



About the instructor: 

Dr. Bob Cohen works with the Braintree Business Development Center, a non-profit business incubator and entrepreneurship program headquartered in Mansfield,

Ohio. He spent a decade working for an international cooperative development agency helping people start and maintain cooperatives throughout the world. For more than twenty years he taught a college-level course about cooperatives for The Ohio State University.



About the luncheon speaker:



Charlie Hatcher, D.V.M. was sworn in as Tennessee's 38th Commissioner of Agriculture on January 19, 2019. Appointed by Governor Bill Lee, Dr. Hatcher is a tenth generation

American farmer and a fifth generation Tennessee farmer. Prior to becoming Commissioner, he served for ten years as the State Veterinarian for the TN Department of Agriculture. In that role, he protected the health and welfare of animals within the state and promoted the marketability of animals and animal products. Dr. Hatcher founded Rock-N-Country Veterinary Services in College Grove, TN in 1993, specializing in livestock. The veterinary practice is now managed by this daughter, Jennifer, who is also a veterinarian. The Hatchers are well known in the dairy and agritourism industries, too. In 2007, Hatcher Family Dairy began bottling its own milk and today provides milk and milk products to customers in Middle TN. Hatcher's son, Charles, serves as president of the business. Dr. Hatcher earned a Doctorate of Veterinary Medicine from the University of Tennessee at Knoxville (1984) and a B.S. in Animal Science from Middle Tennessee State University (1980). He lives on the family farm in College Grove (est. 1831) with his wife of over forty years, Sharon. His daughter and son also live on the farm with their families.



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- Scott Morgan Farmers Cooperative
- Sequatchie Valley Electric Cooperative
- Sequatchie Farmers Cooperative
- Smith Farmers Cooperative
- Smoky Mountain Farmers Cooperative
- Southeast Select Sires Southeastern Farmers Cooperative
- Southwest TN Electric Membership Corporation
- Sumner Farmers Cooperative
- Tennessee Farm Bureau
- Tennessee Farmers Cooperative
- Tennessee Valley Electric Cooperative
- Tipton Farmers Cooperative
- Tri-County Electric Membership Corporation
- Tri-State Electric Membership Corporation
- Tri-State Growers
- Twin Lakes Telephone Cooperative
- Union Farmers Cooperative
- United Farm and Home
- United Producers, LLC
- Upper Cumberland Electric Membership Corp
- Volunteer Energy Cooperative
- Warren Farmers Cooperative
- Washington Farmers Cooperative
- Wayne Farmers Cooperative
- Weakley Farmers Cooperative
- White County Farmers Cooperative
- Wilson Farmers Cooperative
- WK&T Telephone Cooperative



2023

**TENNESSEE COUNCIL OF COOPERATIVES
COOPERATIVE 101
TRAINING WORKSHOP**

**Thursday, August 24
8:00 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.**

**Location:
Tennessee Farm Bureau
Federation
147 Bear Creek Pike
Columbia, TN 38401**

**A COMPREHENSIVE TRAINING PROGRAM
FOR ALL EMPLOYEES OF ANY TYPE OF
COOPERATIVE BUSINESS**

**DESIGNED TO HELP COOPERATIVE
EMPLOYEES BETTER RELATE TO THEIR
CUSTOMER-MEMBERS.**



Tennessee Council of Cooperatives Cooperative 101 Training Workshop Thursday, August 24, 2023

- 8 - 8:15 a.m. Registration and Refreshments
8:15 a.m. Welcome - Charlie Boring, TCC President
8:30 a.m. Morning Session
Cooperative Basics - Dr. Bob Cohen, Brain Tree Business Development
- 11:30 a.m. Luncheon with members of the Tennessee Council of Cooperatives
Luncheon Host - Charlie Boring, TCC President
Luncheon Speaker - Charlie Hatcher, Commissioner of Agriculture
- 1:00 p.m. Afternoon Session
Cooperative Basics - Dr. Bob Cohen, Brain Tree Business Development
- 2:30 p.m. Wrap-up

Topics to be covered: Types of Businesses; Definition of Cooperatives; The Need for Cooperatives; History of Cooperatives; Common Types of Cooperatives; Cooperative Principles; Role of Directors; Role of Employees; Challenges Facing Cooperatives

Continuing Education Units (CEUs) can be earned by participants from certain types of cooperatives, including electric.

About the program:

Employees of cooperatives play a critical role in the success of cooperatives. It is important for every employee to know what makes cooperatives different from other forms of business and why cooperatives were formed to meet the economic needs of their member-owners.

Accommodations:

A block of rooms has been reserved for the night of August 23, 2023 at the Sleep Inn Columbia, 1605 Harley Davidson, Blvd., Columbia, TN 38401. Please call the hotel directly at (912) 548-2900 to make your reservation. Ask for the Tennessee Council of Cooperatives Room Block.

Tennessee Council of Cooperatives Cooperative 101 Training Workshop Registration Form

(Registration Deadline: Thursday, Aug. 10, 2023)

Name: _____

Cooperative: _____

Address: _____

City, State, ZIP: _____

Phone: _____

E-Mail: _____

Cost: \$100 per TCC member participant.

Cost: \$125 per non TCC member participant.

TCC cannot make credit card transactions.

Make checks payable to Tennessee Council of Cooperatives, or, if you prefer, TCC will invoice you or your cooperative. Registration can be made by e-mail to barbarabtc@bledsoe.net, by fax at 423-447-6853, or by mail at the address below:

Barbara Davis
TCC Administrative Secretary-Treasurer
P.O. Box 609, Pikeville, TN 37367

____ Please check here if you want TCC to invoice you for your registration.

Registration for this workshop also implies consent for TCC to use any photos/videos/etc. that may be taken of the attendee at the event.

For more information, call Barbara Davis at
423-447-1222
or e-mail at: barbarabtc@bledsoe.net