

Third Thursday

From the chancellor



If you were on the agricultural campus this week, you would have seen the UT Board of Trustees here holding their annual spring meeting. Last night they took part in student-led tours of the new Brehm and Food Science and Technology buildings. Chancellor Arrington says it's been an honor to host them and have the opportunity to brief them about the institute. **[Read more in the chancellor's letter.](#)**

Exciting prospects for exchanges with Peru

CASNR is working toward a memorandum of understanding with La Molina University of Peru.

With a mission that mirrors U.S. land-grant institutions, La Molina offers exciting

opportunities for exchanges and partnerships.

Learn more in **Assistant Dean John Stier's letter.**



Saving Southeastern dairies



The institute will lead a six-state effort designed to turn around the region's declining dairy industry.

Steve Oliver, assistant dean of UT AgResearch and a professor of animal science, is heading up the project, which will focus on improving herd health and milk quality and quantity by lowering the incidence of mastitis in Southeastern herds.

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U.S. Army bestows award for 4-H's Operation Military Kids

The U.S. Army and Tennessee National Guard have honored the institute's Carrera Romanini with the Commander's Award for Civilian Service.



Romanini received the honor for her leadership of the 4-H project Operation Military Kids. **More**



UT researchers, led by professor and Extension specialist John Skinner, take a swat at mysteries and causes of honeybee deaths.

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In memoriam – Benny J. Gilliam, 87, retired UT Extension area agent in Henderson County who worked in resource management conservation.



The Comparative and Experimental Medicine and Public Health Research Symposium has announced the **2013 winners** selected from presenters in the competition.

Acclaimed gardening magazine features Sue Hamilton on cover

Fine Gardening magazine features UT Gardens director Sue Hamilton's home garden on the cover of its August issue.

The magazine, which is revered by horticulturists and landscape designers, chose an article Hamilton wrote on designing with conifers as its cover article, and the editors decided Hamilton's garden was an excellent representation of just how to do so.



Service project 'Grow More, Give More' continues on Wednesdays



Knox area employees and friends are invited to contribute produce each Wednesday to help feed area hungry. Launched earlier this month, the institute service project, **Grow More, Give More**, has received coverage in the student newspaper, **The Daily Beacon**, and on **WBIR-TV**.

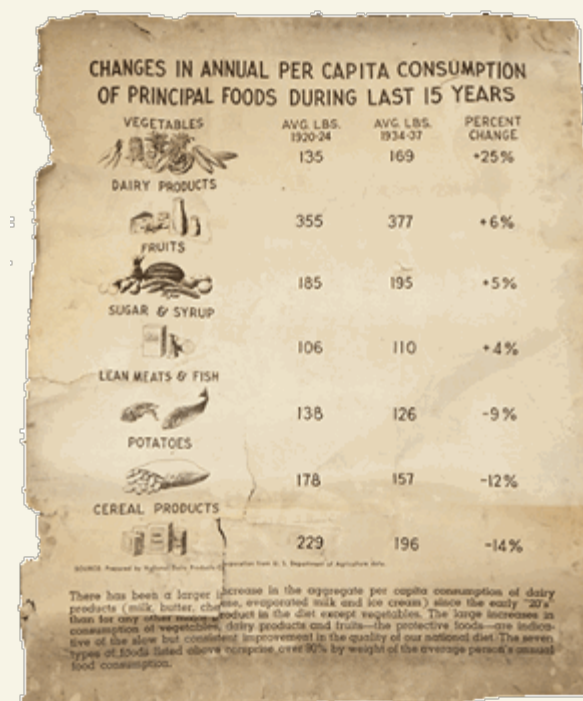
Besides sharing produce, volunteers are needed to sustain and grow this project. To learn more, contact coordinators **Amy Caponetti** and **Jean Hulsey**.

Help preserve the institute's history

This vintage poster was discovered in the Morgan Hall attic by Jonathan Hutsell of Zone Maintenance. The poster conveys changes in annual per capita consumption of foods from 1920 to 1937. **See a close-up.**

Do you have photos or materials from the institute's past? If so, please help preserve our history by contributing them to the

University Archives. To learn more, contact agriculture and natural resources librarian **Peter Fernandez** of the Webster Pendergrass Agriculture and Veterinary Medicine Library.



The Tennessee AgrAbility Project provides services to farmers, farm workers and family members with disabilities across the state. The program has launched a **Facebook page**.



The College of Veterinary Medicine's small animal oncology service invites you to take part in a logo competition to educate people about veterinary oncology. **More**



UT Extension agent Rusty Evans and institute researcher Graham Hickling share **tips on how to reduce the risk of tick bites**. National Public Radio affiliate WUOT interviewed Hickling about shifts in tick populations occurring in Tennessee. **More**

Undergraduate Alanna Carlson captured the early spring image below of the **Plant Sciences Unit** from the treetops as she bred yellow poplar trees in a National Science Foundation hardwood genomics project.

The 212-acre unit is located near campus beside Ft. Loudon Lake and is operated by the **East Tennessee AgResearch and Education Center**. The unit is central to research in plant and soil sciences along with an array of other disciplines.



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