



Organic Crop Production Workshop Series for Growers and Agriculture Professionals

The University of Tennessee Organic and Sustainable Crop Production program will offer a 10-part monthly workshop series in 2009 starting in February and running through November. The workshop series targets commercial producers and agriculture professionals interested in learning about organic crop production practices. Workshops are scheduled for **one Monday afternoon a month** and the **3-hour session** will consist of presentations by extension specialists accompanied by discussions and hands-on activities.

To serve growers and agriculture professionals throughout Tennessee, the workshop series will be broadcast using ITV technology to three locations across the state including Knoxville, Nashville and Jackson. Workshop Locations and times include:

Knoxville	University of Tennessee, Agriculture Campus 156/157 Plant Biotech Bldg.	2:00-5:00pm EST
Nashville	Ellington Agriculture Center Conference Room, Central Region Extension Bldg.	1:00-4:00pm CST
Jackson	West Tennessee Research and Education Center Room 127	1:00-4:00pm CST

Workshop dates and topics include the following:

Introduction to Organics	February 9
Building Soils & Managing Soil Fertility	March 9
Crop Rotations & Cover Crops	April 13
Planting: Seed Sources & Transplants	May 11
Identifying & Managing Weeds	June 8
Identifying & Managing Pests	July 13
High Tunnel Production	August 10
Identifying & Managing Diseases	September 14
Putting It All Together: Developing an Organic Plan	October 12
Marketing Organic	November 9

There is no fee for participating in the workshops, but registration is required. Please contact Mary Rogers at 865.974.0710 or mroger30@utk.edu for more information or to register for a workshop. Additionally, contact Mary if you would like to sign-up to receive email reminders and updates about the workshop series each month.

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