



2012 TPA Farm Family of the Year

Patty's Pullets
Guy & Patty Gray
 Union City, TN

Breeder Manager, Nathan Garrett
 Live Production Manager, Shane Joyner
 Tyson Foods, Obion Co.

TPA RAFFLE

Slat Puller



EIS Model SP-1000, mounts on a Skid Steer
 Heavy Duty Carbon Steel Construction
 Hydraulic Cylinder - 1000 PSI Required

Donated by EIS / The Vincit Group

Congratulations to Carol Lightfoot
 on winning the slat puller and thanks
 to all who supported the raffle!

GROWER MEETINGS

The speakers and topics will be great and the meal will be **FREE** thanks to our program sponsors who include Farm Credit Mid-America, Cobb-Vantress, Pilgrim's Pride, Animal Health International, Hubbard LLC, Alltech, Koch Foods - Morristown, Merck Animal Health, and Tyson Foods.

The latest in tunnel ventilation practices will be discussed by Dr. Mike Czarich from the University of Georgia. Dr. Jim Arends from NC State University and Jim Skinner from Terregena will address darkling beetles and then additionally discuss fly control for the primary breeders.

Dr. Doug Overhults from the University of Kentucky will speak on energy conservation practices at the Cookeville and Martin meetings. Representatives from TPA allied member companies such as EnSave, Once Innovations, Luma Vue and Eco-Drum (Tri-Form Poly) will additionally be on hand to discuss and share their respective products and services to further compliment this topic. In Shelbyville, Dr. Lindsay McWilliams will give a very informative presentation on the physiology of stress factors affecting performance.

Additional company representatives will be on hand at several of the locations to share information regarding their respective products and services, including Advanced Water Systems, Dirks Electric,

The drawing for the slat puller, generously donated by EIS / The Vincit Group will occur at the end of the meeting at UT Martin on the 11th so be sure to buy your raffle tickets by then! Tickets are \$5 each, or five for \$20. A short video clip is available to anyone that would like to see one of these being used, just email the TPA office.

Registration for the meetings is **FREE** thanks to our sponsors. Please make sure we know you are coming so we can save you a seat and have plenty of food for everyone. Contact TPA at 931-225-1116, email info@tnpoultry.org, or visit TPA's [website](http://www.tnpoultry.org) or [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/tnpoultry) page to sign up.

PLEASE LET US KNOW YOU ARE COMING!

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LIVE AUCTION!

SATURDAY - AUG 11th

Thank you donors for your generous contributions!

Featured items include but are not limited to:

ANTLERS & ANGLERS WORLDWIDE
4 person quail hunt & an alligator/boar hunt

AVIAGEN, INC.
Handmade quilts - "Auburn" & "Alabama"

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Cabin getaway - Mentone, AL

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Apple iPad

NEWS FROM AROUND THE COMPLEXES:

Aviagen - 7/31/12. Keith McKay has been promoted as the new director of Pedigree and Great-Grandparent (GGP) Operations. In his new role he will oversee all operational functions for Aviagen's breeding programs in the US and in the UK. Keith was formerly VP of Operations at Aviagen for North America and has been with the company for 18 years. Aviagen has further announced on 8/29/12 the promotion of Jason Mack as the new VP of Operations for North America.

Pilgrim's Pride. Tennessee welcomes David Massey as the new complex manager in Chattanooga. David was formerly the complex manager in Montgomery, Alabama for Koch Foods.

Tyson Foods, Shelbyville. Brandon Davis became the new plant manager this past July after serving as the assistant plant manager the previous eight months.

PLANT PRODUCTION NEWS

USDA Purchases 78.8 Million Pounds of Chicken Parts in Bonus Program

On September 28, 2012, in [USDA Chicken Purchases](#)

USDA's Agricultural Marketing Service on September 25, 2012 announced the purchase of 78.8 million pounds of chicken parts at a delivered cost of \$49.8 million under the bonus program initiative, issued August 13, 2012. Parts in the purchase are leg quarters in 10-pound and 5-pound bags and thighs with backs in 5-pound bags. Prices range from \$0.58 per pound to \$0.73 per pound. Deliveries are to be from November 1, 2012, to February 28, 2013.

FSIS Announces Changes to its Product Sampling Programs for Ready-to-Eat Meat & Poultry Products

From: [Inspection Issues](#), on Sept. 28, 2012

USDA's Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS) has announced changes to its product sampling programs for ready-to-eat meat and poultry products. In 60 days, FSIS will increase the number of product samples it collects under its Routine Risk-based L. monocytogenes (RLm) Sampling Program and its Intensified Verification Testing (IVT) protocol **from three to five samples per sampling unit**. In addition, FSIS laboratories will composite the five 25-g product samples from the RLm sampling program, which will **increase the sample size of the analyzed test portion from 25 g to 125 g**. FSIS said that it is making these changes so that its sampling procedures are more consistent with international practices, to conserve its laboratory resources, and to improve public health. FSIS will accept comments on these changes to its sampling program through November 23, 2012.

Tennessee's chicken exports to Angola up 200%

Oct. 4, 2012. [WorldPoultry.net](#)

Tennessee's exports of frozen chicken to Angola are rising, with the African nation quickly becoming the state's fastest growing export market. While Angola is booming, its agriculture sector is still far behind having been devastated by three decades of civil war. The country has the financial means to pay for food imports because of their oil, but naturally shops around for the best price. **Each year, Tennessee exports more than \$70 million in poultry**, with Angola presently accounting for \$5 million of that.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Oct. 11 - Deadline for letters to be received requesting RFS waiver by EPA

October 9-11- TPA Grower Meetings

- Cleveland - Oct. 9
- Cookeville - Oct. 10
- Shelbyville - Oct. 10
- UT Martin - Oct. 11

October 16 - Murfreesboro, TN

- TN Ag Leadership Forum

October 18 - Knoxville, TN

- TPA Board meeting

October 24-25 - Vonore, TN

- [Biomass Field Day](#)

November 1 & 2 - Burns, TN

- [TN Farmland Legacy Conf.](#)

November 6 - Election Day

- Don't forget to VOTE!

January 29-31 - Atlanta

- IPE International Poultry Expo

February 1-5 - Athens, GA

- UGA Poultry Short Course

February 21, 2013 - Nashville

- TPA Poultry School

August 16-17, 2013 - Nashville

- TPA Annual Meeting and Summer Getaway



NUTRIENT MANAGEMENT PLANS

LOOKING FOR A GOOD, RELIABLE TECHNICAL SERVICE PROVIDER?

Contact the TPA office if you need contact information for TSPs available in Tennessee

Information update for John Donaldson, Celina, TN: jdonaldson@info-ed.com 931-261-9967

**TN FARM BUREAU FEDERATION: *ALERT !***

From the July 17, 2012 Tennessee Farm Bureau Press Release: STOP the FLOOD

PROPOSED EPA Guidance Document Expands Regulatory Control OVER ALL WATERS

EPA has proposed a Guidance Document to the Clean Water Act (CWA) that attempts to establish regulatory control over ALL waters.

The Guidance Document expands EPA's authority beyond what Congress authorized it to do in the CWA and is contrary to limits imposed by the Supreme Court. Congress limited EPA's authority by keeping "navigable" in the CWA. The [Guidance Document](#) ignores Congressional intent and deletes the term "navigable" out of the CWA.

Farm Bureau policy advocates that CWA authority should be limited to navigable streams and flowing waterways with continuous flow. As written, the Guidance Document is much more than "guidance" and will function (more) like a regulation used to bind the actions of the agency.

Legislative Efforts: There is no doubt; without action, a flood of federal regulations appears imminent. *Many of our nation's farmers and ranchers could find themselves inundated in new, expensive and unwarranted regulations.*

(In response, recently introduced) Senate Bill 2245 by John Barrasso (R-WY) reaffirms longstanding provisions in the law and prevents the Environmental Protection Agency and the Army Corps of Engineers from pursuing the agencies' proposed *Final Guidance on Identifying Waters Protected by the Clean Water Act* and from using it as a basis for regulation. Both Tennessee Senators are co-sponsors of S. 2245.

Please thank both Senator Lamar Alexander and Senator Bob Corker for their co-sponsorship. The Link below will direct you to a webpage where you can send an email to the Senators. <http://capwiz.com/afb/issues/bills/?bill=61147716>

Additional Resource Information: The American Farm Bureau has created a [Facebook](#) page for this effort to stop EPA and the Army Corps of Engineers' attempt to expand regulatory control over all waters. It's a great place for farmers, ranchers and state & county Farm Bureaus to post pictures, videos and other messages about how the Guidance Document will affect agriculture. The Facebook page will also keep Farm Bureau members updated on the issue.

Go to <https://www.facebook.com/StopTheFlood>, and "Like" the page and share it with friends and colleagues. In addition, you can follow the issue on [Twitter](#) under *StoptheFlood*.

ACTION REQUEST**TAKE ACTION**

Contact and urge the White House, EPA, USDA and the Office of Management & Budget to withdraw the Guidance Document today. Contacts may be made electronically through the CAPWIZ site at the following website:

<http://capwiz.com/afb/issues/alert/?alertid=61466316>

Thank you Farm Bureau for your leadership to "stop the flood".

Everyone please take this very seriously and do your part to pass S. 2245.

GRANT OPPORTUNITIES

- **TAEP - Ag Enhancement Cost-Share Funds**
 - The first round of the 2012-2013 funding has been awarded - if you have not been contacted by TDA please contact them to check on the status of your application.
- **USDA Programs**
 - [REAP](#) - rural energy program link
- **EQIP - NRCS Conservation Programs**
 - Link to: [NRCS](#)

...to learn about
TVA's REBATE PROGRAM
[Energy Right Solutions](#)

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Congratulations to TTU in receiving a \$2500 grant from the USP&EA Foundation's Industry Funding Program.

Need a good intern or graduate for your team?

See you in Cleveland, Cookeville, Shelbyville and
Martin at the TPA Grower Meetings!
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PRESENCE AROUND THE GLOBE - AVIAGEN, Inc. in the news

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[New Aviagen School gets off to a flying start](#). 9/13/2012. The first module of Aviagen's new Production Management School for customers based in Europe, Turkey, the Middle East and Africa has now been completed and received high praise from attendees. The new School was created following huge demand for places at Aviagen's well established Schools in the US, China and Brazil. 31 students from 26 companies across 17 different countries were represented.

The week-long module, held in Edinburgh, Scotland at the end of August, focused on breeder management and included a series of lectures, practical workshops and demonstrations presented by a mix of Aviagen specialists and external experts. Eight key subjects areas were addressed including economics & trade, anatomy of a broiler breeder, critical age management, building design and ventilations, egg quality, health & welfare management and production planning & nutrition. Separate broiler and hatchery/incubation modules will be held at different venues across Europe over the coming months.

SPRINKLERS & SMOKE CONTROL SYSTEMS WILL NOT BE REQUIRED IN POULTRY HOUSES

Thankfully, the coalition of animal agriculture industry groups that included the U.S. Poultry & Egg Association and National Chicken Council was successful in appealing an earlier decision by the National Fire Protection Association to require the installation of sprinkler and smoke control systems in poultry houses. While NFPA standards *typically* do not have the full effect of law they are often adopted in local and state building codes, and by insurance companies, and may become requirements to receive occupancy permits or to purchase insurance.

That was too close for comfort needless to say. Please continue supporting TPA, USP&EA, NCC and the Farm Bureau Federation and make contact with your legislators and decisions makers when we all need to stand up for our industry at times like this. Your voice was heard and it counted!



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