

**NC SOIL & WATER COMMISSION MEETING & TOUR  
NOVEMBER 27-28, 2012**

General Information & Tour Itinerary  
(Updated Nov. 1, 2012)

**General Information:**

- All tour participants, including spouses, are required to register online by clicking [HERE](#). The deadline to register for the tours and meals is Nov. 20<sup>th</sup>. Registration is not required to attend the commission’s business meeting and/or work session.
- The NC Soil & Water Conservation Commission Nov. 28 business meeting agenda can be downloaded from: <http://www.ncagr.gov/SWC/commission/SWCMeetingDetails.html>.
- A block of sleeping rooms has been reserved for Nov. 27<sup>th</sup> at the Comfort Suites Riverfront Park, 218 East Front Street, New Bern, NC. The reduced room rate is \$79.00 per night plus 12.75% tax, and will be honored through Nov. 20<sup>th</sup>. Reservations can be made by calling (252) 636-0022. Ask for the “Soil & Water” room rate. Also, the reduced rate will be honored for the nights of Nov. 26 and 28.
- The Craven Soil & Water Conservation District is providing local transportation to/from the Comfort Suites Riverfront Park for both days of the tour. Raleigh carpooling arrangements are also planned.
- Participants are encouraged to dress casual for the commission’s business meeting and work session. Field clothes are suggested for the tours.
- If you’re planning to spend some extra time in the region, please be sure to answer “Yes” on your registration form to receive additional information about the area.
- For questions, special needs or considerations, contact Pat Harris at (919) 715-6097 or at [pat.harris@ncagr.gov](mailto:pat.harris@ncagr.gov).
- A special THANK YOU is extended to the local arrangements committee for their hard work in making this tour possible. Committee members are Donald Heath, Vicki Heath, Pam Hawkins, Caroline Sisley, Keith Metts, Patrick Baker, Eric Pare, Natalie Woolard, Andy Metts and Pat Harris.

**November 27 (day 1)**

<b>10:15 am</b>	<b>Assemble carpool &amp; load vehicles</b>  <i>State Farmers Market 1201 Agriculture Street Raleigh, NC 27603</i>	<b>Assemble in parking lot behind State Farmers Market Restaurant near state vehicles</b>
<b>10:30 am</b>	<b>Depart from State Farmers Market</b>	Will stop for lunch along route
<b>1:15 pm</b>	<b>Depart from:</b>  <i>Comfort Suites Riverfront Park 218 East Front Street New Bern, NC 28560</i>	Craven Soil & Water Conservation District providing van for local tour participants

<b>2:00 pm</b>	<b>Arrive at:</b>  <i>Heath Farms &amp; Bountiful Blessings Farms 650 Biddle Road Dover, NC 28526</i>	<p>Welcome by:</p> <p>Vicky Porter, Chair of the NC Soil &amp; Water Conservation Commission</p> <p>Donald Heath, President of the NC Association of Soil and Water Conservation Districts, Craven Soil &amp; Water Conservation District supervisor and owner of Heath Farms</p> <p>Tour will feature the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cotton production</li> <li>• Cover crop challenges</li> <li>• Precision agriculture</li> <li>• Permanent easements &amp; buffers</li> <li>• Billy McLawhorn, Crop Consultant with McLawhorn Crop Services Inc. to discuss farm challenges and solutions in the area of residue, nutrient and pest management; implementing practices to meet the Neuse Rule requirements</li> <li>• BK Kilpatrick Farms equipment display (specialized equipment for residue management)</li> </ul>
<b>4:30 pm</b>	<b>Depart</b>	
<b>4:45 pm</b>	<b>Arrive at:</b>  <i>Doc &amp; Helen Davis Facility Hwy. 55 Dover, NC</i>	<p>Precision Ag presentation (planning and record keeping) by Billy McLawhorn</p> <p>Dinner prepared by Vanceboro VFW Menu - pork chop dinner with salad, baked potato, pie, tea or coffee Cost - \$15 per person</p>
<b>6:00 pm</b>	<b>Depart</b>	
<b>6:40 pm</b>	<b>Arrive at:</b>  <i>Comfort Suites Riverfront Park 218 East Front Street New Bern, NC 28560</i>	<p>Check in at hotel</p> <p>Reservations information</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Rate is \$79.00 per night plus 12.75% tax rate</li> <li>• Reduced rate honored through Nov. 20</li> <li>• Phone (252) 636-0022</li> </ul>
<b>7:30 pm</b>	<b>Comfort Suites meeting room</b>	SWC Commission work session (see agenda)

**November 28 (day 2)**

<b>8:00 am</b>	<b>Commission Business Session</b>	<b>SWC Commission business session (see agenda)</b>
<b>10:30 am</b>	<b>Depart</b>	Craven Soil & Water Conservation District providing van for local tour participants
<b>11:00 am</b>	<b>Arrive at:</b>  <i>Jones Soil &amp; Water Conservation District 110 South Market St. Trenton, NC 28585</i>	*Need to park in Jones Soil & Water Conservation District parking lot  Welcome by Sam Davis , Chair, Jones Soil &Water Conservation District  CCAP permeable pavement project Presented by Keith Metts, Jones District Technician & Carl Dunn, PE, Engineer, Division of Soil & Water Conservation
<b>11:30 am</b>	<b>Lunch</b>  <i>Gypsy's Café 126 West Jones Street Trenton, NC 28585</i>	Gypsy Café's lunch menu offers two entrees, chicken salad and club sandwiches, hot dogs and desserts. Prices vary with entrees priced at \$6.00.
<b>12:30 pm</b>	<b>Depart</b>	
<b>12:45 pm</b>	<b>Arrive at</b>  <i>Jones County Cotton Gin, Inc. 554 Nobles Loop Road Trenton, NC 28585</i>	Welcome & Cotton Gin Overview by Thomas Waller, Gin Manager, former Jones S&WC District Supervisor and current Local Advisory Committee member  Neuse Rule presentation by Julie Henshaw, NPS Section Chief and Tom Jones, Neuse & Tar-Pam Coordinator, Division of Soil & Water Conservation  Cotton gin tour
<b>2:00 pm</b>	Depart for Raleigh/New Bern	
<b>4:00 pm</b>	Arrive at State Farmers Market	