TN Organic Production Network
Holeman Building, Ellington Agriculture Center, 440 Hogan Road, Nashville, TN 37204
2:00-4:00 PM Central Time, December 2, 2009

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 & Introductions 2:00 PM

II. Presentation: Review of goals and highlights from 2009 2:05 PM

III. Program updates

A. Producers & Industry—TOGA, Appalachian Harvest, others 2:20 PM
   1. Update on organization and development of these grower groups
   2. Review new and continuing needs, including infrastructure for market access?

B. Policy & Legislative Issues at State and National Level—Legislators, TN Farm Bureau, Middle TN Food Security Partners, others 2:40 PM
   1. Update on development of current policy and outlook for what is coming
   2. Involvement and collaboration with local (town and county) governments?

C. Department of Agriculture Programs—USDA NRCS, USDA FSA, TN Dept of Ag 3:00 PM
   1. Updates on developments in NRCS EQIP and TDA funds for organic growers
   2. What is the future of these funding programs (NRCS, TDA) and what do they need to reach more growers and be more effective?

D. Organic Research—UT, TSU, TN Tech 3:20 PM
   1. Updates on research and outreach projects
   2. Extension outreach development- how can this be expanded to reach more growers/larger audience?

IV. Next steps 3:40 PM

A. Build and further develop collaborations & follow-up items

B. Ideas for how to continue the conversation & how to develop the network?

V. Adjourn 4:00 PM