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*Star Tour 2016
Presented by Farm Credit Mid-America*

Tennessee FFA Foundation, Inc. Quarterly

Fiscal Year 2016 Year End Report, July 1, 2015-June 30, 2016

Dear FFA Supporters,

Thanks to you, our Foundation raised \$637,550 (unaudited) in fiscal year 2016. Highlights from the fiscal year include: setting a new record for corporate giving, endowing two new scholarships and hosting the first FFA Ham Breakfast at the State Fair, which brought in \$25,000.

In the past year, we had fewer expenditures than budgeted and after scholarships and awards, we grew our endowment for another year. It is the goal of our staff and board to sustain the Foundation for years to come. With years like this one, we are accomplishing that goal.

Our growth depends on the generosity of supporters like you. In fiscal year 2017, I hope you will consider increasing your personal giving to the Foundation. With your help, we'll prepare the next generation of FFA members for a bright future in and beyond the classroom.

Sincerely,

Chelsea Rose

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Executive Director



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The Greenhouses are Growing

Farm Credit Mid-America continues their work with the Unicoi County FFA Chapter greenhouses donated in 2014. [Click here for an update.](#)

Top 5 Contributors April 1-June 30, 2016

1. [Tennessee Farmers Cooperative](#), \$28,655
2. [Farm Credit Mid-America](#), \$20,000
3. [Tennessee Farm Bureau Federation](#), [Farm Bureau Insurance of Tennessee](#) and [Farm Bureau Health Plans](#), \$18,550
4. [CoBank](#), \$10,000
5. [Tennessee Ag In The Classroom Foundation](#), \$5,000

For a listing of all contributions during Q4, [click here](#).



Last month, FFA's Stars departed from FFA Camp Clements in Doyle during the 2nd Annual Tennessee FFA Star Tour presented by [Farm Credit Mid-America](#). Commissioner of Agriculture Jai Templeton attend the Tour Kick-Off and visited with the Stars (above). For photos from the tour, [click here](#). To see press releases highlighting all five stars, [click here](#). Thank you Farm Credit!



TVA Grant Adds Support to Forestry Camp: Under the leadership of the Division of Forestry in the Tennessee Department of Agriculture, Forestry Camp has attracted hundreds, if not thousands, of FFA members over the decades. In 2016, the Tennessee Valley Authority Natural Resources Unit provided a \$3,000 grant that gave students the chance to experience camp at a reduced price. Nearly 60 campers made memories that will last a lifetime while learning about forestry at Fall Creek Falls State Park.



Foundation Training for State Officers: For the third year, Foundation staff spent time with the FFA State Officers teaching them how to interact with sponsors and adults. The Tennessee Department of Agriculture and Tennessee Electric Cooperative Association (TECA) hosted the two-day training near Nashville. Training concluded with visits to actual stakeholders. Pictured above are the officers with Tom Suggs, Chief Operating Officer for Middle Tennessee Electric Membership Corporation. The officers also visited with Deputy

Commissioner of Agriculture Tom Womack, Joe Huffine with the Tennessee Farmers Cooperative and David Callis with TECA.



Foundation Flashback: Check out Sponsoring Committee member Jeff Aiken's high school FFA jacket! Mr. Aiken is now President of the Tennessee Farm Bureau Federation. Before reaching that achievement, he served as chapter president for the Daniel Boone FFA Chapter in East Tennessee. Now, he farms and lives with his wife Carol in his hometown of Telford.



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