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Tennessee FFA Foundation, Inc. Quarterly

Fiscal Year 2017, Q1: July 1-Sept. 30, 2016

- In the first quarter of Fiscal Year 2017, the Foundation raised \$69,087 and received \$305,000 in grant monies from the State of Tennessee funded through the Department of Agriculture.
((\$55,000 from Ag Tag funds; \$250,000 from Ag Enhancement)
- The \$69,087 raised from individuals and corporations represents a \$5,000+ improvement from the same time period last year.
- Total contributions for FY 2017 are \$374,387.
- **Total liabilities and net assets as of 09/30/16: \$5,597,532**



Top 5 Contributors July 1-Sept. 30, 2016

1. Tennessee State Fair Association, \$7,000
2. CoBank, \$6,050
3. John E. Mayfield and First Farmers Cooperative, \$5,000 each
4. AT&T, Senator Mark Green, Lee Company, Tosh Farms, Tyson Foods, \$2,000 each

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For a listing of all contributions during Q1, [click here](#).



It Can Wait

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Last month, FFA was out in full force at the Tennessee State Fair. Members participated in four Foundation organized events: Barn Tours, Deep Fried Tennessee Food Trailer, Ham Breakfast, and Grill Masters Beef BBQ Competition. Plus, members competed in several State Career Development Events including Livestock Evaluation, Dairy Judging, Dairy Cattle Handlers, Milk Quality & Products, Floriculture, and several speaking competitions.



2nd Annual State Fair Ham Breakfast Raises \$35,000+: The 2nd Annual Tennessee State Fair FFA Ham Breakfast raised more than \$35,000 for FFA compared to just shy of \$25,000 raised last year. The event had 71 table sponsors, 4 co-sponsors and 8 title sponsors. The two Grand Champion Hams went for \$4,500 and \$4,400; the Country Ham was purchased by Jack Stites of Cookeville and the Packing House Style Trim was purchased by Farm Credit Mid-America. Nearly 550 business leaders, FFA members and stakeholders attended. Jimmy Tosh of Tosh Farms chaired the breakfast, Jeff Aiken of Farm Bureau was the keynote speaker and Sammy Stuard of F&M Bank served as the Ham Auctioneer; all three men are members of the Foundation Sponsoring Committee. State President Mackenzie Clark emceed the event. Next year's breakfast is scheduled for September 11.



John E. Mayfield Sponsors Historic Preservation Publication: In July, John E. Mayfield of Ashland City contributed \$5,000 to the FFA Foundation to sponsor the printing of the Tennessee FFA Historic Preservation publication that has been a work in progress for several years now. Mr. Mayfield first gave to FFA last year when he endowed a scholarship fund for FFA members to pursue their postsecondary studies. The Historic Preservation committee is made up of Alumni and Foundation representatives. The publication was written and edited by the Center for Historic Preservation at MTSU. *Tennessee FFA: Tradition and Transformation* is expected to be released in early 2017.



Tennessee Prepares for National FFA Convention: State winning FFA teams and individual competitors are preparing for the upcoming 89th National FFA Convention in Indianapolis, IN, October 19-21. Aside from the many attendees and competitors from the Volunteer State, Nick Baker will be representing Tennessee as he rounds out his year as National FFA Secretary. Nick will deliver his

Retiring Address Friday night, 7:00 p.m. EST.



Amy Morgan (above) of the Cookeville Chapter is the National Officer Candidate and will begin her interviews Sunday, October 16 after months of rigorous preparation. The announcement of the National Officer slate for 2016-17 will be made during the Saturday afternoon session at 1:30 p.m. EST. Catch all the action from home on RFDTV or at <https://www.ffa.org/events/convention/broadcast>.



Foundation Flashback: Foundation Treasurer Tim Chowning served as the 1983-84 State Secretary from the White House Chapter. Tim is one of seven past State Officers serving on the Foundation board. 14 of the 16 Foundation board members were active in FFA as students.



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