

**UNIVERSITY OF TENNESSEE INSTITUTE OF AGRICULTURE**  
**POLICY ON HUNTING AND FISHING AT**  
**AGRESEARCH AND EDUCATION CENTERS AND 4-H CENTERS**

**SECTION 1. OBJECTIVES**

The objectives of this policy are to:

1. Provide a uniform basis on which the University of Tennessee Institute of Agriculture will regulate hunting (harvesting) and fishing on AgResearch and Education Centers and 4-H Centers (collectively "UTIA Centers") to preserve the property for the advancement of the University of Tennessee's principal missions of teaching, research, and service;
2. Regulate wildlife populations on UTIA Centers in cooperation and in balance with various land, water, and forest management objectives; and
3. Promote a safe environment for persons invited to hunt or fish on UTIA Centers.

**SECTION 2. PERSONS PERMITTED TO HUNT OR FISH ON UTIA CENTERS**

UTIA Centers are not open for hunting or fishing by members of the general public. Only persons who have received permission from the Director of the UTIA Center (Director) are permitted to hunt or fish on the UTIA Center or to be present in an area in which hunting or fishing is occurring. Permission to hunt or fish or to be present while hunting or fishing is occurring generally is limited to: (1) University employees, University alumni, University financial supporters, and their friends and family; (2) persons invited to hunts organized by the UTIA Center (with the prior approval of the appropriate Dean); (3) persons participating in 4-H activities; and (4) persons participating in hunts organized by the Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency (TWRA) (Section 5).

**SECTION 3. RULES FOR PERSONS PERMITTED TO HUNT OR FISH**

As a condition of being permitted to hunt or fish:

1. All persons must conduct hunting and fishing activities, techniques and harvests in accordance with the laws and regulations of the State of Tennessee, including without limitation the rules and regulations of the TWRA, the policies of the University of Tennessee (including, without limitation, the UTIA Center), and local ordinances; and
2. All persons must conduct hunting and fishing activities, techniques and harvests within with the scope of, and subject to the terms and conditions of, the permission granted by the Director to hunt or fish (e.g., times; frequency; areas of the property; requirement to be accompanied by a University employee; requirement to sign an agreement holding the University of Tennessee harmless for, and releasing claims for, damages or injuries occurring while using University property).

The Director may revoke a person's permission to hunt or fish or to be present on University property based on: (1) the failure of a person (or a person's friend or family member) to comply with this policy; (2) exceeding the scope of, or violating the terms and conditions of, the Director's permission to hunt or fish; or (3) for other reasons that are in the best interests of the University.

**SECTION 4. AREAS OPEN FOR HUNTING**

Through this policy, the Chancellor of the University of Institute of Agriculture delegates to each Director the authority to determine which area(s) of the UTIA Center, if any, are open for hunting and the terms and conditions on which hunting or fishing may occur.

**SECTION 5. TWRA-ORGANIZED HUNTS**

With the permission of the Director, a UTIA Center may be used by the TWRA for youth hunts and hunter education safety courses organized, supervised, and sponsored by the TWRA. The Director will set the terms and conditions upon which the TWRA is permitted to use the UTIA Center (e.g., requiring participants to sign waivers of liability and/or acknowledgements that the event is not organized, supervised, or sponsored by the University of Tennessee).