



Fact Sheet

- The first Tomato Festival was in 1984. This year marks our 28th anniversary.
- The festival is sponsored by the Lauderdale Chamber/ECD.
- The festival features many activities that are fun for the entire family.
- The festival will be held in the Ripley City Park and downtown area.
- The opening ceremonies will be at 10:00 am on July 8th and the festival will continue through July 9th at 12am.
- Lauderdale Chamber/ECD & the City of Ripley will host a Chamber Coffee at the TKS Fitness Center on Friday, July 8th from 7:30 - 9a.m.
- Food, Craft & General vendors booths are available for a nominal fee.
- Golf Tournament is on Wednesday, July 6th at Rolling Hills Country Club. Tee time is 1:00 p.m.
- Don't miss the Tomato Tasting on Friday, July 8th ~ 11am-1pm (Shuttle available).
- Don't miss the 5K Run/Walk on Saturday morning at 7am - race begins at Lauderdale Community Hospital parking lot.
- Don't miss the Tomato Contest on Friday, July 8th at 1p.m. at Region Bank (entries accepted Wednesday, July 6th ~ Friday, July 8th 12 noon)
- Local talent & Main Stage entertainment will be performing on July 8th - July 9th.

Mainstage Entertainment: July 7th-Thurs. Night - Soul Shockers - Downtown Court Square; Ripley City Park: July 8th-Tri-State Idol Competition & Cedar Hill Boyz, July 9th-Sat. night - Burning Las Vegas 7:00pm-11pm

- Don't miss the Saturday Salad & Methodist Market - FUMC Activities Building. Saturday Salad~ 11am - 1pm (\$8.00) Methodist Market 10:30am-1pm (Shuttle available - sponsored by Board of Education & Buster Newman).
- Don't miss the Pistol Shoot on Saturday, July 9th - FOP Building 7:30am (registration 7am)
- Don't miss the Baby Crawling Contest on Saturday, 9:00am - Main Stage
- Enjoy the carnival rides, entertainment and the many different events going on during the festival. For a complete schedule, contact the Chamber at 635-9541 or visit the website at www.lauderdalecountyttn.org.

There are numerous growers of tomatoes in Lauderdale County. This labor intensive crop, using the latest technology, enables these specialty producers to not only produce income, but also enjoy working with the soil. Staked plants grown on highly productive soils develop large fruits which ripen to a flavorful deep red color. Our tomatoes are a favorite throughout the Eastern United States. Tomatoes grown here have become popular, and a ready market is always available during the growing season. **The Lauderdale Chamber/ECD salutes our tomato industry and says thank you!!!!**