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***THE FOLLOWING EVENTS ARE HAPPENING IN OUR AREA
AND WE THOUGHT YOU MIGHT LIKE TO ATTEND.....***

How To Get The Best Price for Your Grain

North Carolina Department of Agriculture & Consumer Services (NCDA&CS) will hold a price-risk management workshop at the O. P. Owens Agriculture Center, 455 Caton Road, Lumberton, N.C. 28360, on Tuesday, January 15. This free program will be held from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m., with lunch on your own.

The purpose of this workshop is to help farmers better understand the futures market and other trading options when selling their commodities. Topics to be covered include an introduction to grain hedging, basis trading, cost of carry, cotton futures, energy derivatives, options trading on futures, equities and indices, using option to manage financial risks, and trading strategies to manage exposure to fluctuation in energy cost.

Nick Lassiter, NCDA marketing specialist, will be conducting the workshop. For more information or to register for the workshop, please contact Nick Lassiter by phone at 919-707-3129 or by E-mail at nick.lassiter@nfagr.gov.

Planning for the Future With Farm Transition Events

Written by Mac Malloy, Extension Field Crops Agent, Robeson County



Agriculture is big business in North Carolina. According to the North Carolina Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services statistics, North Carolina's number 1 industry is agriculture - including food, fiber, and forestry. Agriculture contributes \$70 billion annually to the state's economy, accounts for 18 percent of the state's income, and employs over 17 percent of the work force. So how do we sustain this economically important industry while facing the challenge of feeding a rapidly increasing population? One critical component needed in this complex equation is the availability of productive land.

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The statistics show that North Carolina has lost approximately one million acres of farmland over the last 20 years. Current farmland is estimated at 8.6 million acres.

This is an alarming statistic that simply does not enhance the sustainability of the agricultural economy. The agricultural industry has adopted many new technologies allowing more efficient use of the land, inputs, and energy.

There is great concern of whether improvements in yields from research and development can keep up with the pace of lost farmland. It is critical that our landowners understand the importance of planning for the transition of land assets to the next generation and the implications they may encounter.

Based on this need, North Carolina Cooperative Extension has partnered with Mount Olive College Agribusiness Center to offer three regional farm transition events. These educational events will highlight ways to chart the future of your farm and land assets. A registration fee will be required - \$10 for the first family member and \$5 for each additional family member. Registration includes lunch and one notebook per family. The Robeson County Center will be hosting an event February 20 from 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. Preregistration by February 14 is required and checks should be made payable to Robeson County Cooperative Extension. Please see the enclosed calendar of events for specifics on the additional meeting times and locations.

I would encourage everyone to check out the marketing video available at: www.mocagbiz.com/farmtransition. Contact your local Extension center or the Robeson County Center at 910-671-3276 for more details.

Beginning Beekeeping School

The Hoke County Beekeepers will begin hosting their annual Beginning Beekeeping School on February 5. The eleven-week class will be held each Tuesday through April 9, at 7 p.m. at the Hoke County Cooperative Extension Center located at 116 West Prospect Avenue, Raeford, N.C. 28376. Class size is limited to 15 and there will be a registration fee of \$55 to cover materials, books and training. To register or for more information, please contact Mary Hollingsworth, Extension Horticulture Agent, at 875-3461 or by E-mail at Mary_Hollingsworth@ncsu.edu.

In addition to the above-mentioned events we have included a calendar to inform you of more events in the coming months and a Request for Information Form. Please complete the following form and return to us to avoid missing any of our mailings.

If you are interested in learning more about any information in this newsletter, contact us at the Extension Center or E-mail us. For accommodations for persons with disabilities, contact the Extension agent in charge of the event no later than five business days before the event.

Sincerely,

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County Extension Director
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Horticultural Extension Agent
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Do You Want Information Fast?

The Extension staff maintains web pages with a wealth of information with just about any topic you can imagine. We urge you to visit <http://hoke.ces.ncsu.edu>. Bookmark this web address, so you can get to it quickly.

In addition, we maintain E-mail groups that receive regular information from us over their computers. This is especially important when we can quickly send out urgent updates about things such as diseases, disasters, financial assistance opportunities, and meetings. You might have to wait several days to get this same information in the mail, or you might not get it at all. Provide your E-mail address to receive information on the selected topics below.

Mailing Lists Update Forms

We are required to update our mailing lists each year. This ensures that postage money is not used for mailings that are not wanted as well as ensures that citizens receive services they desire. **PLEASE FILL OUT AND RETURN THE ENCLOSED FORM BY FEBRUARY 15 INDICATING WHICH TYPE OF MAILINGS YOU WISH TO RECEIVE.**

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REQUEST FOR INFORMATION

NORTH CAROLINA COOPERATIVE EXTENSION, HOKE COUNTY CENTER
P. O. BOX 578, RAEFORD, NC 28376; FAX 910-875-9044

We maintain a number of mailing lists, so we can provide up-to-date information to the public. **If you would like to receive information about any of the topics listed below, please check the following mailing list(s). Each year we are required by law to update our lists. If you are already on our mailing list(s), please complete and return this form to the address above or you will be removed from our mailing list(s).** Due to the Freedom of Information Act, our mailing lists are public information.

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We will attempt to send as much information as we can by E-mail. You may mail this form to P. O. Box 578, Raeford, NC 28376, fax it to 910-875-9044, or bring it with you when you visit our office.

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2013 UPCOMING EVENTS

WHEN	WHAT	WHERE	CONTACT INFORMATION
January 15 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.	Commodity Marketing Class - Price Risk Management	O. P. Owens Agriculture Center 455 Caton Road Lumberton, NC 28360	Nick Lassiter, NCDA&CS 919-707-3129 or nick.lassiter@ncagr.gov
January 16 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.	Farm Transition Event	N.C. Cooperative Extension Lee County Center 2420 Tramway Road Sanford, NC 27332	919-775-5624 Preregistration Required
January 17 4:00 – 9:00 p.m.	Fourth Annual Cape Fear Regional Cattle Conference and Trade Show	Southeastern N.C. Agricultural Events Center 1027 Highway 74 East Lumberton, NC 28360	Michelle Shooter 910-671-3276 Call to Register
January 17 - 18	24 th Joint Commodity Conference	Sheraton Hotel and Convention Center 2700 Emperor Boulevard Durham, NC 27703	919-782-3058 www.ncgrainsconference.org/contact.php
January 22 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. Registration - \$35/includes lunch	Annual Peach Meeting	Hampton Inn 200 Columbus Drive Aberdeen, NC 28315	Danelle Cutting 910-576-6011
January 23 1:00 – 4:00 p.m. Payment Required 5 Business Days Prior to Exam	Pesticide Exam	O. P. Owens Agriculture Center 455 Caton Road Lumberton, NC 28360	NCDA&CS Pesticide 919-733-3556 Preregistration Required
January 23 - 24 Wednesday 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Thursday 10:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. Registration - \$5/Manual - \$35	10-Hour Initial Animal Waste Certification Training	N.C. Cooperative Extension Bladen County Center 450 Smith Circle Drive Elizabethtown, NC 28337	Becky Spearman 910-862-4591 Call to Register
January 28 12:00 – 3:00 p.m.	Tri-County Soybean Production Meeting	N.C. Cooperative Extension Scotland County Center 231 E. Cronly Street Laurinburg, NC 28352	Keith Walters 875-3461 Call to Register
January 31 7:00 p.m. Educational Meeting	Hoke County Beekeepers Monthly Meeting	N.C. Cooperative Extension Hoke County Center	Mary Hollingsworth 875-3461
February 5 6:30 p.m.	Tri-County Cotton Production Meeting	Hoke-Robeson Gin 7480 Old Maxton Road Red Springs, NC 28377	Keith Walters 875-3461 Call to Register
February 5 – April 9 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. Registration - \$55 Class Limited to 15	Beginning Beekeepers School	N.C. Cooperative Extension Hoke County Center	Mary Hollingsworth 875-3461 Preregistration Required
February 7 10:00 – 11:30 a.m.	Hoke County Extension Master Gardeners Meeting	N.C. Cooperative Extension Hoke County Center	Mary Hollingsworth 875-3461 Call to Register
February 20 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Registration Fee - \$10 for 1 st family member; \$5 for each additional family member	Farm Transition Event	O. P. Owens Agriculture Center Lumberton	Robeson County Extension Center 910-671-3276 Preregistration Deadline February 14

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February 23 10:00 a.m. Registration Fee \$10	Seed Starting Class	1275 Bethel Road Raeford, NC 28376	Mary Hollingsworth 875-3461 Call to Register
February 28 6:30 p.m.	Tri-County Corn and Sorghum Meeting	O. P. Owens Agriculture Center Lumberton	Keith Walters 875-3461 Call to Register
February 28 7:00 p.m. Educational Meeting	Hoke County Beekeepers Monthly Meeting	N.C. Cooperative Extension Hoke County Center	Mary Hollingsworth 875-3461
March 7 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.	Farm Transition Event	Mount Olive College Agribusiness Center 652 R. B. Butler Drive Mount Olive, NC 28365	Edward Olive 919-658-7510 Call to Register
March 7 10:00 – 11:30 a.m.	Hoke County Extension Master Gardeners Meeting	N.C. Cooperative Extension Hoke County Center	Mary Hollingsworth 875-3461 Call to Register
March 11 11:00 a.m. Registration Fee \$5	Pallet Gardening	N.C. Cooperative Extension Hoke County Center	Mary Hollingsworth 875-3461 Call to Register
March 28 7:00 p.m. Educational Meeting	Hoke County Beekeepers Monthly Meeting	N.C. Cooperative Extension Hoke County Center	Mary Hollingsworth 875-3461
April 4 10:00 – 11:30 a.m.	Hoke County Extension Master Gardeners Meeting	N.C. Cooperative Extension Hoke County Center	Mary Hollingsworth 875-3461 Call to Register
April 20 10:00 a.m. Registration Fee \$10	Container Gardening (Bring your container)	1275 Bethel Road Raeford, NC 28376	Mary Hollingsworth 875-3461 Call to Register
April 25 7:00 p.m. Educational Meeting	Hoke County Beekeepers Monthly Meeting	N.C. Cooperative Extension Hoke County Center	Mary Hollingsworth 875-3461

