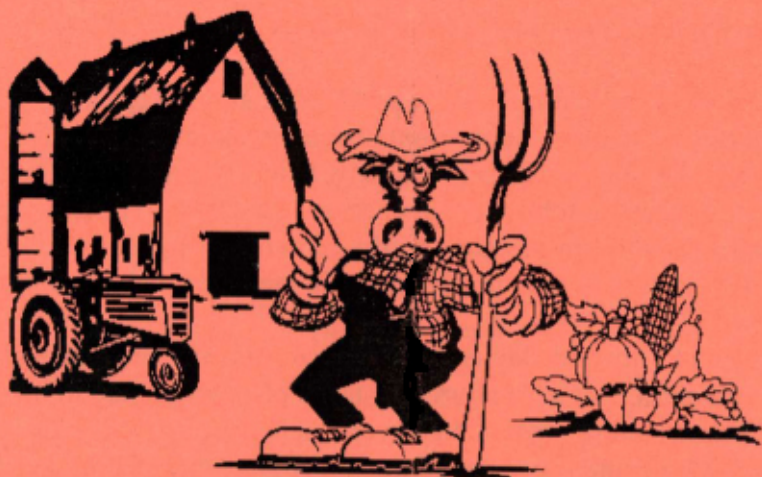


**Shelby County
5th Grade
Farm Education Day**



AGRICENTER

Friday, November 7, 2008
8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Welcome!! To Shelby County's 12th annual "Farm Education Day for 5th graders. As the students and teachers arrive, they will be greeted by "Shelby the Bull", our mascot. Then, off to the exhibits to have hands-on experience of seeing and touching the diversified aspects of agriculture. We hope all will have fun as well as learn new and interesting things about farming.

In 1944, a farmer provided food and fiber for 11 people. Today, a U.S. Farmer can feed over 130 people. Total land in farms is 115,917 acres in Shelby County. The labor availability in the year 2006 in Agriculture, Forestry, and Fishing will be 5,430 jobs in the Memphis area alone. Therefore, Agriculture is very important to our economy in Shelby County and young people need to be knowledgeable about how agriculture benefits them now and in the future.

Tennessee's 82,000 farms comprise 44% of the state's land area. There are 716 farms in Shelby County and the average farm size is 162 acres. The average age of a farmer is 57. Shelby County ranks in the top ten counties in Tennessee for cotton, soybeans, and wheat. The average market value of all farm products produced annually is \$23,000,000. Shelby is the largest county in Tennessee in land area and population.

The purpose of Farm Ed Day is to familiarize students and teachers of the different aspects of agriculture that takes place right here in Shelby County. Some children may have never touched a cow, horse, or chicken. With people becoming more removed from the farm and rural communities, the need to educate students becomes very important. Farm Ed Day would not be possible without the many local and regional businesses, federal agencies, farmers, agribusinesses, exhibitors and volunteers.

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2008

BOOTH	EXHIBIT	EXHIBITOR	CONTACT
1	Butter Churning	Apron Strings Homemakers Club	Virginia Landers, Margaret McTaggart, Doris Hobbs
2	Farm Equipment	Agricenter	John Tom Williams
3	COTTON	Cotton Board	Brad Robb/Stacey Caldwell
4	Conservation	Ducks Unlimited, Inc.	Tye Anderson
5	WILDLIFE	TWRA	Chris Hunter/Aubrey Deck
6	DAIRY	Tennessee Farm Bureau Ag in the Classroom	Chris Fleming/Joe McKinnon
7	HORSE	Our Family Farm	Johnny/Carolyn Neergaard
8	BEEF	The Dempsey's	Jill/Ed Dempsey
9	Birds of Prey	The Raptor Center	Martha Waldron/Knox Martin
10	PRODUCE	Jones' Orchard	Juanita Jones/Henry Jones
11	SOYBEANS	Soybean Promotion Council	Parks Wells/Marsha Dabney
12	CORN	Jerry Bullock	Jerry Bullock/Faye Hooker
13	BEEES/BUGS	Price Apiaries	Les/Cindy Price
14	FISH	Biology Department University of Memphis	Dr. Bill Simco
OPEN	4-H DISPLAY	U.T./Agricenter	Becky Bonner
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