Foothills Farm School – Field Day Planning

Attending: Lara Worden, Der Xiong, Kellyn Montgomery, Tom Dyson, Seth Nagy, Donna Teasley, Amanda Taylor, Leigh Guth

**January 8th – Soil & Infrastructure Field Day – Lincoln County Extension Office**

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| **Speaker** | **Topic** | **Time** | **Location** | **Agent Arranging** |
| Soil & Water | Soils | 9 AM | Ext kitchen | Amanda –**Confirmed (12/4)** |
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| Harvest Moon | Lunch | Noon | Ext kitchen | Leigh  **Confirmed (11/3)** |
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| Rob Kalmbacher | Rob will discuss pasture management/ rotational grazing/fencing | 1 PM | Kalmbacher farm  **Confirmed (10/29)** | Lara Worden  **Confirmed (10/29)** |

\*\*\* Lara will do an agenda to share with everyone

**February 12th– Livestock Field Day - ?? Where will group meet??**

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| **Speaker** | **Topic** | **Time** | **Location** | **Agent Arranging** |
| Amanda Carter | Processing | 10 AM | Foothills Pilot Plant – Marion (arrive and be ready to tour by 10 am) | Seth  **Confirmed (12/4)** |
|  | Lunch | Noon | Casey MicKissick’s Butcher Shop in Black Mtn – (Leave for Casey’s by 11:30 am) | Der – **Confirmed (12/4)** |
| Casey McKissick | NC Choices & Butcher Shop | PM | Casey MicKissick’s Butcher Shop | Derr – **Confirmed (12/4)** |

\*\*\*Der will do an agenda to share with everyone

**March 12th – Livestock Field Day – Lincoln County Extension Office**

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| **Speaker** | **Topic** | **Time** | **Location** | **Agent Arranging** |
| Amy Foster | Beef | **10 AM** | Gilcrest Farm | Lara  **Confirmed (10/29)** |
| Lunch | Brian Rollins – Good Wood Pizzas | noon | Gilcrest Farm | Lara  **Confirmed (10/29)** |
| Natalie Parsons | Pork, rabbit, poultry | **1:15 PM** | Grateful Growers Farm- Lincoln Cty | Lara  **Confirmed (10/29)** |

\*\*\*Lara will do an agenda to share with everyone & Check with Niki Whitley to see about her availability (left her a message on 12/4/14)

April 9th – Specialty Crops Field Day – Catawba County Extension Office

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| **Speaker** | **Topic** | **Time** | **Location** | **Agent Arranging** |
| Der Xiong | Cut flowers | AM (2hrs) | Der’s farm | Der |
| Lunch |  | Noon | Burke Exten | Donna |
| Dr. Jeannine Davis | Specialty crops | Noon | Burke Exten | Der |
| Patrick Stevenson | Mushrooms | PM | Muddy Creek Farm | Donna – **Confirmed (12/4)** |

**May 14 - Small Fruits Field Day – Cleveland County Extension Office**

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| **Speaker** | **Topic** | **Time** | **Location** | **Agent Arranging** |
|  | Farm visit | AM |  | Lara & Daniel |
| Leigh Guth | Post harvest food safety | Around lunch | Cleveland Exten | Leigh |
| Dr. Penny Perkins | Coolbot, Pack & Cool | Around lunch | Cleveland Exten | Leigh  **Confirmed (11/3)** |
| Lunch |  | Noon | Cleveland Exten | Lara/Daniel |
| ? | Brambles | PM | Farm | Lara/Daniel |

**June 11 Vegetable Production – Catawba County Extension Office**

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| **Speaker** | **Topic** | **Time** | **Location** | **Agent Arranging** |
| Amy Douglas | Vegetable production | AM | Farmer’s Daughter on Alex/Catawba line | Amanda |
| Lunch | Hatch??? | Noon | Catawba Exten | Kellyn |
| Donnie Cline | Organics | PM | New Beginning Farm Lincoln Cty | Der |
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**July 9th Agriculture Tourism/Graduation - Burke County Extension office**

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| **Speaker** | **Topic** | **Time** | **Location** | **Agent Arranging** |
|  | Ag tourism |  | Silver Fork Winery | Donna/ Damon |
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\*will fill in speakers/topics on July 9 per areas of interest