**MEMORANDUM**

TO: CALS Department Heads

 CALS Department Extension Leaders

 CALS Department Administrative Assistants

FROM: Roger Crickenberger

 NCARS, Special Projects Manager

RE: North Carolina Cattlemen’s Association (NCCA)

Call for Proposals for 2016 Research and Extension Projects and

4H Youth Projects

 Reports for 2015 Funded Projects

 **Due Date: Monday, October 19th (PINS Deadline)**

DATE: September 16, 2015

NOTE: PLEASE SHARE THIS INFORMATION WITH FACULTY WHO ARE INTERESTED IN SUBMITTING PROPOSALS TO THE NORTH CAROLINA CATTLEMEN’S ASSOCIATION FOR 2016.

Bryan Blinson, Executive Director of the North Carolina Cattlemen’s Association, has indicated that the association has budgeted funding for beef cattle research and extension projects and 4H Youth Livestock projects at the state level in the upcoming year beginning on January 1, 2016.

Project priorities and areas of particular interest:

* Projects with defined durations that generate results from which farmers can realize immediate benefits
* 4H Youth Livestock Projects not submitted through other avenues

It is the official policy of the NCCA to not pay faculty salaries and facility and administrative costs on research or extension projects.

Final decisions on project approval for projects beginning January 1, 2016 will be made during the association’s executive committee meeting in early December. The college research office will need to have the proposals delivered to the NCCA office no later than Friday, November 13, 2015.

**All proposals and forms must be entered into the PINS system to the CALS Contracts and Grants office no later than Monday, October 19, 2015.** Karla Frizzelle will access and process all proposals and accompanying documentation electronically through PINS. The PINS system allows you to attach your proposal to the PINS document for submission. If proposals have PIs from separate departments, all departments must be listed, and all PIs and respective department heads must review and approve. The instructions and template for commodity proposals are now on the CALS website at: <http://harvest.cals.ncsu.edu/business-operations/documents-and-forms/>

The proposal template can be completed and saved to your hard drive as a WORD document, which you can then attach to PINS. **Please be sure to approve and route proposals in PINS as soon as you are notified by email** to keep the process moving forward for everyone.

The funding request should be budgeted for one year. Project leaders should understand that budgets for multi-year projects are approved annually; thus renewal proposals must be submitted annually. Each budget approval will depend upon progress during the previous period and current and future availability of funds.

There is a $7,000 per project per year maximum on funding for approved projects, but NCCA anticipates that not all projects will require $7,000 for completion.

The funding decision will be made by the Executive Committee of the NCCA in early December. Funding should be available in January 2016.

**Also due no later than Monday, October 19, 2015 are the Commodity Progress Reports and Impact Statements for those projects funded in 2015** (see below). These reports will be helpful in determining continued funding for multi-year projects. Please submit an e-mail with a Word attachment to the office of Karla Frizzelle (karla\_frizzelle@ncsu.edu). The instructions and template for reports and impact statements are available at the following link:

<http://harvest.cals.ncsu.edu/business-operations/documents-and-forms/>

**ANIMAL SCIENCE**

11-12 NCSU Livestock/Forage Educational Booth at the NC Cattlemen’s Conference (Ext) – M. Poore, G. Hansen, M. Alley

11-16 Support North Carolina 4H Youth Livestock Programs (Ext) – B. Jennings

15-02 Decreased Function of Sweat Glands in Cattle Response to Fescue Toxicosis (Res) J. Eisemann, M. Merrill

15-04 Growth Performance and Immune Response of Beef Calves Born to Dams that Experienced Short-term Energy Restriction During Late Gestation (Res)

 P. Moriel, C. Pickworth, M. Poore

15-05 Calf Response to Alternate Weaning Strategies (Res) C. Pickworth, M. Poore, S. Freeman, P. Moriel

15-06 Development of a Beef Cattle Research and Extension Education Experience Program for Undergraduate Students (Res) D.H. Poole, P. Moriel, C. Pickworth

15-07 Impact of Fescue Toxicosis on Ovarian Follicle Growth and Development in Cattle (Res) D. H. Poole, M.H. Poore

15-08 Reproductive Performance of Naïve Beef Heifers Exposed to Endophyte-infected Tall Fescue (Res) D.H. Poole, M.H. Poore

15-09 Amazing Grazing! Improving Soil Health on Beef Farms Through Improved Forage System and Improved Grazing Management (Ext) M.H. Poore,

M. Castillo, A. Franzuebbers

15-10 Improving Soil Heath on Beef Farms. Research to Determine the Soil Benefits of a Balanced Forage System, Improved Grazing Management, and Strategic Use of Animal Forages (Ext) M.H. Poore, M. Castillo, A. Franzuebbers,

P. Moriel

15-11 NC Leadership & Cattle Handling for Women Producers (Phase One) (Ext)

 A.D. Schaeffer, J.A. Moore

15-12 NC Leadership & Cattle Handling for Women Producers (Phase Two)(Ext)

 M.H. Poore, A.D. Schaeffer, H. Dudley

**FOOD, BIOPROCESSING & NUTRITION SCIENCES**

15-01 Conducting Three Beef BBQ Bootcamps for North Carolina 4-H Youth (Ext) – D.J. Hanson, B. Jennings, C. Pickworth, T. Tennant

Cc: Dean Linton

 Sylvia Blankenship

 Steve Lommel

 Travis Burke

 David Monks

 Tom Melton

 Dollie Moore

 Brenda Wright

 Josh McIntyre

 Cindy Conyers

 Kate Meurs

 Jeneal Leone