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From the Chancellor



The U.S. Farm Bill is important to many of our clients, including farmers when crops fail during times of natural disasters, such as this year's drought. The bill is also important to federal funding of institute programs. [More](#)

A Tennessee Welcome for Veterinary Medicine Students



Entering students were greeted with a two-day retreat, a big Tennessee welcome to them and their family, and alumni-led career program that opened their eyes to the possibilities that await them as medical professionals. **More**

Oak Ridge Tree Count

Forestry students joined with the city of Oak Ridge and its recreation and parks department to conduct a tree inventory of the city. The information provides groundwork data to assist the city in developing a tree planting plan next year. **More**



Farm Credit Services Scholars Begin Their Studies



The College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources is pleased to announce that the first five recipients of a prestigious scholars program have been selected. Known as Farm Credit Scholars, the students will enter specialized curricula that include customized coursework, an international experience, mentoring opportunities and a Farm Credit internship. **More**

2012 Promotions and Awards

Second Quarter Grants and Contracts

Contracts

Twenty-five agents, specialists and faculty members were promoted for 2012, and 40 institute employees received awards. See who's who and read about their achievements. [More](#)

A total of \$9,943,205 in grants and contracts funding was awarded in April, May and June to faculty, staff and administrators in AgResearch, Extension, CVM and CASNR. [More](#)



AgResearch is providing specialized training and mentorship to assist pre-tenure faculty members in launching their professional and personal careers. The Faculty Development Fellows Program was launched this year. Sixteen faculty members, representing all departments at the institute, are participating. [More](#)

A comprehensive national study, led in the South by institute scientist Graham Hickling, found that precautions against ticks in southern states should extend beyond Lyme disease, as other tick borne diseases pose a greater risk in the region. The study attracted considerable attention in the scientific community and in national media. [More](#)

CASNR students showed their skill at the meeting of the Southern Weed Science Society held recently in Fayetteville, Ark. UT brought home top place honors in the individual portions of the weed science contest and third place in the team event. [More](#)

CASNR Appoints New Director of Advising



Brent Lamons will help faculty and students learn more about UT's new advising policies and procedures. In addition, Lamons will assist transfer students who have yet to identify a major, review petitions and other related activities. [More](#)

UT Gardens Hosts Symposium Sept. 28-29

Mel Bartholomew, founder of Square Foot Gardening, and Victoria Boudman, CEO of the Square Foot Gardening Foundation, will join the University of Tennessee Gardens as the keynote speakers for the UT Gardens Fall Symposium: Incredible Edibles. This symposium will be held on Friday, Sept. 28 and Saturday, Sept. 29. **More**



The Putnam County 4-H wildlife judging team earned the title of national champions after competing against teams from 11 states in the National 4-H Wildlife Habitat Education Program Invitational. The team also had the top two scores in the individual championship.



The Institute of Food Technologists presented one of its highest honors to Qixin Zhong, an associate professor in the Department of Food Science and Technology. Zhong received the 2012 Samuel Cate Prescott Award for outstanding work in food science research. The society has more than 18,000 members. **More**



The Northeast Beef Expo is set for Thursday, Oct. 11, at the AgResearch and Education Center in Greeneville. Sessions include using DNA for genetic testing; factors that affect selling price for feeder cattle; and traits that make for an efficient cow. **More**

Entomological Society of America to Meet in Knoxville



The Department of Entomology and Plant Pathology is hosting the 60th annual meeting of the Entomological Society of America, convening Nov. 11-14 in Knoxville. Professor Jerome Grant is conference chair for the



meeting, which is expected to attract 3,000 professionals working in all areas of entomology. Among the sessions will be a symposium held in Professor Paris Lambdin's honor. **More**

Institute New Greenhouses Expand Capabilities

Three new greenhouses on the agricultural campus in Knoxville are expanding and creating new opportunities for advanced science, teaching and Extension related to plant sciences, entomology and plant pathology and biosystems engineering among other disciplines. **More**



Get Your Ag Day Football Tickets






Ag Day festivities start four hours before the Vols take on the Troy Trojans in Neyland Stadium, Saturday, Nov. 3. Kickoff time to be announced. To purchase football tickets, visit www.UTtix.com, scroll over Vols Tickets and select Group Ticket Window. Tickets are \$23.50. Sign-in ID: agday12. Password: agriculture. Note: sign-in and password are case sensitive.

Enjoy all your favorite Ag Day activities like visiting with current and former faculty, staff and students; live music; the insect petting zoo and cricket spitting; and so much more!

The theme this year, Then & Now, honors the 150th anniversary of the Morrill Act, which established land-grant colleges for education in agriculture and the mechanical arts.

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