

## **Meet Tennessee Farm Fresh Producer of the Month: Ken Oakes with Oakes Daylilies**

**If you ever find yourself in East Tennessee, especially in the month of June, it might pay off for you to stop by Oakes Daylilies located in Corryton, a community outside of Knoxville. Ken Oakes is the third generation to be operating the family business, along with 16 other staff members. They hold the title as one of the largest daylily nurseries in the country, and because of this they attract people from over 36 states to attend their Annual Daylily Festival in June of every year. At this event everyone attending receives a free daylily; there are many chances to win prizes, along with entertainment, food and contests.**



**Oakes Daylilies grows over 1500 varieties of daylilies. They come in every color except blue or green, and many different shapes and sizes. If you are ever hungry and around a daylily, you may just be in luck because they are not only beautiful, they are edible as well. Daylilies are known to be an easy and hardy plant to grow, and in Tennessee we have a perfect climate to accommodate these flowers. In addition to daylilies, at Oakes Daylilies you will also find a variety of perennials, Hostas, peonies, and ornamental grasses.**

**In addition to the activities the daylilies were bringing to the farm, in 2001 The Corn Maze & Pumpkin Patch @ Oakes Farm was added to attract people in the fall season. The Corn Maze and Pumpkin Patch @ Oakes Farm offers corn maze fun, pumpkins, and fall decorations, along with other entertainment and events for the family. The Oakes Farm has a lot to offer in diversity, and could benefit your decorative side during many seasons throughout the year.**

**The Annual Daylily Festival is held Friday and Saturday, June 26 & 27, 2009 from 9:00am-3:00pm. If interested in purchasing these products, you can order online at [www.oakesdaylilies.com](http://www.oakesdaylilies.com), or give them a call at 1-800-532-9545 (toll free), local (865) 687-3770.**

