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Tennessee FFA Foundation, Inc. Quarterly

Fiscal Year 2016, Q2: October 1-December 31, 2015

- In the second quarter of FY 2016, the Foundation raised **\$85,952** to support FFA in Tennessee.
- **\$36,363** was raised in [new](#) commitments from either new or existing donors.
- Thus far, \$149,404 has been raised in FY 2016. That's compared to \$134,340 over the same period in FY 2015.
- Total liabilities and net assets as of 12/31/15: **\$5,108,378.17.**



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Top 5 Contributors Oct. 1-Dec. 31, 2015

1. [CoBank Sharing Success](#), \$12,000
2. W.C. & Adillia Ashe (McNairy Co.) for Scholarship Fund, \$10,000
2. [Land O'Lakes Foundation](#), \$10,000
4. [Tennessee State Fair Association](#), \$7,000
5. [AT&T Tennessee](#), \$6,250

For a listing of all contributions during Q2, [click here](#).





Mayfield Gives \$10,000

In October, two State Officers (Chelsea Wattenbarger, left; Chelsea Sanders, right) met first time donor John E. Mayfield at his office in downtown Ashland City. Mr. Mayfield endowed a scholarship that will be given for the first time later this year. Despite having never been an FFA member himself, Mayfield is a believer in agricultural education and wants to provide students with the same opportunities he had as a young person.

The Inaugural Honeysuckle Hill FFA Day attracted nearly 200 FFA members despite unseasonably cold weather. The event, held October 3, gave FFA chapters the chance to compete in teams for cash prizes and get lost in the FFA corn maze.

Jeff Alsup (below) is the owner of Honeysuckle Hill Farms and wanted to give back to FFA for all the great experiences his son enjoyed while in FFA at Springfield High School. So, he made his annual corn maze an homage to FFA (pictured above).



Aiken Joins Sponsoring Committee: Former FFA member Jeff Aiken of Washington County was elected as the 8th President of the Tennessee Farm Bureau Federation last month. In a meeting with Foundation Chairman Ben Byler and Executive Director Chelsea Rose, Aiken accepted an appointment to the Foundation Sponsoring Committee joining an elite group of sponsor representatives. Aiken was a

member of the Daniel Boone FFA chapter and served on the State Officer Nominating Committee in 2014. He has served on the Farm Bureau board since 1998.



2nd Annual National FFA Convention VIP Experience: For the second year, FFA sponsors and supporters from the Volunteer State were invited to Louisville as VIP guests during the 88th National FFA Convention. Special guests of the Foundation paid a minimal registration fee and had all the details of convention taken care of by Foundation staff. VIPs stayed in the iconic Galt House Hotel, enjoyed VIP seating at all convention sessions, were recognized during the Tennessee Breakfast, and socialized during the Tennessee FFA VIP Dinner.



Foundation Flashback: Then FFA President Emily Buck addressed the 2010 Tennessee Farm Bureau Annual Meeting. This year Emily attended as a representative of Congressman Diane Black's office in her capacity as a Field Representative. Members of the Foundation Board enjoyed catching up with Emily as nearly every board member attended Farm Bureau's annual gathering, which plays host to the winter meeting of the board.



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