

State Ag And Economic Development Officials To Host “Rural Opportunities Roundtable”

NASHVILLE, TENN.

The Tennessee departments of Agriculture and Economic and Community Development are hosting a “Rural Opportunities Roundtable” for farmers, landowners, local extension and county leaders in Benton, Carroll, Crockett, Dyer, Gibson, Henry, Lake, Obion and Weakley counties. The meeting will take place Dec. 10 at 10 a.m. at the West Tennessee Agricultural Museum in Milan.

The purpose of the meeting is to hear stakeholder concerns about agriculture and forestry issues and to explore opportunities for developing the state’s rural economy. The agenda includes a discussion of the Ag Enhancement program, Pick Tennessee Products and other topics of interest to area landowners. Representatives from the UT Institute of Agriculture will address the impacts of crop irrigation and marketing.

Agriculture Commissioner Julius Johnson

and other agency representatives will all be on hand to discuss programs and services to support rural economic development. Representatives from the Port of Cates Landing will give an update on port construction. There will also be time for open discussion by participants.

WHO: State Agriculture and Economic Development Officials

WHAT: Rural Opportunities Roundtable for farmers, forest landowners, Extension and county leaders

WHEN: Dec. 10 at 10 a.m. – 12 p.m.

WHERE: University of Tennessee Research and Education Center, West Tennessee Agricultural Museum, 3 – A Ledbetter Gate Rd., Milan

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