

Farm weddings are gaining in popularity as couples seek to make their special day unique. Hosting a wedding on a farm is also another way landowners can share their beautiful surroundings with others and increase their supplemental income.

So, what options do you have on a farm for weddings? There is always the barn and that is the popular choice. People prefer the traditional red barn over other versions. Brides and grooms who choose this type of informal atmosphere for their wedding like the rustic, lived-in surroundings of barns. For seating, farm weddings use benches or hay bales.

Farm lands that include scenic views, open spaces, groves of trees and historic farm structures are also perfect places to say, "I do." Create an archway in the middle of a pecan orchard or move the archway to the pond for a beautiful backdrop.

Keller's Country Weddings in Dickson, TN started in March of 2011. They built a barn just for weddings and in the first year hosted four weddings and have 14 scheduled for the 2014 year. They offer the bride and groom a choice of three wedding plans: the farm hand package, the farmer's cousin package and the farmer's daughter package.

The farm hand package is for the budget minded and includes a barn with benches for the wedding. The farmer's cousin package includes barn with benches, picnic tables, serving tables, an old wagon and a wooden arch. The farmer's daughter's package is identical to the previous but also adds a 30 x 60 tent and more tables for a larger crowd.

Every bride wants a bridal suite for preparing for her big day and there is no disappoint at Keller's. They have created a special suite for the bride and her party.

The wedding couple can also have their photographer take engagement pictures at the farm. For a price the farm supplies all the props for farm type weddings including the barn, bales of hay, tractor, pond and pitchfork just to name a few.

Still Hollow Farms in Greenville, TN offers 1800's farm structures and all the things you'd expect from a centuries old farm as a backdrop for the perfect wedding. They too offer a variety of settings to select from.

If you are already hosting weddings on your property, the LSU AgCenter would like to help you comply with the 2008 Agritourism Limited Liability Law that lists farm visits as an activity that can be covered by the law. If you are interested in adding farm weddings also call us and we will be happy to help.

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