



TENNESSEE FARM BUREAU FEDERATION

February 28, 2025

Doug Murphy
Executive Director
Tennessee Duck River Development Agency
210 E. Depot St.
Shelbyville, TN 37160

Re: Duck River Water-Use Efficiency Program Scope of Work; Request for Comment

Dear Mr. Murphy:

The Tennessee Farm Bureau Federation (TFBF) appreciates the opportunity to comment on the Tennessee Duck River Development Agency's (DRA) draft Scope of Work regarding the implementation of the Duck River Water-Use Efficiency Program. On behalf of our member producers, we are eager to ensure the agricultural community is part of the solution to address water use efficiency strategies.

DRA is seeking input to ensure their Scope of Work is all-encompassing and considers all factors and areas impacted by water use in the Duck River. TFBF looks forward to working with DRA and other stakeholders throughout the process of updating the Water Use Efficiency Study to make sure agricultural uses of water in the Duck River continue to be considered and prioritized.

Agricultural uses of water are crucial to the production of food, fiber, and fuel. Some of southern middle Tennessee's most productive farmland can be found along the Duck River, and farmers along the river rely on it as a crucial water source for the products they grow. As DRA and other stakeholders consider water use along the Duck River and ways to respond to higher demand for water in the Duck River, TFBF urges DRA to ensure agricultural uses do not get left behind. We look forward to engaging in the ongoing conversations as the Scope of Work is planned and implemented.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Eric Mayberry".

Eric Mayberry
President
Tennessee Farm Bureau Federation