

**AG NOTES**  
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**FARMERS MARKET**

It's still doing well. We had sixteen vendors last week and a lot of variety. Our customers came out in the heat in good numbers, and it was an active market.

If you need fresh produce, baked goods, jams and jellies, honey and other items, all farm fresh and produced in the middle Tennessee area, come to the market on Thursday at the Pavilion on Celebration Drive next to the big blue water tower at the Celebration Grounds.

We have a starting time of 2:30, with no early sales. This makes it fair to all of the vendors to be able to set up in time. See you there!

**ARMYWORMS AGAIN**

I'm repeating myself some here. I had a friend not far from here that went off for a four-day trip last week and came back to a hay crop that had been stripped and devoured. That's not a good thing at all.

I wanted to share again the pictures of the adult moth and the armyworm so that you can be aware of what they look like. We need to be alert and scout for these critters.

And I am able to share the several references from Dr. Scott Stewart, who is the director of the Research and Education Center at Jackson. And Dr. Stewart is an entomologist as well and is a wealth of information on treating for these armyworms. I'll be glad to share with anyone, just give me a call at 684-5971 or email me at [jteague1@utk.edu](mailto:jteague1@utk.edu). There are several options and too much to put here, but I'll be glad to send them on request. Also, here is a link to one of our insect control guides for field crops. <https://utbeef.tennessee.edu/wp-content/uploads/sites/127/2021/03/PB1768.pdf>

Armyworms can show up literally in a matter of hours and devour a hay field or soybeans or many other crops in a relatively short time. They eat many types of plants as growing larvae and have a huge appetite. When they are anywhere in the state, they can pop up anywhere due to migration of the adult moth and we've had them here in the past. Be on the lookout. I've attached photos for identification. If you see the adult moth, the larvae won't be far behind.



**Figure 3.** Fall armyworm adult moth.

## **HAY CROP**

This hay crop looks pretty good to me. We've gotten rain for the most part and we've seen a lot of bales, both round and small bales. In contrast, the folks in the west have been fighting the drouth and they have been very short on hay. I have not heard much about them looking for hay from our area, but if and when I do, I'll pass it on.

I did have one conversation with a local farmer that had some information, but it's too early to really know what the need is and how we may be able to address it. There may be a market, and there may be opportunity for donations. Either way, I'll let you know.

And we may be experiencing some dry weather and who knows, it may go on for a long time, causing us to hold on to what we've got. Let's hope not.

## **FALL SEASON GARDENS**

We've got some vegetables that do well in the fall. Here is the link to a handy publication on fall season vegetables that you might want to consider to extend your garden season. This is a really good source of information.

Go to <https://extension.tennessee.edu/publications/Documents/SP291-G.pdf> I will be happy to help you get a copy if you aren't able to get this online. Send me an email or call me at the office at 684-5971.