

# Reminder of upcoming deadline

County governments, nonprofit groups and certified beekeepers are reminded of the 5 p.m. Dec. 15 deadline for requests for proposals for farmland preservation projects and a new beehive grant. The grants are through the N.C. Agricultural Development and Farmland Preservation Trust Fund.

This year's request for proposals includes statewide general appropriations for traditional farm preservation projects and the new N.C. Beehive Grant Fund for the purchase and construction of beehives.

Grants can be awarded to secure agricultural conservation easements on lands used for agricultural production; to support public and private enterprise programs that promote profitable and sustainable agricultural, horticultural and forestland activities; for the development of agricultural plans; and for the purchase and construction of new beehives.

The N.C. Beehive Grant Fund is accepting its first cycle of applications for certified beekeepers to establish new beehives. The request for proposals includes \$25,000 for beehive projects on a first-come, first-served basis to eligible recipients.

The grant application and guidelines are available at [www.ncadfp.org/CycleXI.htm](http://www.ncadfp.org/CycleXI.htm). Call 919-707-3072 with any questions.