

Small Farms Week

Deep Roots, Bright Futures

March 24–30, 2019

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Monday, March 25

Small Farms Week Kickoff

Duplin County Cooperative Extension Center
165 Agriculture Drive
Kenansville, N.C. 28349

Presiding

Amanda Hatcher, director
North Carolina Cooperative Extension,
Duplin County

9:00 a.m. – Registration and Refreshments

9:30 a.m. – Welcome and Greetings

- ~ James Hartsfield, area farm management agent, Duplin County Cooperative Extension
- ~ Davis Brinson, Duplin County manager
- ~ Morris White III, eastern regional Extension director, N.C. A&T State University
- ~ Keith Walters, southeast district Extension director, NC State University
- ~ Rosalind Dale, Ed.D., associate dean and Extension administrator, N.C. A&T State University

10 a.m. – Significance of Agriculture in Duplin County

J.W. Kilpatrick, Duplin County Agribusiness Council president

10:30 a.m. – Panel Discussion

Small Farming Past, Present and Future in Duplin County

Moderator

Deborah Johnson, N.C. Cooperative Extension State Advisory Council member

Panelists

- ~ Ronald Simmons, 2018 Small Farmer of the Year, pasture pork producer
- ~ Hugh Miller, pasture pork producer and row crop farmer, NC Natural Hog Growers Association member
- ~ Rook Wells, organic vegetable and row crop producer
- ~ Brad Hawkins, grape producer for Duplin Winery
- ~ Barry Jones, bee keeper, Duplin County Bee Club president

11:30 a.m. – Lunch & Video Presentation

12:45–4:30 p.m. – Farm Tours (40–45 minutes at each stop)

- ~ Ronald Simmons (Pasture Pork), 234 Paul Ed Dail Road, Kenansville
- ~ Brad Hawkins (Grape Vineyard), 302 Southerland Rd, Magnolia
- ~ Duplin Winery, 342 Yellow Cut Road, Rose Hill

Established in 1975, Duplin Winery is North Carolina's oldest operating winery. An optional wine tasting will be offered.

Tuesday, March 26*

Educational Forum

N.C. A&T State University

8 a.m.–5 p.m.

Alumni-Foundation Event Center
200 N. Benbow Road
Greensboro, N.C. 27411

8:30–11:40 a.m. – Interactive Exhibits

Representatives from different agencies, farmers' groups and universities will be displaying and providing information as it relates to small farms and farmers.

Concurrent Sessions

Session 1. 8:30–11:30 a.m. – Industrial Hemp

Sanjun Gu, Ph.D., horticulture specialist, Cooperative Extension at N.C. A&T

Session 2. 8:30–11 a.m. – Training Sessions: Emergency Preparation Planning

- ~ Michelle Eley, Ph.D., community and economic development specialist, Cooperative Extension at N.C. A&T
- ~ Emily Cope, Ph.D., animal science specialist, Cooperative Extension at N.C. A&T

11:45 a.m.–1:30 p.m. – Lunch in Williams Cafeteria

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Tuesday continued...

2-4:30 p.m. – Season Extension with High Tunnels Farmers Market & Farm Tours

N.C. A&T University Farm

2-4:30 p.m. – Cooking Demonstrations

Local chefs will highlight local foods through cooking demos.

2:30-4:30 p.m. – Farm Tours

Hour long tours will depart from the market at 2:30, 3 and 3:30 p.m.

Wednesday, March 27*

Small Farmers' Appreciation Day

8:45-11:30 a.m. – Educational Forum Farmers' Panels

N.C. A&T, Student Center North End Ballroom (SC-205)

8:45-9:30 a.m. – Growing Your Market: Moving Beyond Your Local Farmers Market

9:45-10:30 a.m. – Beginning Hemp Farming: Farmers in the Field

10:45-11:30 a.m. – Farm Resilience: Lessons Learned from Hurricane Florence

Noon-2 p.m. – Small Farmers' Appreciation Luncheon

N.C. A&T Alumni-Foundation Event Center
200 N. Benbow Road
Greensboro, N.C. 27411

Presiding

Rosalind Dale, Ed.D., associate dean and Extension administrator,
N.C. A&T State University

Welcome

- ~ Harold L. Martin Sr., Ph.D.,
chancellor, N.C. A&T State University
- ~ Mohamed Ahmedna, Ph.D., dean,
N.C. A&T College of Agriculture and Environmental Sciences
- ~ Steve Troxler, North Carolina
Commissioner of Agriculture,
N.C. Department of Agriculture

Lunch

Introduction of Speaker

Rosalind Dale, Ed.D., associate dean and Extension administrator, N.C. A&T State University

Speaker

Howard Conyers, Ph.D.

Presentation of 2019 Small Farmer of the Year Award and Video

Small Farms Week Video Essay Competition Award Winner

Adjourn

6 p.m. – Small Farms Week Student Cooking Competition

Williams Cafeteria

Three teams of A&T students, assisted by Sodexo chefs, will compete by preparing an appetizer, entrée and dessert using local foods. Three judges will decide the winning team. The cost to attend is \$8.81 plus tax payable at the cafeteria; university meal plans also accepted.

Thursday, March 28

5:30 p.m. – Student Forum Panel Discussion

Student Center

A panel will discuss the future of women farmers. This forum will include and introduce non-agriculture students to agriculture and environmental sciences fields. Games with prizes will engage participants. Student Ambassadors will help host the forum.

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