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Off the Top...

January and February are the months for meetings to begin. Please note the meeting dates that have been scheduled for these two months.

UPCOMING EVENTS....

Jan 26

No-Till Roundtable
Northampton County Ext. Center
8:30 AM – light breakfast
2 hrs. pesticide credit – N, O, D, X

Jan. 27

Cotton Yield Contest and Peanut Yield Contest Entries Due – 4:30 PM – Information in this issue.

Feb. 3

NEW Mandatory Auxins Training – 8:00 AM
2 hrs. pesticide credit – N, O, D, X
Registration Required – 534-2711
Followed by
Cotton Production Mtg. – 10:30 AM - Catered Breakfast

Feb. 16

Solar Farm Informational Meeting
Halifax Co Extension Office
For more info, call 252-583-5161

Feb. 21

Price Risk Management Workshop
With Nick Lassiter
Northampton County Ext. Center
10:00 AM-12:00 Noon
Please call our office to pre-register.

Upcoming Events continued...

Feb. 21

Annual Forestry Meeting
(Snow date: Feb. 28) – 6:00 PM
Northampton Co. Wellness Center
Registration Required. (534-2711)

Feb. 22

Peanut Production Meeting
Northampton County Ext. Center
12:00 Noon – Catered Lunch.
2 hrs. pesticide credit – N, O, D, X

Feb. 24

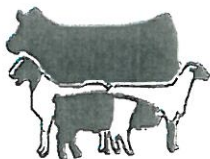
Peanut 5,000 Pound Luncheon
Williamston, NC

Feb. 28

Northampton/Halifax Grains Mtg.
1:30 PM, Northampton's Office
2 hrs. pesticide credit – N, O, D, X

Persons with disabilities and persons with limited English proficiency may request accommodations to participate by contacting R. Craig Ellison, County Extension Director, at telephone # 252-534-2711 or craig_ellison@ncsu.edu or fax # 252 534-1827, or in person at the County Extension Office at least seven (7) days prior to the event.

The mention of brand names does not imply endorsement, nor discrimination against similar products not listed. Users are responsible for complying with regulations and label instructions.



4-H Livestock Show and Sale...

Come out and spend the day at the livestock arena in Murfreesboro on June 14th.

This is the day set-aside for this year's 4-H Livestock Show and Sale. Youth ages 9-19 can show steers or heifers and participants ages 5-19 can show sheep, goats, and/or hogs.

The deadline to register for the show is **Monday, March 6th (late registration)**. The fee is \$35.00. This is a great project for the entire family. Call us at 252-534-2711 for more information.

PEANUT YIELD CONTEST...

This year's contest will be based on all the peanuts a grower produced. **Participation is**



voluntary. You will need a minimum of 25 acres to be eligible.

The producer needs to supply a summary including: farm number, planted acres, total production per farm number, yield per farm number, and supporting documents of production (1007, warehouse receipts). The deadline has been set for **Friday, January 27, 2017 in our office by 4:30 pm.**

COTTON YIELD CONTEST...



- Contest is voluntary.
- Deadline for entries – **Friday, January 27, 2017 by 4:30 PM in our office.**
- Growers must deliver official producer cotton bale list plus gin summary (no handwritten receipt will be accepted).
- Provide all FSA numbers where cotton was grown.
- Yield must include all acreage grown including out of county/state acreage.
- Must be growing 50 or more acres of cotton.
- Northampton must be the home or control county.
- Entries must be from person doing the work or directly supervising hired employees to carry out management practices necessary for the welfare of the crop.

Annual Forestry Meeting...



The Northampton County Forestry Association will hold their annual meeting **Tuesday, February 21 at 6:00 PM** at the Northampton Co. Wellness Center. Snow date is February 28. **Registration required.**

Price Risk Management Workshop...

Northampton County will host this workshop on **Tuesday, February 21, 2017, from 10:00 – 12:00 Noon**, at the Extension Center. Nick Lassiter will conduct the meeting. **Please call the extension office to register. This will assist Nick in having enough handouts.**

PURGE TIME:

If you wish to no longer receive this newsletter. Please call our office at 534-2711 and ask for your name to be removed from the mailing list. Thank you.

Mandatory Auxin Training Required for Users by Dr. Alan York

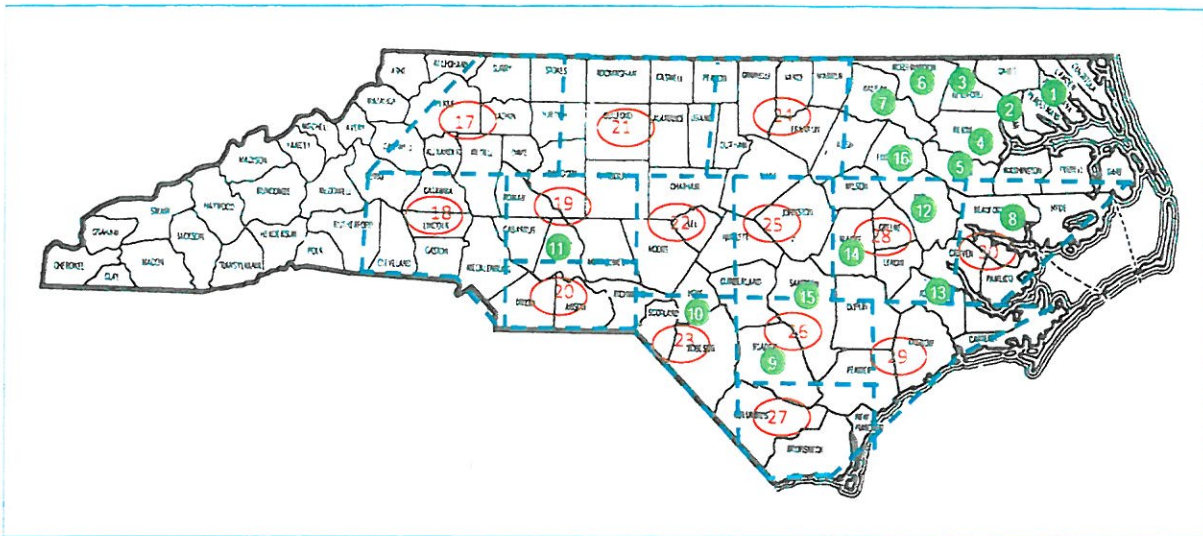
XtendiMax and Engenia recently received federal registration for use on Xtend cotton and soybean. We anticipate registration for Enlist Duo in the near future. And, I am sure you heard about all of the off-target issues in the MidSouth this past summer. Because of those issues, EPA is strongly in favor of applicator training related to responsible use of auxin herbicides.

In addition to federal registration, a pesticide must also be registered within a state before it can be sold. Several states including North

Carolina, have decided to go the route of a state SLN (special local need) label. That allows us to require some things in addition to what is on the federal label. Several states, NC included, will require applicator training. North Carolina's SLN label will state the following: *The producer, certified applicator, or person responsible for the application of this product on cotton or soybeans, in-crop, must attend Auxin Herbicides-Best Management Practices training that is approved by the North Carolina Department of Agriculture.* In other words, training is mandatory if one wants to use the new products. I would have preferred a certificate-type program where the grower would have to document his training before being able to buy seed and/or herbicides, but for various reasons, that approach is not feasible. Attendees will receive credit in the X category on private applicator licenses. The training is not crop-specific however the Northampton County meeting is being held in conjunction with the cotton meeting. A map is provided below to show other dates and locations where training will be provided. Only locations with a green circle are currently planned. The other sites are only proposed locations at this time.

The companies involved, BASF, Dow, and Monsanto, will be presenting training also. Company training will not fulfill the requirement on the SLN labels.

See page 4 for map.



Currently scheduled auxin trainings (green circles)

- 1 Pasquotank county, Jan 30, 1 PM
- 2 Chowan county, Jan 30, 4 PM
- 3 Hertford county, Jan 31, 10 AM
- 4 Bertie county, Feb 1, 8 AM
- 5 Martin county, Feb 1, 3 PM
- 6 Northampton county, Feb 3, 8 AM
- 7 Halifax county, 3 PM
- 8 Blacklands, Feb 6, 8 AM
- 9 Bladen county, Feb 7, 10 AM
- 10 Hoke-Robeson Gin, Feb 7, 3 PM

Currently scheduled auxin trainings (green circles).

- 11 Stanly county, Feb 5, 1:30 PM
- 12 Pitt county, Feb 5, 3 PM
- 13 Jones county, Feb 10, 1 PM
- 14 Wayne county, Feb 15, 9 AM
- 15 Sampson county, Feb 20, 1 PM
- 16 Edgecombe county, Feb 27, 1 PM

Proposed auxin trainings (red circles)

- 17, Feb 28, morning
- 18 Feb 28, afternoon
- 19 Mar 1, afternoon
- 20 Mar 1, morning
- 21 Mar 2, morning
- 22 Mar 2, afternoon
- 23 Mar 3, morning
- 24 Mar 16, morning
- 25 Mar 8, afternoon
- 26 Mar 8, morning
- 27 Mar 7, morning
- 28 Mar 14, morning
- 29 Mar 7, afternoon
- 30 Mar 14, afternoon