TO: Tobacco Producers

FROM: Charles Mitchell, Director

 Franklin County Cooperative Extension

RE: 2018 Regional Tobacco Production Meeting & GAP Recertification Training

The 2018 Regional Tobacco Production Meeting and GAP Recertification Training will be held on Friday, January 12, 2018. The meeting will begin at 9:00 am and conclude with lunch. We encourage you to stay for a short meeting following lunch at 1:15 PM to review conventional and organic tobacco budgets. **The location is the Granville Expo Center, 4185 U.S. 15 Oxford, NC.  Doors will open at 8:15 am.**

The meeting is designed to provide you with GAP recertification training as well as production information for the 2018 growing season.

Please note the important information below:

* **Space is limited! Registration is required, and early registration is recommended**.
* **To register, call the Franklin County Extension Center at (919) 496-3344.**
* **Registration deadline is 5 pm, January 5th, or when maximum capacity has been reached**.
* **Bring your GAP card to the training to be certain you receive credit. (A photo ID is required this year.)**
* **Bring your Pesticide License if you would like to receive pesticide credits (if you have misplaced your card, you may be requested to show a photo ID). 2 hours of pesticide credit will be provided in categories (NODX).**
* You may wish to bring your GAP notebook, as we will be providing updated references and record keeping forms.
* We encourage only those who have contracts or plan to have contracts to attend this meeting.
* If you are unable to attend, note that there are several other meetings planned across the state. (on the back)

If you have questions concerning requirements or recommendations for GAP training, please contact your tobacco company representative.

**Additional Meetings across the state:**

Monday, January 8, 2018 9:00am  Wilson County GAP Meeting

Tuesday, January 9, 2018 9:00am Yadkin County GAP Meeting

Wednesday, January 10, 2018 9:00am Edgecombe/Nash County GAP Meeting

Thursday, January 11, 2018 9:00am Johnston County GAP Meeting

Friday, January 12, 2018 9:00am Granville County GAP Meeting

Monday, January 22, 2018 9:00am Caswell, Rockingham, Person, Alamance, Guilford, and Orange

Tuesday, January 23, 2018 9:00am Forsyth County GAP Meeting

Wednesday, January 24, 2018 9:00am Martin County GAP Meeting

Thursday, January 25, 2018 9:00am Pitt County GAP Meeting

2:00pm Sampson/Duplin County GAP Meeting

Friday, January 26, 2018 9:00am Greene/Lenoir/Jones/Craven/Carteret County GAP Meeting

Monday, January 29, 2018 9:00am Wayne County GAP Meeting

Tuesday, January 30, 2018 9:00am Lee/Moore County GAP Meeting

Friday, February 2, 2018 1:30pm NCSU Tobacco GAP Meeting

Monday, February 5, 2018 9:00am Harnett County GAP Meeting

***Upcoming Events***

* 29th Annual NC Commodities Conference (Corn, Small Grain, Soybean & Cotton Producers)

January 10-12, 2018

Sheraton Imperial Hotel & Convention Center, Durham NC

http://www.nccommoditiesconference.com/

* Industrial Hemp Meeting

Franklin County Extension Annex

January 16, 2018 at 5:00 PM

Registration Required by January 12th (919-496-3344).

* Respirator Fit Testing – NC Agromedicine Institute

Franklin County Extension Annex

January 24, 2018

$25 – Fit Test Only (Come with medical clearance.) / $35 – Fit Test & Medical Clearance

Sign up for a 20-minute time slot by January 22nd by calling 919-496-3344.

* Grain Production Meeting

February 20, 2018 at 4:00 PM

Vance County Farmers Market

***2 hours of credit NODX***

Registration Required by February 14th (919-496-3344).



Persons with disabilities and persons with limited English proficiency may request accommodations to participate by contacting Charles F. Mitchell, County Extension Director, at 919.496.3344 or email charles\_mitchell@ncsu.edu or fax 919.496.0222 or appear in person at the County Extension Office at least 5 days prior to the event registration deadline.