

# NRCS State Conservationist Sheldon Hightower

First National Stream  
Restoration Conference

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## About Tennessee

- Tennessee's State Capital, Nashville, is known as "Music City" – the country music capital of the world.
- The Grand Ole Opry in Nashville is the longest continuously running live radio program in the world. It has broadcast every weekend since 1925.
- Bluegrass music originated in Bristol, in northeastern Tennessee.



## Quick Facts About Tennessee

- **Admission to Statehood:** June 1, 1796 (16th State)
- **Capital City:** Nashville
- **Nickname:** Volunteer State
- **Population (2013):** 6.5 Million
- **Number of Counties:** 95
- **State Flower:** Flower: Iris
- **State Bird:** Mockingbird
- **Largest City:** Memphis
- **Origin of State Name:** Named after Cherokee Indian villages called Tanasi



## Tennessee Sports Teams

- Memphis Grizzlies, Basketball Team, Memphis
- Tennessee Titans, Football Team, Nashville
- Nashville Predators, Hockey Team, Nashville
- Nashville Sounds, Baseball, Nashville



## Famous People from Tennessee

- **Dolly Parton**, singer and actress
- **Elvis Presley**, "king of rock and roll", actor
- **Taylor Swift**, singer-songwriter and record producer
- **Minnie Pearl**, comedian and Grand Ole Opry star
- **Wilma Rudolph**, athlete, Olympic gold medalist
- **Van Jones**, environmental advocate, CNN
- **Andrew Jackson**, seventh President of the United States
- **Samuel L. Jackson**, actor
- **Hank Williams III**, singer
- **Reese Witherspoon**, Academy Award-winning actress
- **Tina Turner**, singer
- **Kathy Bates**, Academy Award-winning actress
- **Miley Cyrus**, singer
- **Reggie White**, football player, Hall of Famer
- **Dave Ramsey**, author, motivational speaker
- **Quentin Tarantino**, film director, actor, and screenwriter

## Major Recreation Activities

- Great Smoky Mountains National Park, Eastern Tennessee
- Tennessee Aquarium, Chattanooga
- Gatlinburg, Eastern Tennessee
- Dollywood, Pigeon Forge, Eastern Tennessee
- Country Music Hall of Fame, Nashville
- The National Civil Rights Museum, Memphis
- Graceland, Memphis
- Ruby Falls, Chattanooga

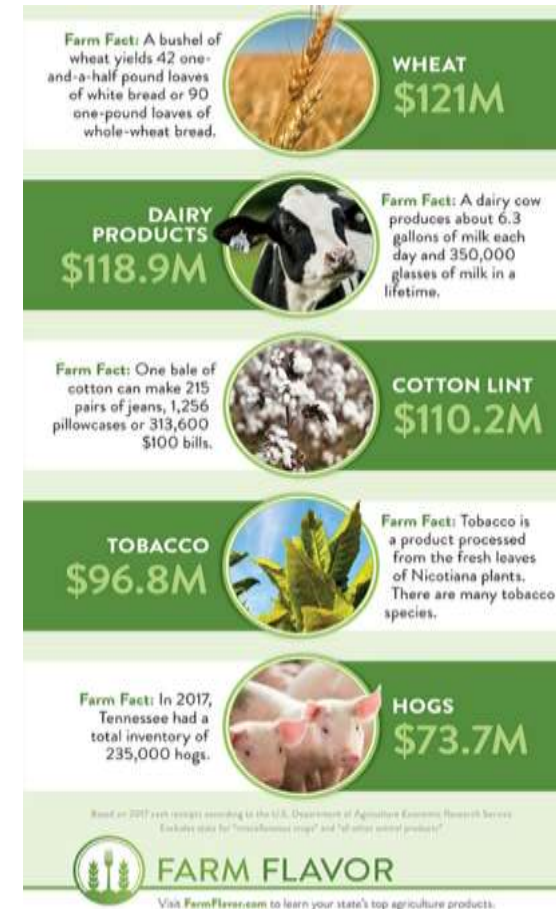
## Tennessee Agriculture

- **Number of Farms:** 69,983
- **Average Farm Size:** 155 acres
- **Total farmland:** 10.8 million acres
- Tennessee has **40,097** women farmers (**35%** ag producers in TN)
- Average Age of Female producers was 57.3 and males 58.4. Overall state average is 58.
- Approximately 80 percent of the land is used for agriculture purposes including forestry



# Tennessee's Top 10 Crops and Livestock

1. Soybeans
2. Beef Cattle
3. Poultry
4. Corn
5. Hay
6. Wheat
7. Dairy
8. Cotton
9. Tobacco
10. Hogs





## Tennessee Compared to Other States

- Tennessee ranks fourth in the nation tobacco production
  - Produced 43 million pounds of the crop
- Tennessee ranks No. 12 in hay.
  - 4 million tons of the crop
- Tennessee ranks fourth in the nation for meat goat production
  - 87,556 Meat Goats



## Tennessee State Map (Area Boundaries)



## Importance of Natural Resources

- Help producers address natural resource concerns in diverse areas, including restoration of streams, rivers and wetlands.
- Help producers plan, design, and implement conservation practices to improve water quality.
- Partnerships are vital to restore streams, rivers and wetlands.
- Provide technical training to deliver conservation solutions.
- Knowing what resources or opportunities you have available to you.

