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Pesticide Disposal Program hits milestone with 3 million pounds collected

RALEIGH – Last week the N.C. Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services Pesticide Disposal Assistance Program surpassed 3 million pounds collected since the program began in 1980. At a collection day in Nash County the program needed just 763.5 pounds to hit the 3 million pounds. Instead, residents dropped off 6,000 pounds for disposal.

“North Carolina’s was the first pesticide disposal program in the nation,” said Agriculture Commissioner Steve Troxler. “Based on weight, pesticides are more expensive and more problematic than latex paints or old gasoline for counties to collect. This program gives the county and its residents a safe way to dispose of old, outdated, banned or unwanted pesticides.”

The program is paid for through the Pesticide Environmental Trust Fund, which receives money through registration fees that companies pay on each pesticide product sold in the state and through an appropriation from the General Assembly.

The program rotates collection days among all 100 counties so that each county has a collection day every other year. Collections are handled through county Cooperative Extension offices. Pickups are sometimes coordinated through a county’s household hazardous waste program. In special situations, pesticide disposal assistance staff will go to a home or farm to assist with materials.

Since 1976, it has been illegal to dispose of pesticides in landfills. This program provides a way for them to be disposed of in a safe and environmentally friendly way. “This is a really great program for North Carolina,” Troxler said. “Only about half the states have a program like this one, and in those states without a program it is not really clear what they are doing with old pesticides. Our program helps make sure these products are collected and contained in a way that protects our land and water resources.”

Several more collection days are scheduled for this spring, including in Cleveland, Iredell, Johnston, Chowan, Wilson, Caswell, Rowan and Yadkin counties. For a complete list of collection sites and more information on the Pesticide Disposal Assistance Program, go to the website www.ncagr.gov/SPCAP/pesticides/PDAP/.



Properly Prepare Pesticide Containers for Recycling

The first step before your plastic pesticide containers can be accepted for recycling is to thoroughly rinse all residues from the containers immediately after use. Also, remove the caps, label booklets, metal handles and rubber linings if present and dispose as normal solid waste. Only dry, properly rinsed containers are accepted at collection sites. One pesticide container that has not been properly rinsed can contaminate other containers.

At some collection sites, this has resulted in hundreds of containers contaminated and thus unable to be recycled to make industrial type products, such as agricultural drainage pipe and posts. Some pesticide products will stain containers. The color could be yellow or another color. Staining is acceptable. Caked-on residue is not. Be sure there is no residue that can be smeared or will flake off when touched with a glove. The photos to the right are examples of containers that are acceptable and not acceptable for recycling.

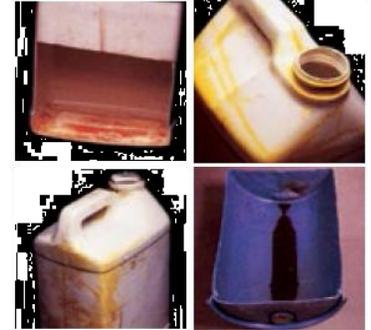
Designated collection sites for the recycling of pesticide containers used by farmers, commercial and public agency applicators are located in the counties that are colored green on the map below.

Acceptable



Rinsed, stained and residue-free.
Caps and labels removed.

NOT Acceptable

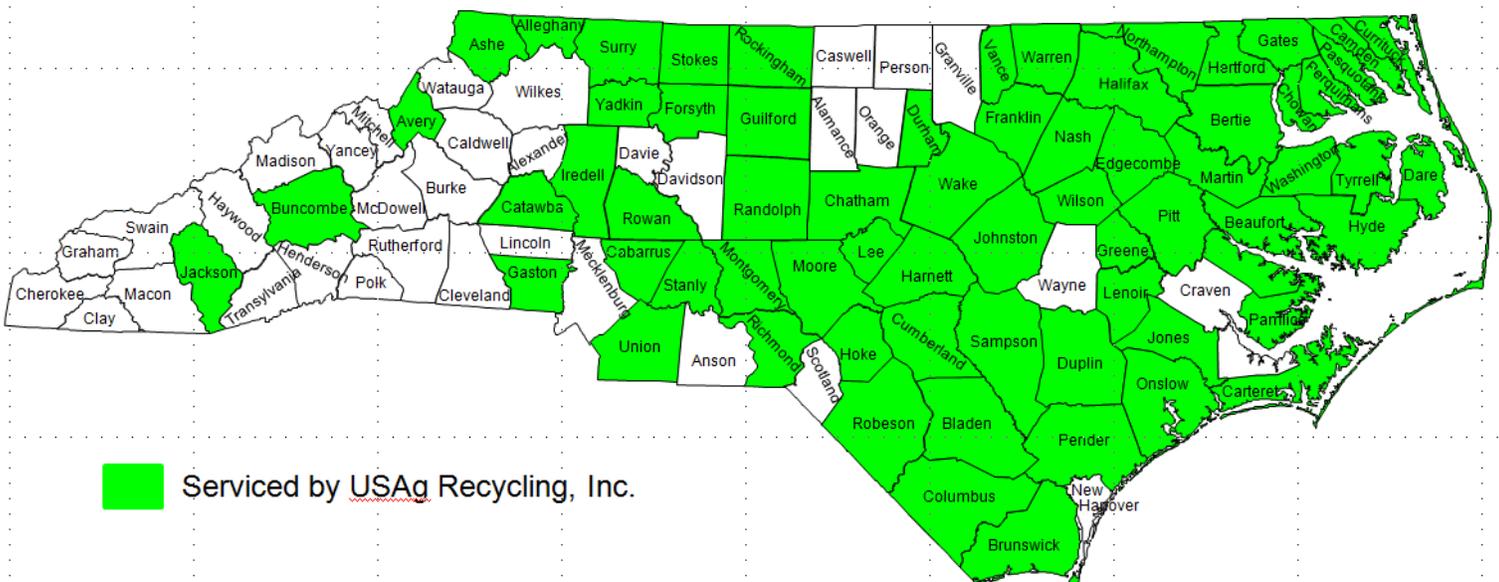


Containers caked with residue, dried formulation on container and thread or liquid residue present.

Contact phone numbers are available at <http://www.ncagr.gov/SPCAP/pesticides/recycle.htm> to obtain collection site addresses and times that the facilities are open.

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Pesticide Container Recycling



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N.C. continues to lose farms, but rate of land loss slows

RALEIGH — The rate of farmland loss in North Carolina slowed over a five-year period even as the number of farms continued to fall, a review of the federal Census of Agriculture shows.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture conducts an agricultural census every five years and released preliminary results of the 2012 survey today.

North Carolina had 2,700 fewer farms in 2012 than it did in 2007. The state's 50,210 farms occupy 8.41 million acres of land. In 2007, there were 52,913 farms on 8.47 million acres.

The 62,560-acre drop is significantly less than the amount the state lost over the previous five years. From 2002 to 2007, the decrease was 600,000 acres.

State Agriculture Commissioner Steve Troxler said a few factors may have slowed the loss of farmland. "The recession reduced the demand for land for residential and commercial development," he said. "But starting in 2005, the state also established the Agricultural Development and Farmland Preservation Trust Fund to help counties and conservation groups protect working farms and forests, and this program has been beneficial.

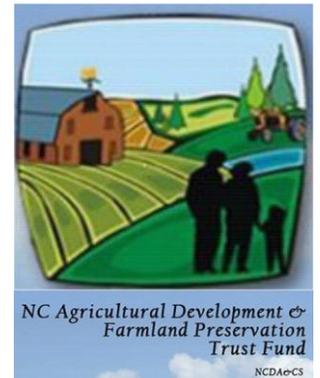
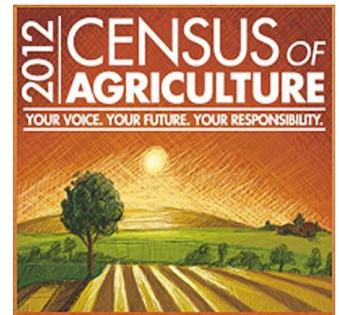
"Even so, the loss of 2,700 farms is troubling at a time when worldwide demand for food continues to grow. We also know that North Carolina is gaining about 100,000 people a year, which will only increase the pressure on farmland. We clearly have to step up our conservation efforts. It's a priority I will work on with the General Assembly this year."

Other census findings:

- The average size of a North Carolina farm is 168 acres, eight more than in 2007.
- The average age of N.C. farmers jumped 3 percent to 58.9. Nationally, the average age is 58.3.
- Between 2007 and 2012, the market value of N.C. agricultural products sold increased 22 percent to \$12.6 billion. The per-farm average value of sales grew by 28 percent to \$250,089.
- Seventy-eight percent of N.C. farms have been in operation 10 years or more.

The USDA will release additional census data in the spring.

Click Below to Visit:



CHECK YOUR CARD!

What is your recertification date?

If your recertification date is 6/30/14, your deadline for obtaining the required credits is quickly approaching.

All of your required credits MUST be earned by this date.

You DO NOT have until the end of the year to meet your recertification requirement.

North Carolina Pesticide Board Actions

At the January 2014 and March 2014 meetings of the North Carolina Pesticide Board, the following settlement agreements, including monetary penalties totaling \$26,700 were approved for alleged violations of the NC Pesticide Law of 1971. Consent to the terms of the settlement agreement does not constitute an admission of guilt to any alleged violation.



William J. Howe, Pinebluff, NC, for alleged violation(s) of using a pesticide in a manner inconsistent with its labeling, making a pesticide recommendation or application not in accordance with the registered label, failing to pay the original or renewal license fee when due and continuing to operate as an applicator, or applying pesticides without a license. Mr. Howe agreed to pay a monetary penalty of \$600.00.

Bryson J. Cooper, Hertford, NC, for alleged violation(s) of using a pesticide in a manner inconsistent with its labeling, engaging in the business of pesticide applicator without a license, failing to pay the original or renewal license fee when due and continuing to operate as an applicator, depositing a pesticide within 100 feet of a residence, and depositing by aircraft on the right-of-way of a public road or within 25 feet of the road. Mr. Cooper agreed to pay a monetary penalty of \$2,400.00.

Freddie L. Spencer, Columbia, NC, for alleged violation(s) of using a pesticide in a manner inconsistent with its labeling, making a pesticide recommendation or application not in accordance with the registered label, and applying a pesticide(s) under such conditions that drift from pesticide(s) particles or vapors results in adverse effect. Mr. Spencer agreed to pay a monetary penalty of \$650.00.

Roger L. Groce, Hamptonville, NC, for alleged violation(s) of using a pesticide in a manner inconsistent with its labeling, making a pesticide recommendation or application not in accordance with the registered label, and for alleged violation(s) of the Worker Protection Standard. Mr. Groce agreed to pay a monetary penalty of \$700.00.

Bruhin & Company, INC., Indianapolis, IN, for alleged violation(s) of distributing, selling or offering for sale a pesticide which is adulterated. Bruhin & Company, INC. agreed to pay a monetary penalty of \$600.00.

Charles D. Taylor, Dillon, SC, agreed to pay \$14,600 for failing to pay civil penalties assessed by the N.C. Pesticide Board, violating the N.C. Pesticide Law of 1971 and for failing to renew or maintain his N.C. aerial applicator's license and certification.

C.B. Hardman, Winterville, NC, for alleged violation(s) of engaging in the business of pesticide applicator without a license. Mr. Hardman agreed to pay a monetary penalty of \$800.00.

Lawrence Overstreet, Jr., Lumberton, NC, for alleged violation(s) of using a pesticide in a manner inconsistent with its labeling, and applying a pesticide(s) under such conditions that drift from pesticide(s) particles or vapors results in adverse effect. Mr. Overstreet agreed to pay a monetary penalty of \$600.00.

James M. Royal, Newton Grove, NC, for alleged violation(s) of using a pesticide in a manner inconsistent with its labeling, and applying a pesticide(s) under such conditions that drift from pesticide(s) particles or vapors results in adverse effect. Mr. Royal agreed to pay a monetary penalty of \$650.00.

Ricky E. Joyner, Mount Olive, NC, for alleged violation(s) of using a pesticide in a manner inconsistent with its

labeling, and applying a pesticide(s) under such conditions that drift from pesticide(s) particles or vapors results in adverse effect. Mr. Joyner agreed to pay a monetary penalty of \$650.00.

Lemuel C. Ricks, Conway, NC, for alleged violation(s) of using a pesticide in a manner inconsistent with its labeling, and applying a pesticide(s) under such conditions that drift from pesticide(s) particles or vapors results in adverse effect. Mr. Ricks agreed to pay a monetary penalty of \$550.00.

Lyman H. Harrell, Windsor, NC, for alleged violation(s) of using a pesticide in a manner inconsistent with its labeling, and applying a pesticide(s) under such conditions that drift from pesticide(s) particles or vapors results in adverse effect. Mr. Harrell agreed to pay a monetary penalty of \$600.00.

William Davy Hobson, Yadkinville, NC, for alleged violation(s) of using a pesticide in a manner inconsistent with its labeling, making a pesticide recommendation or application not in accordance with the registered label, and for alleged violation(s) of the Worker Protection Standard. Mr. Hobson agreed to pay a monetary penalty of \$1,500.00.

Ginger M. Dawson, Ahoskie, NC, for alleged violation(s) of using a pesticide in a manner inconsistent with its labeling, making a pesticide recommendation or application not in accordance with the registered label, and applying a pesticide(s) under such conditions that drift from pesticide(s) particles or vapors results in adverse effect. Ms. Dawson agreed to pay a monetary penalty of \$1,000.00.

Roy B. Goforth, Fayetteville, NC, for alleged violation(s) of using a pesticide in a manner inconsistent with its labeling, and making a pesticide recommendation or application not in accordance with the registered label. Mr. Goforth agreed to pay a monetary penalty of \$800.00.

PRIVATE APPLICATOR RENEWALS

Private applicator renewals are sent out in April, July and November. When you receive your renewal will depend on when our office receives the training rosters for the classes that you attend. Please keep in mind there may be some lag time between when you attend a class and when our office receives the attendance roster.

Applicators who have already fulfilled their requirements should receive their renewal by the end of July. Applicators meeting their requirements between now and 9/30/14 should receive their renewal by December 1st.

Resources

PESTICIDE SECTION

- INFORMATION & ASSISTANCE WITH PESTICIDE REGULATORY & COMPLIANCE
- PESTICIDE CERTIFICATION & LICENSING QUESTIONS
- EXAM SCHEDULES & REGISTRATION
- RECERTIFICATION CREDIT QUESTIONS & APPROVED COURSES

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Please Recycle