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Tennessee FFA Foundation, Inc. Quarterly

Fiscal Year 2017, Q2: Oct. 1-Dec. 31, 2016

- In the second quarter of Fiscal Year 2017, the Foundation raised \$99,343.
- The total raised is an improvement from FY16 Q2, which saw \$85,952 raised.
- Total contributions for FY 2017 through the first two quarters are \$473,730. A total of \$399,403 was raised over the same period last fiscal year.
- **Total liabilities and net assets as of 12/31/16 (unaudited): \$5,455,368.77**



Top 5 Contributors Oct. 1-Dec. 31, 2016

1. [Tennessee Farmers Cooperative](#), \$18,100
2. [CoBank](#), \$15,950
3. [AT&T](#), \$13,000
4. [Land O'Lakes Foundation](#), \$10,000
5. [AgCentral Farmers Cooperative](#), \$5,000

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

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Sharing Success

In a matching funds program with CoBank, Co-ops around the state have been giving to local FFA chapters. Recently, FFA members received contributions from Humphreys Farmers Cooperative.



It Can Wait

UPDATE: Thanks to the hundreds who made the pledge to drive without texting, Tennessee FFA won a nationwide AT&T contest to collect the most pledges via Twitter.



Tennessee FFA represented the Volunteer State well at the National Convention held in Indianapolis in October. Most notably, Nick Baker took the stage as National Secretary for many roles throughout the convention, including the presentation of his retiring address. Stephen Doris of the Scotts Hill FFA Chapter was recognized as National Forestry Management and Products Proficiency Award winner (photographed at the top of the page with advisor Chris Cherry looking on.) Dozens of chapters participated at the convention in various competitions, events and programs, such as service projects, National Band and Chorus and more. The 2017 National FFA Convention will be October 25-28 in Indianapolis, IN.



Tennessee Breakfast Sponsored by Farm Credit Mid-America: More than 800 students, advisors and guests attended the Tennessee Breakfast during the National FFA Convention in October at the Westin Indianapolis. Farm Credit executive Steve Allard attended the breakfast on behalf of the organization.



Deputy Commissioner of Agriculture Tom Womack was also present from the Tennessee Department of Agriculture, sponsor of the awards given during the breakfast.



18th Annual Safley Dinner: FFA State Officers gathered with representatives from agriculture, banking and government as they celebrated the holiday season in the tradition of Jesse Safley. The Dinner sponsored by Simmons Bank and Mr. & Mrs. John Rose honors the State Officer team as they enjoy a fine dining experience in downtown Nashville. Read more and see photos by clicking [HERE](#).



Scholarship Application Period is Now: If you know an FFA member graduating high school in 2017, please encourage them to apply for a Tennessee FFA Foundation scholarship. A scholarship committee will evaluate each application and the scholarships will be presented during the State FFA Convention in March. Checks are mailed directly to the university the student will be attending. The application period ends February 1st.

Apply here: <https://www.tnffa.org/scholarship/default.aspx>



Goodwill Tour Coming to a Town Near You: National FFA Week is celebrated annually around George Washington's birthday. In 2017, National FFA Week will be February 18-25. Tennessee FFA State Officers will travel across Tennessee on a Goodwill Tour to thank sponsors, interact with members and expose others to FFA. Mark your calendar for the FFA Legislative Breakfast, which will be Wednesday, February 22 at 7:00 a.m. in the War Memorial Auditorium. To RSVP for the breakfast, please email tnffaoundation@tnffa.org.



Foundation Flashback: Last month, Foundation board members met during the Tennessee Farm Bureau Annual Meeting in Franklin, TN. Board members discussed topics, such as funding needs, donor prospects and strategic planning. Board members also participated in FFA trivia for some fun to kick off the meeting.



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