

Agenda

State Technical Committee (STC) Meeting

10 February | 9:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. CST

Tennessee State University (TSU) Farm Pavilion

1513 Ed Temple Blvd Nashville, TN 37208

In-Person Only

If you cannot make it in person, you are encouraged to submit questions, comments, recommendations or updates to Trevor.Hunt@usda.gov

9:00	Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) Welcome, Opening Remarks, Introductions	Trevor Hunt, Assistant State Conservationist for Partnerships, USDA-NRCS Sheldon Hightower, State Conservationist, USDA-NRCS
9:15	Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) Programs Update	Garrett Morris, Assistant State Conservationist for Programs, USDA-NRCS
9:45	Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) Ecological Sciences Update Contour Orchard and other Perennial Crops (331)	Linda Ortiz, State Resource Conservationist, USDA-NRCS Leslie Honicker, State Agronomist, USDA-NRCS
10:05	Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) Emergency Watershed Protection Program Update	Shelby Pearson, Civil/Agricultural Engineer, USDA-NRCS
10:35	Farm Service Agency (FSA) Program Updates	Sarah Smith, Conservation Program Specialist, USDA-FSA
10:45	Break	
11:00	Tennessee Department of Agriculture (TDA) Division of Land & Water Stewardship Update on Projects and Technical or Financial Assistance	Sam Marshall, Program Administrator, TDA
11:30	Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) Feral Swine Eradication and Control Pilot Program	Blaine Hyle, State Director, APHIS
12:00	Partner Updates	
12:30	Closing Remarks	Sheldon Hightower, State Conservationist, USDA-NRCS

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May 12th 2026 | August 11th 2026 | November 17th 2026

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