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**SHELBY COUNTY GOVERNMENT PARTNERS WITH AGRICULTURE EXPERTS
TO HOST COUNTY'S FIRST "SUMMER AG DAY" IN DOWNTOWN MEMPHIS**

The free family-friendly event features farm animals, agriculture demonstrations, and themed giveaways in Civic Center Plaza.

Shelby County, TN – Mayor Lee Harris has announced a new opportunity for local residents to learn about the multi-billion dollar agriculture industry in Shelby County. The 2021 Summer Ag Day celebrates the farmers, agricultural businesses, and innovations in farming and ag-tech that make Shelby County a renowned leader in agriculture. On August 27, 2021, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., children and families will be invited to play farm-themed games, meet live farm animals, and explore demonstrations from partners like Agricenter International, University of Tennessee Agricultural Extension agency, Helena Agri-Enterprises, and the Shelby County Farm Bureau.

Other interactive opportunities will include lessons about gardening from the Shelby County Community Gardens and the Black Seeds Urban Farm located in Uptown. School-aged children will learn about producing healthy foods while sampling delicious smoothies. Plus, the Blue Day bluegrass band will keep attendees dancing with their eclectic acoustic music.

Mayor Lee Harris: “Shelby County is an agricultural powerhouse, and the proud home to small, family-owned farms and large producers. That’s why we set out to highlight our agricultural roots right in the heart of Downtown Memphis. Our Summer Ag Day will welcome residents of all ages to learn about this \$15.6 billion industry, career opportunities, and why agriculture is such an essential part of the fabric of our county.”

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John Butler, president Agricenter International: “I’m thrilled to invite residents to learn more about the work of the Agricenter and the agribusiness and education programs that are located on our 1,000-acre farm. Because of our collaboration with the University of Tennessee and other renowned partners, Shelby County is a regional leader in agriculture and agriculture education.”

To attend the free 2021 Summer Ag Day, residents and visitors are encouraged to register at <http://summeragday.eventbrite.com>.

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