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**East Tennessee Historical Society Honors Nowell Farms  
With History Awards of Excellence**

KNOXVILLE, Tenn., June 18, 2015 – The East Tennessee Historical Society’s (ETHS) annual Awards of Excellence were presented at the organization’s Annual Meeting on June 4, 2015 at the Foundry on the Fair Site in Knoxville. Since 1982, the Society has been annually recognizing individuals and organizations that have made significant contributions to the preservation, promotion, programming and interpretation of the region’s history. Nowell Farms of Overton County was among the 27 award recipients.

**Mark and Marie Nowell**, of **Nowell Farms**, were the recipients of a ***Community History Award*** from the East Tennessee Historical Society for excellence in the preservation of the region’s history. Now a thoroughly modern farm, Nowell Farms keeps the past alive and shares it with the public, sometimes operating pieces of old equipment alongside the modern. At least once a year, they bring out their old equipment for a day of public demonstrations. “The Nowells are to be commended for this delightful and memorable way of engaging the public with history,” says ChereL Henderson, ETHS executive director.

**About the East Tennessee Historical Society:**

Established in 1834, the East Tennessee Historical Society has 2,000 members across the United States. Its active publications program includes the biannual genealogy magazine *Tennessee Ancestors*; the annual *Journal of East Tennessee History*; and *Newslines*, as well as other books pertaining to the region’s history. The Society also sponsors the Museum of East Tennessee History, East Tennessee National History Day, and the family heritage programs “First Families of Tennessee” and “Civil War Families of Tennessee.”

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