a.m.

WAGON RIDE TO PLOTS

10:00 a.m.–10:25 a.m.

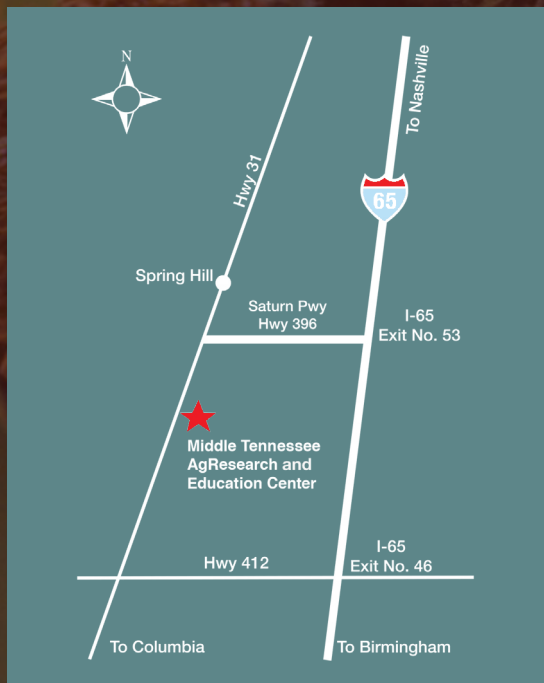
“RAISED BED IRRIGATION”
Behnaz Molaei, Assistant Professor and Extension Irrigation Engineer, Tennessee State University

10:25 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.

Q&A

10:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

ROTATIONS - BLACKBERRIES/BLUEBERRIES AND ELDERBERRIES/ RAISED BEDS



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