



**FRUITS OF
THE BACKYARD**

FIELD DAY

8:00 A.M. – 12:00 P.M. (CDT)
TUESDAY, JUNE 9, 2026
MIDDLE TENNESSEE AGRESEARCH AND
EDUCATION CENTER AT SPRING HILL
1000 MAIN ENTRANCE DR
SPRING HILL, TN, 37174



WELCOME

Welcome to the Middle Tennessee AgResearch and Education Center's nineteenth 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 fruit tree pruning and upcoming pest and disease control awareness. 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.

COMPOSTING AND POLLINATORS DEMONSTRATIONS
Tennessee Extension Master Gardeners

8:30 a.m.–9:20 a.m.

MAKING THE RIGHT CUT: TREE FRUIT PRUNING PRACTICES AND PITFALLS
Annie Vogel, Professor of Fruit Production, UT Institute of Agriculture

9:25 a.m.–9:45 a.m.

UPDATES ON SPOTTED LANTERNFLY
Rebekka Horn, Graduate Research Assistant,
Department of Entomology and Plant Pathology

9:45 a.m. – 10:35 a.m.

Neop AND STRAWBERRY DISEASES: WHAT WE KNOW AND WHAT'S NEXT
Jensen Hayter, Assistant Professor and Extension Pathologist,
Department of Entomology and Plant Pathology

10:40 a.m. – 10:55 a.m.

WAGON RIDE TO BERRIES

11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

CARING FOR AGING BERRIES
David Lockwood, Professor of Fruit Production and Extension Specialist, Department of Plant Sciences





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