



Department of
Agriculture

Strategic Plan 2020-2023

VISION

For Tennessee to become a national leader in agriculture and forestry through economic advancement, innovation, and natural resource stewardship by commitment to service, family, farms, and healthy living.

MISSION

To serve the citizens of Tennessee by providing options for responsible use of our agricultural and forest resources, developing economic opportunities, safeguarding food and fiber, and ensuring equity in the marketplace.





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Strategic Plan **Our Focus for 2020**

GOAL: INCREASE PROFITABILITY AND VIABILITY OF TENNESSEE FARMS, FORESTS, AND AGRIBUSINESSES.

- Reduce restrictions for retail food stores and food manufacturers
- Increase forest business and land management incentive programs outreach

GOAL: EXPAND COLLABORATIVE PARTNERSHIPS AND WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT INITIATIVES.

- Advance forestry workforce development
- Partner to create an agriculture and forestry leadership program
- Launch a youth challenge for food security and healthy foods

GOAL: PRESERVE FARM AND FOREST RESOURCES.

- Provide a training program to Soil Conservation Districts
- Teach forest landowners responsible forestry practices
- Collaborate to enhance the TN H₂O initiative

GOAL: DEVELOP AND SUPPORT EFFORTS TO IMPROVE THE HEALTH, NUTRITION, AND LIVELIHOOD OF ALL TENNESSEANS THROUGH AGRICULTURE.

- Expand access to Tennessee-produced foods in state institutions
- Support awareness and prevention of farmer suicide

GOAL: IMPROVE THE DELIVERY OF DEPARTMENT SERVICES BY STREAMLINING PROGRAMS AND PROCESSES.

- Improve technology, resources, and training for fighting wildland fire
- Develop a web portal for veterinarians and clients to monitor lab submissions and results
- Meet internationally-recognized standards for the Kord Laboratory to certify the highest quality in diagnostic testing



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