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Community Spotlight

Women Preserving Farmland

- August 24–26, 2026
- 11:30 a.m.–4:00 p.m.

Rural Resources Farm & Food Education Center

2870 Holly Creek Rd,
Greeneville, TN 37745

Women landowners are invited to Women Preserving Farmland for the Future:

Starting the Conversation, a three-day workshop designed to provide the tools and knowledge needed to help preserve farmland for future generations.

Sessions will be led by women professionals and include lunch each day. Participants will also receive a resource toolkit, including UT's *Planning Today for Tomorrow Farms* workbook.

Registration:

arcd.org/women-preserving-farmland/



From Anna's Desk

As we move toward fall, take a few minutes to enjoy what your garden has produced so far. Whether it's a basket of fresh vegetables, a few jars of something you preserved, or simply a flower bed that brings you joy.

— Anna Parsons, ANR Extension Agent I

August at a Glance

This section will highlight upcoming programs, events, and workshops happening throughout the month. Be sure to check here regularly for important dates, registration details, and opportunities to connect with UT Extension Greene Co. Stay Tuned!

Quick Tools

2026 UT Extension Fruit and Veggie Calendar: [HERE>](#).

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Plant of the Month

Callicarpa americana-American beautyberry

- Native & wildlife-friendly: Provides fall berries for birds.
- Sun to partial shade.
- Great fall interest.
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| In the Garden This Month

August Tasks in the Garden

August is a busy month in the garden! Keep your harvests coming while preparing for the transition into the cooler growing season.

- Keep blueberries, tree fruit, and warm-season vegetables picked regularly for the best quality and continued production.
- Preserve your harvest by canning, freezing, or drying excess produce.

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- Stay ahead of weeds and remove them before they go to seed.
- Plant a late crop of summer squash for fall harvest.
- Monitor soil moisture, irrigation, and fertilizer needs, especially for fruiting crops.
- Prepare garden beds for fall cool-season crops and maintain crop rotations.
- Transplant fall crops that require the longest time to mature.



| Resource Roundup

- (PB1670) *Dogwoods for American Gardens*
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- (PB1609) *Commercial Greenhouse Tomato Production*
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- (W289F) *Rust Diseases*
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| Seasonal Snapshots

Backyard Peaches in TN

Peaches are a favorite backyard fruit, but they can be challenging to grow in Tennessee due to diseases, pests, and unpredictable weather.

Their early bloom makes them especially vulnerable to late spring frosts. When choosing a peach tree, match the cultivar to your site's chill-hour requirements.

At least 850 chill hours are generally recommended for TN. Selecting cultivars with resistance to bacterial spot can also improve success, although resistance does not mean immunity and proper disease management may still be needed.

Cultivars to consider:

Contender, Intrepid, Carolina Gold, and China Pearl.

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| Lawn & Landscape

Keep lawns mowed regularly and at the proper height, but **avoid removing more than one-third of the grass blade at a time.** Water deeply during dry periods,

ideally in the early morning. Monitor for weeds, insects, and disease, and **address problems before they spread.** Continue watering newly planted trees and shrubs as needed.