

Student Cattlemen - Cow Patty Bingo



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The award-winning Tennessee Soybean Festival in Martin is in its 26th year. The festival honors the historical soybean crops that impact the economy of Tennessee.

This year, like as in years past, will host a crowd of more than 40,000 people from all walks of life.

The 2019 Tennessee Soybean Festival is launching a new event, "The Students Cattleman's Event," which will be held at UT Martin Farms, and located at the Smith Center, on Sept. 7 with the main event being the "Cow Patty Bingo."

The arena will be converted to a bingo board with bingo squares that are sponsored by local businesses. One of these sponsors is "Willow Stump



Farms" of Dresden, locally owned by principal broker and owner of Wendell Alexander Realty Alex Bynum and Weakley County Mayor Jake Bynum.

The event begins with cows entering the arena, which will be transformed into bingo squares, and the cow that drops a patty on a particular square will be the winning square.

Children are invited to learn about agriculture and farm animals through the Soybean Festival

event. Food and beverages will be available, along with fun games and prizes for the whole family.

The focus of this event is UT Martin agriculture education that is an important organization for the university. Proceeds from the event will go to the winner, Student Cattleman Association, agriculture education program and the Tennessee Soybean Festival.

The Student Cattleman's program is one of the largest

agricultural organizations at UTM, with about 50 members, monthly meetings and guest speakers that provide insight on the industry's future. In January, the team was a part of the Tennessee Cattleman's Convention in Murfreesboro. This year they will be attending one of the largest cattle shows on the East Coast held in Louisville, Kentucky called NAILE.

Spearheading this event are Erin Mahoney, president; Jenna Beaty, vice president; Clint Isbel, treasurer; Alayna Turbyfield, secretary; and Tayton Hudson, events coordinator/fundraising chair. The faculty adviser is Dr. Emalee Buttrey.

The Tennessee Soybean Festival welcomes the agriculture education program with the Student Cattleman's main event the "Cow Patty Bingo."

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