Tennessee Organic Production Network
Waters Organic Farm / Tennessee Tech University
10:00 AM – 2:00 PM Central Time, August 17, 2010

TN Organic Production Network initiative goals:
1. To support, promote and advance organics in TN through networking and partnerships
2. To collaborate to address the critical issues in organic agriculture in Tennessee

I. Welcome and Introductions (at Waters Organic Farm) 10:00 AM

II. Tour of Waters Organic Farm 10:10 AM

III. Drive to Nursing Building on TN Tech Main Campus 11:15 AM

IV. Lunch catered by Chartwells 11:45 AM

V. Business Meeting:

1. Summary of previously identified grower needs 12:15 PM
2. Brainstorming for new ideas to meet grower needs 12:25 PM
3. Program Briefings

A. Producers & Industry – TOGA, Appalachian Harvest, and Others 1:10 PM

B. Policy & Legislative Issues at State and National Level – Legislators, TN FARM Bureau, Middle TN Food Security Partners, and Others 1:20 PM

C. Department of Agriculture Programs – USDA NRCS, USDA FSA, TN Dept of Ag 1:30 PM

D. Organic Research – UT, TSU, TN Tech 1:40 PM

VI. Next Steps 1:50 PM

VII. Adjourn 2:00 PM