**TDPA Board Approves Joint Meetings With TCA And Working Agreement to Include Newsletter in TCA Magazine**

At the recent March meeting the board of directors of TDPA agreed to continue holding their Annual Business meeting in conjunction with the Tennessee Cattlemen’s Association for the next two years. The next meeting will be February 2-4, 2016 at the Embassy Suites Hotel in Murfreesboro and the 2017 meeting is scheduled to move to East Tennessee with the location yet to be determined. At the January Annual Meeting in Murfreesboro it was suggested that TDPA pursue the possibility of including their newsletter in the Tennessee Cattlemen’s Magazine. Stan Butt was authorized to check into the possibility and met with the TCA board and presented the proposal. The TCA board unanimously approved the proposal for a two year trial and Stan presented the information to the TDPA board. The proposal was approved for the two year period at no cost to TDPA.

The June issue of Tennessee Cattle Business will include TDPA information and Dairy articles which will coincide with June Dairy Month. All Tennessee Dairy Producers will receive the magazine. Watch for your copy!

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Frank Legrain and Biotic Industries Inc., Bell Buckle, TN (931) 437-2514 producers of automatic calf feeders and Green Earth Solar, Trevor Casey (865) 660-5400 providers of Solar energy systems have stepped up as Platinum Sponsors. Alltech has raised their level of participation to a Platinum Sponsorship and their new market manager, Elizabeth Lunsford, can be reached at elunsford@alltech.com or (859)553-0072. H.J Baker is a new Silver Sponsor and their new account manager, Jacob Sparkman, can be reached at 931-212-3999 or jsparkman@bakerbro.com. River Valley AG CREDIT is a new Bronze Sponsor with the main office in Athens. Call (423)745-8209 for any of their East Tennessee locations.

**Important Dates**

- **June 1, 2015**—Application opens for TAEP Program
- **Late June, TDPA Area Meetings begin**
- **Week of July 20, 2015, - 2nd series of Master Dairy Training**
- **August 11-12, 2015—TFC Farm Fest—LaVergne**
- **Feb. 2-4, 2016—TDPA Annual Meeting—Embassy Suites Hotel, Murfreesboro**

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TDPA Annual Meeting Well Attended– Kicks Off Busy Year

The Tennessee Dairy Producers Association (TDPA) held its Annual meeting in conjunction with the Tennessee Cattlemen’s Association Convention and Trade Show. Approximately ninety attended the morning sessions. Commissioner of Agriculture Julius Johnson spoke about the importance of the dairy industry in Tennessee and commended the TDPA for its work. Forty-three producers attending the morning dairy sessions qualified for one module toward re-certification of the Master Dairy program. An outstanding lunch was provided by Stacy Turner and Boehringer Ingelheim. The Annual Business meeting followed that afternoon at the Embassy Suites Hotel.

The Annual Meeting kicked off a busy winter and spring. TDPA was represented at Southern Dairy Conference in Atlanta, attendance at Master Dairy Producers meetings across the state, open house at Terry Bishop’s Chilhowee Dairy and viewing of the first Robots in Tennessee, Kentucky Dairy Development Council’s Young Dairy Conference in Bowling Green, KY, a tour of the Purina/Land O Lakes Research Farm in St. Louis, MO, Ag on the Hill in Nashville and representation and participation at the annual Tennessee FFA Convention in Gatlinburg.

Message From the President

Spring is here! At least it has finally felt like it here for two consecutive days! TDPA has been extremely busy representing producers at gatherings across the Southeast. I hope we all appreciate the value in being “at the table” consistently. Look for details in this and upcoming newsletters. Our Annual Meeting in Murfreesboro was well attended and plans are underway to hold our 2016 Annual Meeting in conjunction with Tennessee Cattlemen’s Association again. At this point we will have a rotation of 2 years in Murfreesboro and 1 year in East Tennessee. If you have suggestions for this meeting please let one of our board members or Stan know. Suggestions for speakers or topics are also welcome. Again thank you for your support and confidence in our association. John Bayless