

University of Tennessee Institute of Agriculture Update
Faculty Senate Meeting
October 15, 2018

- Interviews have been concluded for three finalists for the position of Dean, AgResearch. The search committee meets Friday to develop their list of acceptable candidates with strengths and weaknesses, and online evaluation feedback from all faculty and staff is open until Friday as well.
- Four of our units will participate in the Big Orange Give Day on November 14: Herbert College of Agriculture, College of Veterinary Medicine, UT Gardens, and 4-H Youth Development
- Ag Day was held on Saturday, September 22 prior to the UT/Florida football game. Approximately 1,100 alumni, stakeholders, and other guests visited the Institute and three awards were presented: Tennessee Farmer of the Year (Johnny Verell), Horizon Award (Colleen Cruz Bhatti) and Distinguished Service Award (Ed Carter).
- Institute-wide metrics are being finalized to measure our progress in achieving our strategic plan. Definitions and data sources are established, and baseline figures for the prior year are known. The metrics are associated with our 6 goals:
 - a. Drive discovery
 - b. Expand real life learning
 - c. Rapidly deploy solutions
 - d. Deliver programs that improve lives
 - e. Grow and diversify resources
 - f. Improve Institute effectiveness