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Community Spotlight

March is Extension Month!

March is Extension Month— a time to celebrate the impact of Extension programs in our communities that make local education possible.

In honor of Extension Month, **UT/TSU Extension Greene County will host an Open House on March 25, 2026.**

Community members are invited to stop by, meet the staff, learn about available programs, and discover

resources that support 4-H youth, development agriculture, horticulture, and family and consumer sciences.

- 1002 Coolidge Street, Greeneville, TN 37743
- 12:00–2:00 PM & 4:00–6:00 PM

We hope you'll join us as we celebrate Extension and the ways it serves Greene County every day!



From Anna's Desk

UT/TSU Extension Greene County website has been updated with new horticulture and gardening resources. We'll continue adding more, so be sure to check back regularly! [MORE HERE>](#)

— Anna Parsons, ANR Extension Agent I

March at a Glance

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Quick Updates

2026 UT Extension Fruit and Veggie Calendar:
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Plant of the Month

Crocus x - Crocus

- One of the first flowers to bloom in late winter or early spring
- Come in purple, yellow, white, and striped varieties
- Naturalize easily and return year after year
- [MORE HERE>](#)



| In the Garden This Month

March To-Do List

March is a transition month in the garden, making it the perfect time to prepare for a productive season ahead.

- Plant fruit trees and small fruits; keep bare-root plants from drying out.
- Remove straw from strawberries before bloom.
- Prepare garden soil and allow time for cover crops to decompose.
- Start warm-season transplants (tomatoes need 6–8 weeks before May planting).

- Seed or transplant cool-season crops ahead of your frost-free date.
- Install row covers or low tunnels to protect early crops.
- Gather spray materials for fruit season.
- Harden off transplants before planting outdoors.

Transplant reminders:

- Use a sterile, soilless germination mix.
- Provide adequate warmth for germination .
- Ensure strong light to prevent stretching.
- Water carefully and allow slight drying between waterings to prevent disease.



| Resource Roundup

- (W346-B) *Garden Planning and Transplants*
[READ MORE>](#)
- (W346-F) *Managing Garden Soils*
[READ MORE>](#)
- *Frost and Freeze Charts*
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| Seasonal Snapshots

Strawberries in East TN

Strawberries grow well in raised beds, containers, or small spaces and can produce within a year. Plant in well-drained soil using quality bare-root or plug plants.

June-bearing varieties ('Earliglow,' 'Allstar,' 'Flavorfest') produce one large late-spring crop, while day-neutral types ('Tribute,' 'Albion,' 'Seascape') fruit throughout the season for extended harvests. Choose based on whether you prefer one big harvest or steady picking all summer. [READ MORE>](#)

| Producer Spotlight



Feature Your Farm in Our Next Addition! We love highlighting the great growers and ag businesses in Greene County! Want to be featured in an upcoming newsletter? **Send the name of your business, a short description of your operation, and a photo to aparsons@tennessee.edu.** We can't wait to share your story!