On the Horizon

Mark your calendars and save the dates! Following is a list of upcoming commodity association meetings:

Nov. 1 -- N.C. Horse Council Annual Meeting, Hunt Horse Complex, Raleigh.

Nov. 1 -- N.C. Irrigation Society Annual Meeting, Raleigh Wastewater Treatment Plant, Raleigh.

Nov. 1 -- Southeast Strawberry Expo, Hilton Wilmington Riverside, Wilmington.

Nov. 3 -- Carolina Farm Stewardship Association Sustainable Agriculture Conference, Sheraton Imperial, Raleigh.

Nov. 7 -- N.C. Craft Brewers Conference and Trade Show, Benton Convention Center, Winston-Salem.

Nov. 7 -- Southeast Vegetable & Fruit Expo, Kingston Plantation, Myrtle Beach.

Dec. 3 -- N.C. Farm Bureau Federation Annual Meeting, Koury Center, Sheraton Hotel, Greensboro.

Jan. 10-12 -- 29th Annual N.C. Commodities Conference, Sheraton Imperial, Durham.

Jan. 21-23 -- U.S. Sweet Potato Convention, Wilmington.

Old traditions and new blend for fair’s 150th

Fair-goers will find plenty of new things to enjoy at the 2017 N.C. State Fair, from special admission and ride deals to new grounds entertainment. The fair runs Oct. 12-22 in Raleigh.

Deals and discounts

One of the best deals ever can be had on Thursday, Oct. 12, when gate admission is $1.50. The special pricing is in celebration of the 150th edition of the State Fair. Media partner WRAL will offer WRAL Button Bonanza, with buttons going to the first 15,000 fairgoers coming through the gates. Throughout the day, State Fair staff will hand out 150 free ride passes each hour to visitors wearing the buttons. Also, several participating food vendors will offer special $1.50 deals on Oct. 12. Gates open at 3 p.m. Oct. 12.

For ride lovers, the fair and midway provider Powers Great American Midways will offer unlimited-ride wristbands every day of the fair. Prices are $25 in advance or $35 at the fair. The wristbands are good for one day only, and do not include the State Fair Flyer. The wristband voucher can be purchased online through Oct. 12 at 11:59 p.m. at www.ncstatefair.org and redeemed during the fair.

State vet: Vaccinate livestock against rabies

State Veterinarian Doug Meckes is encouraging North Carolina livestock owners to consider having their animals vaccinated against rabies.

“This year we have seen five cases of rabies in livestock,” Meckes said. “Horses, cattle and goats are naturally curious animals, which puts them at risk for a bite if a rabid animal gets through their fence line.”

North Carolina averages about five livestock rabies cases per year. It is transmitted primarily in saliva through a bite. Livestock infected with rabies usually appear depressed, have a lack of appetite; difficulty eating, drinking or swallowing; profuse salivation; blindness; head-pressing; circling; vocalization; fever; strained defecation; increased sexual excitement or activity; limp tail, anus, or tongue. Constant yawning, itching or nibbling may be a sign of rabies, too. Rabies can be associated with neurological problems such as incoordination, decreased muscle tone and reflexes, shifting lameness, or partial-to-complete paralysis.

Horse owners should be aware that rabbits can often mimic symptoms of colic in horses.

The incubation for rabies is between two weeks and six months. Once symptoms appear, the disease is almost always fatal.

Other ways to protect yourself and animals:

From the tractor

by Agriculture Commissioner Steve Troxler

We received some very wel- 
comed news coming out of the recent meeting of the National Association of State Departments of Agriculture concerning the rollout of the Produce Safety Rule under the Food Safety Modernization Act.

U.S. Food and Drug Administration Commissioner Scott Gottlieb highlighted the compli- ance challenges facing the food industry in 2018, and noted that education will be emphasized during the first year of implementa- tion to give FDA more time to develop guidance and to com- plete development of regulator training programs.

That has been NASDA members’ position for some time. We know these will be significant changes and FDA has heard plenty from producers and ag groups about this. Everyone is going to need time to fine-tune operations and get this right.

Gottlieb’s comments signal that states will have some more time to educate producers about the changes and what they will mean, and we will be able to have an on-farm readiness review process that will help producers identify areas that will require at- tention to meet the new rules.

We want to bring producers into compliance, not simply penalize them. Focusing on educa- tion in the first year will go a long way in achieving that.

Another bit of welcomed news involves water standards and testing methods. Gottlieb also noted an extension of time on compliance dates and the opportu- nity for more stakeholder en- gagement in response to concerns raised by NASDA members.

This will extend compliance dates by two to four years and allow for review of testing meth- ods, which should provide produc- ers with more practical water quality expectations. Again, this should also prove more achiev- able in terms of outcomes. I am pleased the FDA listened and has been responsive to the concerns raised. We all want the same re- sults in the end, but it is important how we get there.

With food demand expect- ed to rise 70-100 percent in the next three decades, we don’t need to be regulating farmers out of business. There are prac- tical and reasonable ways we can address food safety con- cerns without causing the col- lapse of farms.

When I was first elected as Agriculture Commissioner, I did not know a whole lot about NASDA. I was aware of the group, but I quickly learned just how important a role it plays as a collective voice for agriculture.

I value my friendships with other state agriculture commis- sioners and secretaries, and while we each have specific
Two NCDA&CS employees honored for their work

Two N.C. Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services employees were recently recognized for their leadership and work.

Joe Reardon, assistant commissioner for consumer protection, received the James A. Graham Award at the annual meeting of the National Association of State Departments of Agriculture in New Orleans.

The award recognizes an individual for outstanding work in providing service to agricultural producers.

Reardon has served the department in various regulatory positions for over 30 years and has also worked cooperatively with state departments of agriculture during his tenure at the U.S. Food and Drug Administration. Reardon’s leadership, vision and strategic direction increased collaboration and communication with federal, state and local partners to achieve a national integrated food safety system.

“There is so much talent working to advance American agriculture in our department, talent that others unfortunately overlooked. NASDA’s Honor Awards Program provides our members the opportunity to recognize their staff for their work on a national stage,” said NASDA President Michael G. Strain.

NCDA&CS Forester David Schnake was recognized by the North Carolina Wildlife Federation with the Land Conservationist of the Year award. It was presented at the 54th Annual Governor’s Conservation Achievement Awards. These prestigious awards are the highest natural resource honors given in the state.

As forest research operation manager for the N.C. Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, Schnake is responsible for more than 25 land projects spanning 17,000 diversified forest acres. Developing comprehensive land conservation and restoration planning for shortleaf pine and oak savanna ecosystems are among Schnake’s studies and efforts.

His expertise has furthered the sustainable management and conservation of longleaf pine forest ecosystems.

“This year’s winners are exceedingly notable conservation devotees who span the range of water quality advocates, land stewardship champions and leaders in the preservation of unique ecosystems. “Each year we are amazed at the commitment and creativity of North Carolina citizenry in protecting wildlife and wild places,” said T. Edward Nickens, NCWF Awards Committee Chair. “This awards program brings together a remarkably diverse group of conservationists to highlight the ‘good news’ about wildlife conservation in North Carolina.”


Forest Service offers post-storm tips on assessing tree damage

A weakened Hurricane Irma brought strong winds and rain to North Carolina that could have affected forestland and trees.

The N.C. Forest Service encourages landowners and others to exercise caution when assessing storm damage to their woodlands or what markets their lands may be valuable for. Landowners should be concerned about the health of their trees and should seek advice from their county ranger or other forestry professionals.

Storm damage could include uprooting, wounding, bending and breaking of trees. Standing water, which often accompanies hurricanes, can make assessing the damage more difficult.

It is important that landowners have a written contract before selling any of their timber salable. A management plan should be requested as soon as possible to determine the line is not energized. Even a reputable arborist can help with post-storm inspection, or owners can hire a consulting forester for large tracts of land and an arborist for trees around their homes.

Woodland damage

“Landowners are often more resilient than we think and will recover quickly,” said Agriculture Commissioner Steve Troxler. “If you’re a landowner concerned about your woodlands, talk to your county ranger or a consulting forester who can help you determine if you need a plan for managing damaged timber.”

A management plan should be requested as soon as possible to assess any damage and recommend mitigation measures. A sketch map or aerial photograph of the affected area can also be helpful. The consultant may have chainsaw defoliation experience or may recommend the use of a chainsaw defoliation technique in cases where salvageable timber is worst affected.

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Residential tree assessment

State Forester David Lane said that after a storm, hasty or emotional decisions about damaged trees can result in unnecessary removal of healthy or prudently pruning. Proper and professional pruning practices can help a tree recover from the storm damage. How long that takes can depend on the amount and extent of damage, the tree species and its initial health and age. “A reputable certified arborist can help advise on management, pruning and removal decisions based on your situation,” Lane said.

If homeowners decide to prune their own trees, it is important to follow basic safety rules:

• Watch for downed utility lines and treat them as all live until a utility company official has determined the line is not energized. Even cable TV lines can carry electric current if they contact a power line. To determine if the damage to do is determined as hazardous conditions can be dangerous. The aftermath of a storm is not the time for inexperienced users to learn.

• Work with an established, local tree service if necessary. Hire only an International Society of Arboriculture Certified Arborist. Tree damage and tree failures can cause property damage, but the possibility of tree failures can be managed.

To learn more about recovering from storms and fires, go to http://ncforestservice.gov and follow the links under “Managing Your Forest” and “Urban and Community Forestry.” Contact information for county rangers also is available on the website.
Ray Starling, far right, talks with agricultural leaders at an informal roundtable meeting hosted by Agriculture Commissioner Steve Troxler, center. Starling is the former general counsel for the N.C. Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, and now serves as special assistant to the president for agriculture, trade and food assistance.

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FARM EQUIPMENT

JD 40, #3, 950 parts, cub, farm tort, runs but too hot to restore or part out, $800; 1957 Ford Powermaster triplecy w/ front weights, ran last year, but not now, $900; 3 pt. plow w/hole digger w/8” auger, $100. Richard Lineberry, Siler City 919-742-4415.

L2900 Kubota w/4800 Kubota loader, $3000; straw blower mounted on trailer, $1,200; 5 ft. Guild tool, almost new, $500; Strommer Pomperacker, $500.2.

8790 Case IH, 704-562-9219.

1985 Honda Big Red 3 wheeler, LN, $2,500; Woods finish mower, 72”, $700. Infantino, Thomasville 336-442-3563.

JD 2750, turbo diesel, 900 hrs, new starter & just serviced, $17,000, will consider selling front loader. Tex Watkins, Rocky Mount 919-675-1360.

Trencher/edger/w both blades, used little, Honda motor, $600. Tim Crouch, Elkin 336-957-1542.

5 hp B&S chipper, seldom used, $250, Marvin Pope, Mebane 919-563-6084.

Ford NH 3930 tractor, front end loader & bucket, turbo hydraulic, attach. for a roller, w/elect, tie, canopy over seat, $1,250. Harold Cooper, Wagram, 7187 or 631-4918.

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NC, Beavers, Trinity 336-301-2473.

8N Ford, already painted, $395; Seagrove 336-302-3405.


JD 72 in. mowing deck, able loader, used, GC, $3,000; Rougemont 336-364-1698.


IH 2 row corn planter, stub guards, 2 cutter bars, kept in shed, $6,000 obo; sq bale accumulator, $2,000; 429-0893.

Super Hayliner 69 sq baler, carried away $1,000. Bryan Miller, Jameson Springs 619-639-1799.

Super Hayliner 3000 hay maker, $6,000; NH 76 sq baler, $1,600; Great Plains 10x33 corn planter, $5,000; NH 6 reel tedder, 22 ft, $4,000. Steve Killian, Lincolnville 704-663-9469 or 663-9469.

2003 model, new pick up needle, $9,000. Richard King, Clemmons 336-785-2117.

1997 SD 67 baler, $100; JD ride, 3925. Steve Killian, Lincolnton- dale 704-437-4791.

1991 Kubota B1550 2wd tractor, 22.5 hrs, shaved, 17 hp diesel eng, w/Belco C15 bush hog, Huntsville 704-694-3260.

1975 red belly Ford tractor, 4x4, 60hp, 900 hrs, $2,100; with loader, $1,000. New front tractor tires, $1,100; lawn mower deck, $1,000.


1974 JD 4542 cab tractor, 500hrs, $4,100; 3 point hitch, air ride seat, third function on loader, power reverser, LN, no loaders, $40,000. Jonathan Gilchrist, Wadesboro 704-288-7749.

Gleaner C2 combine, diesel w/13 ft grain head, $2,600. Roger Wise, Vale 704-276-1249.

2 pt hitch for Farmall m tractor, includes cy & top link, $500. Steve Cockman, Pittsboro 919-542-2793 or 919-939-1276.

2 row cultivator, one fast hitch, disc, planter, scraper blade, fert. & several sets of cults, box w/10 breakers, less than 1,200 hrs, $5,500. James Hines, Vass 919-604-7710.


Kubota 4090, 180hp, ac & heat; front loader 608 hrs, LN, $35,000; Agco strawblower & trailer, VGC, $1,500. Susan Newman, Burlington 704-982-2332.

Rayman ac & heat, 5 yd, $9,500; Cat D6 45N dozer, 920 hrs, LN rear tires, good gas, LN rear tires, good

Yorkville 704-663-9469 or 663-9469.

2015 JD 612 utility trailer, 7600 gal, 4400 lb cap., w/2125 bucket, Wadesboro 704-694-3260.

NH S67 baler, $1,600; JD ride, $3925. Steve Killian, Lincoln- ton-dale 704-437-4791.

1990 JD 5402 baler, $725; Ford 101 2 bottom plush, $325; subsoiler, single span, 3 pt hitch, heavy duty, $100; hay spear, 3 pt hitch, $125, Reagun Hudson, Vale 828-787-8287.

Magnaflow plow, LN rear tires, good, needs title, $2,525. ML Nelson, Hendersonville 828-772-9976.

Magnetos of different makes & types, some w/gears, $45 & up. Bill Payne, Madison 704-538-3660, 6-8 p.m.

JD 2510 diesel tractor, $20 hrs on rebuilt eng., pt hitch, hay loader, hay spear, blade, boom, GC, $9,900; Blanton power loader, needs work, $600; 2 old feed scales, $50 each, McNaull, Durham 919-493-5003.

NH 55 side delivery hay rake, $1,500. St. Welch, Efloria 704-926-2680.

140 Farmall, new complete, cutts, 1 pt hitch, 3 pt adapter, fair tires, $5,000. Oldsmobile, Sanford 919-868-6352.

Pequea 525 feed wagon, 11'1/2 high floatation tires, 25 ft auger, uses 4x16, used little, NC, in Wil- cox, $5,000. Nicholas Allen, Lincolnton 704-982-2332.


1945 farmall H model, $1,400. Guin, Smithfield 919-634-6160.

1973 Ford 2000 diesel tractor, power steering, good tires, 4 spds, runs good, very little work done, $4,500. Steve Marlett, Ford, $4,000. Some old farm equip. runs good, hr meter wasn’t working when purchased, so not sure of hrs, have put 700 hrs on tbl, not run much, $2,000; hay feeder & bale mover, new water pump, no equip. w/t, $4,250. Eric Oldham, Chappal Mill 704-788-5276.

Liftback betterizer manifold spreader, 2,450 gal, used twice/year for dairy storage, pond manifold removal, GC, $3,500; Hope 424 manifold spreader, LN, $4,000. James Lind- ley, Snow Camp 919-742-4507.

Case rd baler 551, 2x5, 20 ft, LN w/pick up needle, new nite, $8,000; NI baler, nice, $1,750. Bobby Perry, Siler City 919-742-5524.

2000 Case IH 1016 baler, LN w/ De-

2001 Case 580, 3400 hrs, 4WD backhoe, cab & AC, nice, $56,000; Meyer 580, 2000 hrs, $60,000; 4WD backhoe, cab on back, will turn on 45 degree angle & also w/clamshell, runs good, used $220. Danny Goss, High Point 910-310-6251.


2001 Case 950, 4800 hrs, $25,000. Earl Timmins, Parkersville 919-964-9915.

2030 John Deere 1016 baler, LN, $250; Ford 101

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- **For Sale**
  - HAY & GRAIN
  - Orchard/forage mix grass, sq, 4x5 bales, stored on skids, at $25, will load. Larry York, Staley 336-824-2077.
  - Orchard/forage mix grass, 4x4, 4x4 rolls, sqaure bales, delivered for small quantity, at $35. David Mavaldor, Summerfield 336-908-0519.
  - Rake hay, nds, bale wrapped, 4 x 4 1/2 ft, can deliver 24 bales/$25, prices could change. Larry Bullock, Greenwich 252-833-4748, no text message.
  - Wheat straw, cheap, round bales, $3.50. Eugene Burn, Spring Hill 336-611-1621.
  - Orchard grass mix forage, 4x4, round bales, $35, orchard grass, $5, alfalfa, sq bales, $7, alfalfa, in bundles, $2.50, $4.50, $5, $5.50, $8, all bales, delivered, ginger, 336-584-0335.
  - Bee honey, great cow hay, delivered available for $25 marked; all types of hay, for sale, $500. L. Dunlap, Robbins 910-307-3282.

- **Small Animals**
  - Horse & cattle hay, small square bales, $3.50/ea. with deliv. for extra charge, $4.50/ea., for both quality, at $5.50 ea., for both, in dry storage, at $1,000. H.O. Davis, Elon 336-769-2234 or 910-385-6873.
  - Horse & cattle hay, small square bales, horse quality, $4.50/bale, in dry, $25-$35.00/bale, based on quantity. Jay Hohn, Archdale 336-293-3866.

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  - Orchard grass hay, horse quality, no rain, no weeds, 1st cutting, $45/bale, delivered. Wendell, Randleman 336-243-3702.
  - Orchard hay, horse quality, no rain, delivered available for $25, 4x4, 4x4 rolled hay, 2017 2nd cutting, stored outside, rolled 8/28/2017, $35/roll, will load at pick up no charge, or deliv. avail. for $44.50. Darin Martin, Moore 910-247-0427.

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Land for sale must consist of at least 3 acres and be surrounded by woods, private with wildlife watching, $375,000; 11 mature timber, hunting, horses, geese, timber, water & hwy.

Livestock

For Sale

Nigerian dwarf goats, 4 to 10 y/o, $5 to $10, very healthy. $150.

French Alpine goats, 6 to 10 y/o, $15 to $20.

Katahdin, St. Croix, black belly, hair, rams, ewes, lambs, herd reduction, $100 to $150.

Polled Dexter bull, DOB 1990-09-25, $500.

Belted Galloway calves, $25 to $50.

Katahdin black headed Dorper rams, $12 to $15, $3,000 for a pair.

Dorper/Katahdin rams, healthy with ewel, feet, vets, vacs, dewormed & ready for use, $1,200.

Mulch, salve, $5 for 500 lbs.

Stuffed animals, $5 each.

Verticle & horizontal mowing, reclaiming property lines, ponds & dams, shooting lanes, etc., no job too small any location within 50 miles, $70 per hour, 1/2 price w/3 or more customers.

Livestock for Sale

Angus bulls, some reg., 12-18 m/o, bolts out of Sitz Upward, Pa 366-250-8055.

Boer x Lamancha buckings, do b/17, vacs, dewormed & ready for breeding, $150 to $180.


Berkshire pigs, full blooded, make excel. breeding stock & fast growing market pigs, $75. Josh Holmes, Laurinburg 910-947-0011.


Angus bull, 20 to 25 m/o, bolts out of SRSU, $2,500. Archie Miller, Millersburg 828-522-7027.

Dorper/Charolais steers, 1 1/2 to 2 y/o, $2,500. AMC & Colnton 980-240-3428.

Charolais bulls & heifers, 10 m/o, wide belts, $500 ea or $750 pair.

Two Bulls, average 2 y/o in Mar, $1,000 to $1,200.

Charolais bulls, 2 y/o in Mar, $900/both.

Reg. Galloway bull, $900.


Spanish goats, bucks & does, ages from 2017 kids to 5 y/o, $75 to $150. John Funderburk, Turkey 919-357-6273.


Kadey black headed Dorper wether, 6 to 7 m/o, $60.

Boars, 10 m/o, excel. conformation, $2,000-$5,000. William Pyle, Frankfort 919-215-5677.

Polled Hereford bull, DOB 2/27/16, $1,200.

Nigerian dwarf goats, 4 to 10 y/o, all males have been cut, weigh 20-30 lbs males & 15-20 lbs females, $75.

Charolais bulls & heifers, 10 m/o hens, laying well, tame & tame, $150.

Spanish goats, bucks & does, ages from 2017 kids to 4 y/o, $60 to $150. Carol dominance, 1/3 Tamworth, 1/4 Indian. $1,000 neg. before breeding.

Bakersman, breeders bloodline from La., Tx, NY & NAP, females, all males have been cut, $300. Mary Bush, Greensboro 336-907-6499.

Diamond doves, singles, $20 up & mates priced, $30 up.

Fall hatch Cornish & black muslim cross pullets & stags, $10. Dennis Curtis, 910-561-6276.

Chicken house equip., heaters, fans, feed bins, curtain machines, feed control pans, feed bins, curtain machines, etc., $5 & up.

Charolais heifers, 10 y/o, $1,000 & up. Fred Mock, Burlington 336-478-0321.

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Chickens, red sex link, 15 to 20 wks old, $5, good working order, can see it run before purchased in Dec., motors & hoppers included, $260 each. Barry Crane, McLeansville 336-375-3981.

Chickens, standard, bantams, leghorns, Rhode Island, Wyandotte, Seabrights, silvers, white, & others, all ages & sizes, $2 to $5.


Guineas, 5 y/o & up. Jamie Haden, East Bend 323-250-1000.


Chicken house equipment, feeders, fans, curtains, curtains machines, feed control pans, feed bins, curtain machines, $2 to $5.

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Bantams, Old English, Silver Duck, Red, BR Mule Deer, Cock, Blacks, extra males, $5 & up. Melvin & Helen, Mt. Airy 336-374-2254.


American/Golden Comet mix roosters, 6 to 8 m/o, $5 & up. Susan C. Howard, Cordova, TN 940-707-9411.

Peacocks, $45 & up; turkeys, $10 & up. guncase, $5 & up. Roy Parker, Lincolnton 704-376-4738.


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Fall agritourism events planned across the state

The start of fall is just a week away, and agritourism farms across the state are ready to open their doors to visitors. There are more than 700 agritourism farms in North Carolina, and many are hosting fall activities ranging from pumpkin patches and corn mazes to harvest festivals and grape stomps.

Following is a list of some of the special fall events:

**Western North Carolina**

- Red Wolf Farm in Maiden is celebrating the opening of its new location at Hwy. 321, exit 33. The farm will host its Pumpkin Patch and Adventure Maze Saturdays and Sundays in October, with a pumpkin patch, hayrides, horseback rides, farm animals and more.

- Howard Family Farm in Harmony will host its annual corn maze and pumpkin patch. The farm opens to the public on Saturdays and Sundays from Sept. 23 through Oct. 29. Other dates are available for school groups, birthday parties, corporate events and large groups.

- Kersey Valley Attractions in Archdale will have a Maize Adventure corn maze on Saturdays and Sundays from Sept. 17 through Nov. 4.

- Smith’s Family Fun Farm in Hillsborough will open its seasonal pumpkin patch Sept. 29 through Oct. 31. The farm will also have a sunflower maze, hay rides, tractor rides and all activities are included with purchase of a pumpkin.

**North Carolina**

- Lazy O Farm in Smithfield will have a Trick or Treating in the Maze event Oct. 28 from noon to 5 p.m. Children are encouraged to wear their costumes and visit the farm for a family friendly event featuring farm animals, hayrides, mazes and pumpkin picking.

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  **Beef Cattle Field Day** will be held Oct. 28 at 9 a.m. at the Upper Piedmont Research Station in Reidsville. Contact Joe French, 336-349-8347. Other upcoming field days include a grazing workshop Nov. 11 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Butler Beef Cattle Field Lab in Bahama. To register go to http://go.ncsu.edu/amazing-grazing-workshop.  
  *Poinsettia Field Day* will be Nov. 28 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Horticultural Field Lab at 4415 Beryl Road, Raleigh.

- The 76th Annual N.C. Gourd Arts and Crafts Festival will be held Sept. 4-5 at the Hough House Building at the N.C. State Fairgrounds in Raleigh. The festival features displays of gourds from around the world, special gourd workshops, vendors of dried gourds, seeds, crafts, arts and more. The event includes a variety of competition categories, with ribbons and prizes awarded to winners. There will be a live auction at noon on Nov. 4, and a free gourd crafting tables for kids. Hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday. Cost is $2 for adults and free for kids under 16 years old. For more information on competitions and workshops, go to www.ncgourdsoociety.org/festival or call 919-696-0744.

- **Increase your natural beekeeping knowledge through a one-day seminar with beekeeper Michael Bush Oct. 14 from 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. at the Johnston County Ag Center in Smithfield. Bush is a world-renowned author, speaker and proponent of natural beekeeping methods. Cost is $40 and a hot lunch is included. The event is sponsored by N.C. Bee Education and Training Inc. To sign up, go to https://midnightbeesupply.com/product/michael-bush-apaluooza-tickets, http://www.signupgenius.com.**

- The Cape Fear Poultry Association will host a poultry show Dec. 9 at the Johnston County Livestock Arena in Smithfield. Judging starts at 9 a.m. The deadline to enter is Dec. 4. For show information, contact Wilbur Hanley, show director, at 919-796-2936 or email at langshanman@gmail.com or Carolyn Lynn at 919-897-8001 or sultanlady@embarqmail.com. The show catalog and entry form can be found at www.capefearpoultryassociation.com.  
  **As a way to help farmers and agricultural workers stay safe at work, the N.C. Department of Labor offers safety videos on a variety of topics through its YouTube channel. Video topics include: preventing green tobacco sickness, hazard communication, tobacco harvester safety, heat stress, migrant housing requirements, forklift safety, and information about the NCDOL’s Gold Star Growers program. The videos are in English and Spanish to increase understanding of safety hazards and preventing accidents. To learn more about the NCDOL and the Agricultural Safety and Health Bureau, go to www.ncdol.gov or call 1-800-NC-LABOR (800-625-2267). NCDOL is also on Facebook and Twitter (@NCDOL).**

- **Beepers with bees for rent and growers interested in bee pollination services can post their information on the BeeLinked website at www.ncag.gov/beelinked. The site is hosted by the N.C. Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services and the N.C. State University Agricultrue Program. Anyone interested in listing their information can do so by filling out an online Submit Your Ad form on the BeeLinked page or by contacting NCDAAKCS at 919-233-8214 or by email at NC/Honeyee@ncag.gov or call NCSU at 919-515-1660. The NCDAAKPS Plant Industry Division regulates the movement of agricultural or related items capable of spreading harmful insects, diseases, and other pests. Beekeepers participating in this program will be required to comply with all honey and bee industry regulations.**

- The N.C. Ag Finance Authority provides credit to agriculture in areas where financing is not available at reasonable rates and terms. The agency originates, services and finances farm loans, rural business loans, disaster loans and cotton gin loans. It also offers tax-exempt ag development bonds for agribusiness processing, ag-related manufacturing or ag waste disposal. For more about Ag Finance Authority programs or to request a loan application, call 919-790-3949 or email at RequestLoanInfo@ncag.gov. **