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## Statutory Agricultural Lien Rapid Finder Chart: *Tennessee*

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TYPE OF LIEN/CLAIMANT	LIEN CLAIMANT	ATTACHED PROPERTY	POSSESSION REQUIRED	FILING REQUIRED	DATE LIEN ATTACHES	EXPRESS STATUTORY PRIORITY
<b>LIEN FOR CRUEL TRANSPORTATION OR CONFINEMENT OF ANIMAL</b>  <b>TENN. CODE ANN. § 39-14-202</b>	STATE FOR NECESSARY EXPENSES INCURRED BY OFFICER WHO TAKES CHARGE OF AND/OR SUSTAINS A VEHICLE WHICH CONTAINS ANIMAL BEING TRANSPORTED OR CONFINED	THE VEHICLE, CONTENTS, AND ANIMALS	YES	NO	NOT SPECIFIED	NONE
<b>LIEN OF SOCIETIES FOR THE PREVENTION OF CRUELTY TO ANIMALS</b>  <b>TENN. CODE ANN. § 39-14-210</b>	HUMANE SOCIETIES CHARTERED BY THE STATE OF TENNESSEE	ANIMALS TAKEN INTO CUSTODY BY A HUMANE SOCIETY	NO	NO	NOT SPECIFIED	NONE
<b>LIEN FOR COTTON BOLL WEEVIL ASSESSMENT</b>  <b>TENN. CODE ANN. § 43-6-426</b>	TENNESSEE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE	REAL AND PERSONAL PROPERTY OWNED BY THE COTTON GROWER	NO	YES, A NOTICE OF A LIEN FOR PAYMENT OF THE CLAIM MUST BE RECORDED IN THE OFFICE OF THE APPROPRIATE COUNTY REGISTER OF DEEDS AS PROVIDED IN TENN. CODE ANN. § 67-1-1403, WHICH PROVIDES FOR THE NOTICE TO BE FILED	NOT SPECIFIED	SUPERIOR TO ALL LIENS AND SECURITY INTERESTS CREATED UNDER TENNESSEE LAW EXCEPT FOR THOSE SPECIFIED IN TENN. CODE ANN. § 67-1-1403(c)(1)-(5)
<b>LIEN OF WAREHOUSE PROPRIETYOR ON TOBACCO</b>  <b>TENN. CODE ANN. § 43-19-217</b>	WAREHOUSE PROPRIETOR	ALL TOBACCO, PROCEEDS FOR FEES, AND CHARGES ON THE TOBACCO	IMPLIEDLY NO	NO	NOT SPECIFIED	NONE



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<b>LIEN FOR TRESPASSING LIVESTOCK OR STOCK RUNNING AT LARGE</b> <b>TENN. CODE ANN. §§ 44-8-305; 44-8-401 – 44-8-402</b>	PERSON WHOSE PROPERTY IS DAMAGED BY LIVESTOCK TRESPASSING OR RUNNING AT LARGE	LIVESTOCK	NO	NO	NOT SPECIFIED	NONE
<b>WAREHOUSE LIEN</b> <b>TENN. CODE ANN. §§ 47-7-209 – 47-7-210</b>	WAREHOUSE	GOODS COVERED BY A WAREHOUSE RECEIPT OR STORAGE AGREEMENT OR PROCEEDS THEREOF	YES, LIEN IS LOST IF WAREHOUSE VOLUNTARILY DELIVERS OR UNJUSTIFIABLY REFUSES TO DELIVER	ENFORCEABLE BY COMMERCIALY REASONABLE SALE	THE DATE OF THE WAREHOUSE RECEIPT OR STORAGE AGREEMENT	ENFORCEABLE BY COMMERCIALY REASONABLE SALE
<b>CARRIER'S LIEN</b> <b>TENN. CODE ANN. §§ 47-7-307 – 47-7-308</b>	CARRIER	GOODS COVERED BY A BILL OF LADING ON PROCEEDS THEREOF	YES, LIEN IS LOST IF CARRIER VOLUNTARILY DELIVERS OR UNJUSTIFIABLY REFUSES TO DELIVER	ENFORCEABLE BY COMMERCIALY REASONABLE SALE	AFTER THE DATE OF THE CARRIER'S RECEIPT OF THE GOODS FOR STORAGE OR TRANSPORTATION	ENFORCEABLE BY COMMERCIALY REASONABLE SALE
<b>VETERINARIAN'S LIEN</b> <b>TENN. CODE ANN. § 63-12-134</b>	LICENSED VETERINARIAN WHO HAS TREATED, BOARDED OR CARED FOR AN ANIMAL	ANIMAL	PERMITTED, BUT NOT REQUIRED	NO	NOT SPECIFIED	NONE, BUT ENFORCEABLE BY A COMMERCIALY REASONABLE PRIVATE OR PUBLIC SALE OF THE ANIMAL



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<p><b>MECHANICS' AND MATERIALMEN'S LIEN</b></p> <p><b>TENN. CODE ANN. §§ 66-11-101 – 66-11-108</b></p>	<p>ANY PERSON WHO HAS PROVIDED LABOR, SERVICES, OR MATERIALS FOR IMPROVEMENT OF REAL PROPERTY</p>	<p>ANY LOT OR TRACT OF REAL PROPERTY WHERE AN IMPROVEMENT HAS BEEN MADE</p>	<p>NO</p>	<p>NOT REQUIRED FOR CREATION OF THE LIEN, BUT TENN. CODE ANN. § 66-11-111 PERMITS THAT THE LIENOR'S WRITTEN CONTRACT, SETTING FORTH THE CONTRACT PRICE AND DESCRIPTION OF THE REAL PROPERTY, BE RECORDED IN THE LIEN BOOK IN THE REGISTER OF DEEDS OF THE COUNTY WHERE THE REAL PROPERTY OR ANY PART OF THE AFFECTED REAL PROPERTY IS LOCATED FOR PURPOSES OF PRIORITY</p> <p>THE NOTICE FROM TENN. CODE ANN. § 66-11-205 MUST BE PROVIDED TO THE OWNER OR OWNERS OF THE REAL PROPERTY BY THE PRIME CONTRACTOR</p>	<p>FROM THE TIME OF THE VISIBLE COMMENCEMENT OF OPERATIONS, EXCLUDING CERTAIN TYPES OF WORK LISTED IN TENN. CODE ANN. § 66-11-104</p> <p>IF THERE IS A VISIBLE CESSATION OF MORE THAN NINETY DAYS AND THEN THE WORK IS RESUMED, ANY LIEN FOR LABOR PERFORMED OR FOR MATERIALS FURNISHED AFTER THE VISIBLE RESUMPTION OF OPERATIONS SHALL ATTACH AND BE EFFECTIVE ONLY FROM THE VISIBLE RESUMPTION OF OPERATIONS</p>	<p>LABORER'S LIEN HAS PRIORITY OVER ALL OTHER LIENS CREATED BY THIS CHAPTER OF THE TENN. CODE ANN. § 66-11-107</p> <p>SUPERIOR TO MORTGAGE TAKEN FOR AN IMPROVEMENT IF CONDITIONS OF TENN. CODE ANN. § 66-11-1018 ARE MET</p> <p>SUPERIOR TO JUDGMENT LIEN OF RECORD IF THE LIEN IS FIXED ON REAL PROPERTY IN GOOD FAITH AND WITHOUT COLLUSION</p>
<p><b>LANDLORD'S LIEN ON CROPS</b></p> <p><b>TENN. CODE ANN. §§ 66-12-101 – 66-12-112</b></p>	<p>LANDLORD OR PERSON CONTROLLING LAND BY A LEASE OR OTHERWISE</p>	<p>ALL CROPS GROWN ON THE LAND DURING THE YEAR</p>	<p>NO</p>	<p>NO</p>	<p>NOT SPECIFIED</p>	<p>SUPERIOR TO ANY OTHER ENCUMBRANCE, LIEN, LEVY, OR CONTRACT ON THE CROPS</p>
<p><b>LABORER'S LIEN ON CROPS</b></p> <p><b>TENN. CODE ANN. §§ 66-12-113 – 66-12-115; 66-21-101</b></p>	<p>PERSON WHO CONTRACTS TO PERFORM LABOR OR RENDER SERVICES IN THE CULTIVATION OF SOIL FOR CROP PRODUCTION</p>	<p>CROPS PRODUCED WITH THE LABOR OR SERVICES OF THE LIEN CLAIMANT</p>	<p>NO</p>	<p>NO</p>	<p>DATE OF PLANTING CROPS</p>	<p>SECOND ONLY TO A LANDLORD'S LIEN ON THE CROPS</p>



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<b>EMPLOYEES' LIEN ON BUSINESS PROPERTY</b> <b>TENN. CODE ANN. §§ 66-13-101 – 66-13-103; 66-21-101</b>	EMPLOYEES OR LABORERS OF A CORPORATE OR PARTNERSHIP BUSINESS	ALL PROPERTY OF THE CORPORATION OR PARTNERSHIP	NO	NO	NOT SPECIFIED	SUPERIOR TO ALL OTHER LIENS, EXCEPT A VENDOR'S LIEN OR THE LIEN OF A MORTGAGE, OR DEED OF TRUST, TO SECURE PURCHASE MONEY
<b>ARTISAN'S LIEN</b> <b>TENN. CODE ANN. §§ 66-14-101 – 66-15-107</b>	ARTISANS, INCLUDING BALCKSMITHS, WHO WORK FOR THE GENERAL PUBLIC	PROPERTY LEFT IN THE POSSESSION OF THE ARTISAN FOR REPAIR, DEVELOPMENT, IMPROVEMENT OR PROCESSING, EXCEPT FOR WORK DONE ON A MOTOR VEHICLE	YES	NO	NOT SPECIFIED	NONE, BUT MAY SELL THE PROPERTY LEFT IN THEIR POSSESSION AT THE EXPIRATION OF SIX MONTHS FROM THE TIME OF THE CONTRACT AND HAVING HAD THE PROPERTY LEFT WITH THEM
<b>COTTON GINNER'S LIEN</b> <b>TENN. CODE ANN. §§ 66-15-101 – 66-15-103; 66-21-101</b>	COTTON GINNER	COTTON GINNED AND BALED	NOT SPECIFIED	NO	NOT SPECIFIED	SECOND ONLY TO LANDLORD'S AND FURNISHER'S LIENS ON THE COTTON
<b>TEXTILE PROCESSOR'S LIEN</b> <b>TENN. CODE ANN. §§ 66-15-102; 66-21-101</b>	PERSONS OR CORPORATIONS WHICH PROCESS COTTON, SILK, ARTIFICIAL SILK, WOOL, SYNTHETIC FIBERS, OR GOODS WHICH INCLUDE THESE MATERIALS	MATERIALS LEFT IN THE POSSESSION OF THE PROCESSOR	YES	NO	NOT SPECIFIED	NONE, BUT PERMISSIBLE TO EXPOSE THE COLLATERAL TO PUBLIC AUCTION IF AMOUNT DUE IS NOT PAID WITHIN TWO MONTHS AFTER IT BECOMES DUE
<b>LIEN ON ANIMALS FOR CARE</b> <b>TENN. CODE ANN. §§ 66-20-101; 66-20-103; 66-20-106; 66-21-101</b>	FARMERS WHO PROVIDE PASTURE, LIVERY STABLE KEEPERS, AND COMMERCIAL FEED LOT PROPRIETORS AND OPERATORS	ANIMALS AND VEHICLES PROVIDED WITH CARE	NOT SPECIFIED FOR THE STATUTORY LIEN	NO	NOT SPECIFIED	NONE
<b>LIEN ON FEMALE ANIMAL FOR SERVICE OF MALE</b> <b>TENN. CODE ANN. §§ 66-20-102; 66-21-101</b>	FARMER WHO PROVIDES A MALE ANIMAL FOR SERVICES OR PROVIDES PASTURE FOR A FEMALE ANIMAL	FEMALE ANIMAL PROVIDED WITH THE SERVICE OF A JACK, BULL, RAM, BOAR, STUD, OR STALLION; FEMALE ANIMAL PROVIDED WITH PASTURE	NO	NO	NOT SPECIFIED	NONE



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<b>LIEN ON OFFSPRING FOR SERVICE OF MALE ANIMAL</b>  <b>TENN. CODE ANN. §§ 66-20-104 – 66-20-105; 66-21-101</b>	KEEPER OF A JACK, BULL, RAM, BOAR, STUD, OR STALLION WHICH SERVICES A FEMALE ANIMAL	OFFSPRING OF JACKS AND BULLS FOR TWO YEARS FROM THE BIRTH OF THE OFFSPRING AND OFFSPRING OF RAMS AND BOARS FOR TWELVE MONTHS FROM THE BIRTH OF THE OFFSPRING	NO	NO	NOT SPECIFIED	NONE
<b>LIEN ON FEMALE AND OFFSPRING FOR ARTIFICIAL INSEMINATION</b>  <b>TENN. CODE ANN. §§ 66-20-107; 66-21-101</b>	PERSON WHO PROVIDES ARTIFICIAL INSEMINATION SERVICES	FEMALE ANIMAL PROVIDED WITH ARTIFICIAL INSEMINATION SERVICES AND OFFSPRING RESULTING FROM THE SERVICE	NO	NO	NOT SPECIFIED	NONE

