Advancing Tennessee Through Master Gardener Programs
Welcome to the UT Institute of Agriculture

• You’re part of a statewide organization
• The TN MG program has a rich history
• Your work makes a difference in Tennessee communities
Tennessee Extension Regions

31 Counties

Agents Employed December 31, 2015*

- Western: 84
- Central: 91
- Eastern: 89

Total: 264

*UT and County Paid through UT

UT Agent Staffing Plan FTE’s**

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**Staffing Plan implemented July 1, 2010
Regions established July 1, 2004
MG Roots

• The Master Gardener program was developed in 1972 by Extension Agents at Washington State University.

• UT Extension’s Master Gardener program began in Davidson County in 1986.
MG Purpose

Master Gardener program was never meant to be just a horticulture training program

• Assist County Agents/Educator
  – Demonstration gardens
  – Educational programs
  – Site visits
  – Answer questions (clinics/phones/Web)

• Community Service Projects
Master Gardeners Certified By County

Number of Producers

- 0
- 1 to 50
- 51 to 100
- 101 to 150
- 151 to 200
- 201 to 250
- 251 to 300
- 301 to 350
- 351 to 400
- 401 to 450
- 451 to 500
Delivered by both UT and TSU
2015 MG Impacts

- 2,250 Master Gardeners
- 168,725 volunteer hours
- $3,495,982 value
2015 MG Impacts

- 3,842 consumers learned to properly take a soil test and interpret results
- 3,367 consumers learned to safely apply landscape fertilizers and pesticides
2015 MG Impacts

- 4,838 consumers learned about plant selection and proper planting to save money and time
- 1,619 consumers used best management practices relating to proper pruning and tree maintenance
Not Just an Ag Program

- Agriculture & Natural Resources
  - promoting environmental stewardship
  - educating the general public about horticulture
- Family & Consumer Sciences
  - food preparation
  - food preservation & storage
- 4-H
  - STEM connections