

Tennessee – Kentucky Tobacco Expo 2010

The 19th annual Tennessee-Kentucky Tobacco Expo is scheduled for Tuesday February 2, 2010, at the Robertson County Fairgrounds Community Building, 4635 Hwy 41 North, Springfield. This event runs from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

The Tobacco Expo Trade show will open at 9:00 a.m. and seminars for growers will begin at 10:00 a.m. The trade show offers tobacco farmers an opportunity to meet with a wide range of agribusiness representatives that are involved in tobacco production and related fields. Last year twenty-three businesses and organizations had exhibits at the Tobacco Expo.

Seminar speakers and topics and times offered for this year will include:

- Dark & Burley Tobacco Variety Update – Dr. Bob Miller, UT/UK Tobacco Research – 10:00 a.m. & 1:00 pm.
- Foliar Disease Management – Dr. Paul Denton, UT/UK Extension Burley Tobacco Specialist - 10:00 a.m. & 1:00 pm.
- Utilizing Fungicides and Varieties to Control Black Shank, Dr. Steve Bost, UT Extension Plant Pathologist - 11:00 a.m. & 2:00 pm.
- Herbicide Update for Tobacco & Avoiding Herbicide Injury – Andy Bailey, UK/UT Extension Dark Tobacco Specialist - 11:00 a.m. & 2:00 pm.

A Bar-B-Que Lunch, for all participants, is sponsored by the Eastern Dark-Fired Tobacco Association and the Expo exhibitors. There is no registration fee for attending the Tobacco Expo, and it is open to all persons regardless of race, creed or national origin.

For more information on the Tobacco Expo or to reserve a booth space as a vendor, contact: Paul Hart, UT Extension Agent, Robertson County, (615) 384-7936 or pehart@utk.edu.