TN Organic Production Network initiative goals:
1. To support, promote an 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  2:05 PM
   A. Overview of Organics in Tennessee
   B. Review previously identified needs and priorities
   C. Introduction to the TN Organic Production Network initiative

III. Round table discussions  2:20 PM
   A. Producers & Industry—TOGA, Appalachian Harvest, others
      1. Perspective on critical infrastructure needs to support organic?
      2. What are technical assistance needs?
      3. Support needed for transitioning to organic crop systems?
      4. Support for Farmer-to-Farmer networking/partnering/mentoring?
      5. Market Development

   B. Policy & Legislative Issues at State and National Level—Legislators, TN Farm Bureau, others  2:40 PM
      1. Process and cycles for developing policies and legislation
      2. Opportunities to develop policy to support:
         a. The economic and environmental sustainability of TN farms & farm families
         b. Research on organic crop production systems in Tennessee

   C. Department of Agriculture Programs—USDA NRCS, USDA FSA, TN Dept of Ag  3:00 PM
      1. How to access 2008 Farm Bill programs for organics?
      2. Knowledge in organics needed to develop programs and standards?

   D. Organic Research—UT, TSU, TN Tech  3:20 PM
      1. Research priorities to support consumer responsive, market driven organic production operations?
      2. Strategies for developing statewide research collaborations?

IV. Next steps  3:40 PM
   A. Discuss opportunities for collaborations & follow-up items
   B. Ideas for how to continue the conversation & how to develop the network:
      1. Regionally throughout the state
      2. Focus areas (infrastructure development, research, policy, etc.)
      3. Investigate examples/models for initiatives and programs to develop for TN

V. Adjourn  4:00 PM