The Oxford Research Station will celebrate 100 years of agricultural research this year. The station joins three others that have reached this milestone – the Upper Coastal Plain Research Station in Rocky Mount, Piedmont Research Station in Salisbury and the Mountain Research Station in Waynesville.

North Carolina has a long history of agricultural research success from the 18-station system, which operates under a unique partnership between N.C. Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, N.C. State University and N.C. A&T State University. During the past 100 years, the Oxford station has served as the premier tobacco research station, supporting a crop that through the years has laid a foundation for growth for the state.

A celebration event will be held later this year.

Boll weevil assessment drops to 70 cents per acre

The board of the Boll Weevil Eradication Foundation of North Carolina has set the boll weevil assessment for 2012 at 70 cents per acre of cotton. That amount is 30 cents less than the 2011 assessment.

The fee supports the foundation’s efforts to monitor cotton acreage for any re-introduction of the boll weevil, which was eradicated in the state in 1986, and to respond promptly with eradication treatments if necessary. With stable or increasing cotton acreage, farmers will certainly want to maximize their cotton yields this year,” said Agriculture Commissioner Steve Troxler. “The boll weevil assessment is an excellent investment. We don’t want a return of this highly destructive pest in North Carolina, and the trapping and monitoring supported by this assessment (See Boll weevil, pg. 2).

Got to Be NC Festival returns May 18-20

The Got to Be NC Festival returns to the State Fairgrounds May 18-20 with plenty of delicious food, rides, fun activities and horsepower to satisfy every attendee.

North Carolina food and beverages from nearly 100 producers will take center stage at the N.C. Food and Wine Expo, one of the highlights of the festival. Visitors can sample a variety of products and purchase some to take home. Cookbook signings will be a new addition to the Expo this year. Cost for the food and wine expo is $2 and includes a discount coupon sheet for select products at the show.

Food will also be available on the grounds of the Festival, including the N.C. Pig Jig on Saturday. The Pig Jig will feature more than 40 Mason teams competing (See Festival, pg. 2).

Manage strawberry fertilization with tissue testing

Strawberry fertilization has begun in the coastal and piedmont regions of North Carolina. Fruit quality and yield will depend on how well nutrients are managed from now until harvest.

“Plant tissue analysis from the N.C. Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services provides the most accurate way to monitor strawberry nutrition and adjust fertilizer rates,” said Agriculture Commissioner Steve Troxler.

The department recommends that growers submit strawberry tissue samples every two years about the bloom and fruiting stages. The test costs $7 per sample for North Carolina growers and $27 for out-of-state growers. It normally takes two working days for the department’s Agronomic Services Division laboratory to measure nutrient levels in each sample and post test results and recommendations online at www.ncagr.gov/agronomy/ypplant.htm.

Strawberry tissue samples should be sent only from most recently mature, trifoliate leaves (MRMLs). These leaves are full-sized and green and consist of one petiole (leaf stalk) with three leaflets. They are usually located three to five leaves back from the growing point.

Avoid collecting leaves that are damaged or dull in color. When MRMLs are being collected, it is very important to detach the petiole from the leaflets immediately. This action halts nutrient transfer between the two plant parts, which will be analyzed separately for different purposes. Analysis of leaflets can reveal nutrient imbalances within the plant. Analysis of petioles indicates the (See Agronomic advice, pg. 2).

From the tractor

by Agriculture Commissioner Steve Troxler

Each year, I look forward to spring and the start of a new planting season. Spring is the time of year when we shake off the old and lay the groundwork for new beginnings.

As we head into a new crop season, I am reminded how fortunate we are to have such a great variety of food produced here in the state. We find examples of that abundance and variety at grocery stores, farmers markets and restaurants across the state. Shopping at these businesses is a great way for each of us to support agriculture and the farmers who work hard to put food on our tables.

I hope that everyone who reads my column regularly works to make it easier to support North Carolina agriculture when eating out. Don’t know where to start? You can find a list of NCD&CS award-winning restaurants at http://www.bestdishnc.com/about.htm. Click on the link to past winners for a partial list of restaurants that feature N.C. products.

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Agronomic advice (Cont’d from pg. 1)

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provide specific information about each crop sample. Details about fertilization history, environmental condi-
tions and the name of the variety being grown should be included on the NCDA&CS Regional Program for Plant Sample Information

form, which is available on the division’s website. On the form, it is especially important to indicate the appropriate growth-stage code (B1 through B12) based

Boll weevil— (Cont’d from pg. 1) helps ensure that spot reintroductions of boll weevils are quickly dealt with. “Foundation contractors will be paid via a formula determined by NCDA&CS regional agronomist for guidance.

Information on collecting and submitting strawberry tissue samples is available online at www.ncagr.gov/ agronomi/pictorial.html.

Keep up with the latest on the N.C. Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services through the department’s “In the Field” blog at www.ncagr.gov/blog.

Equestrian events

Horse Events


April 6-8.............Region 12 & 15 Arabian Horse Show. Contact Rori Meachum, 919-906-3510.
April 19-22.............Eastern Junior Quarter Horse. Contact Margaret Byrd, 919-902-7221.
April 20 & 29.............Triangle Wide Horseman’s Association. Contact Mark Pence, 910-795-8659.
April 28 & 29.............Four Bears for Pleasure Horse Show. Contact Boucher, 919-274-8005.

Western N.C. Agricultural Center, Fletcher, (828) 687-1414

May 3.............Sheriff’s Mounted Patrol Open Horse Show. Contact Wallace Mooney, 828-606-7971.
May 6-7.............Western District 4-H Horse Show. Contact Robbie Potter, 828-688-4811.
May 11-13.............Asheville Spring Classic Horse Show. Contact Ray Cloninger, 704-483-3000.
May 16-20.............Asheville Lions Club Benefit Horse Show. Contact Ray Cloninger, 704-483-5000.

Sea. Bob Martin Eastern Agricultural Center, Williamsburg, (252) 792-5111

April 14 & 15..........Williamson Spring Dressage. Contact Janine Maloney, 919-269-7307.
April 27 & 28.............NE Dist. 4-H Horse Show. Contact Cameron Lowe, 252-232-2261.
May 4-6.............SCFSC Spring Classic. Contact Michelle Wilkem, 267-893-9449.
May 10-11.............Carolina Classic Derby. Contact Mike Hancock, 540-526-5210.
May 19 & 20.............SC Dist. 4-H Horse Show. Contact Matthew Wallace, 252-732-2581.

*Briefs subject to change. Call before attending.

** More Horse Events in Bucolic Briefs.
**BEEKEEPING & Equipment**

**Notices**

**N.C. law requires a permit to sell bees in North Carolina. It is a permit that is not required for the sale or giving away of bees. The sale of bees must be recorded in a hive in a calendar year, a one-time going-out-of-business sale of less than 50 hives, or the renting of bees for pollination purposes or their movement to gather honey.**

**Russian X Buckfast bees, 20, $5 frame mate, 6 frame frame, exchange, $95 each, Troy Parker, Bolton 910-655-6741.**

**Bee supply & super, new, $175 ea. Jack Hartley, Sophia 336-460-1801.**

**Italian Cordovan honey bees, 100,000, Queens, good, ready, move late April, $150. Charles Hennis, Greensboro 336-215-6906.**

**Honey bees for pollination of blueberries, fruit trees, and gardens, $35 per week in rent on honey bees. Chris Mendenhall, Thomasville 336-426-4972.**

**Beekeeping supplies, woodden, wax foundation, tools, smokers, literature, 25,000 weekly for rent on honey bees. Dan Mendenhall, High Point 336-644-9143.**

**3 frame nuc Italian queen, stone, 3 frames, $175 each, 10% off in waxed coated boxes, no frame excepting materials, 100% Mite, High- point 704-539-4757.**

**FARM EQUIPMENT**

**New Idea corn picker, 1 row, self fed, season 2011, $5,000. J. E. Allen, Boomsville 336-468-2723.**

**1 Row Roper fertilizer distributor, new plus add on parts, box, point & paint, extra for cult., $750; 1 Row Accessor, England 864-937-3286.**

**M Farmall 150 tractor, rebuilt engine, new injection pump, metal VGC & paint EC, rear tires 50%, front tires 100%, new fittings, all new parts, bolts, hoses, assembly, slightly used, $200. Buddy Finner, Ramseur 919-552-5345 or 818-3966.**

**Cobe multi flex planter & fertilizer, 3 pt. system w/ cult., platers, used once, unit is new, $1,300. D. J. Coble, Ramseur 336-879-5453.**

**Journigan, Franklinton 919-495-7632.**

**Bees, Supplies & Services Wanted**

**Will remove swarms of honey bees and install them in new colonies. Gary Satterfield, Thomasville 336-495-7803.**

**Someone to place hives for garden pollination, owner pays all the honey collected. 100% Mite, NewQueen, $300. Steve Trexler. “This program goes a way to help small farmers stay competitive and grow more profitable crops.”**

**N.C. beekeepers will accept grant applications at $10,000 from nonprofit organizations, commodity associations, state and local government agencies, colleges and universities. Grants are not available for projects that directly benefit or provide a profit to a single organization, institution or individual. The application deadline is 5 p.m. April 20. Projects involving the following specialty crops are eligible:**

**Fertilizer, insecticide hoppers, $1,500. Daymor International, Yadkinville 336-466-2356.**

**Farmall M tractor, $1,500. Johnny Wagoner, Elon 336-603-7217.**

**72” rock bucket for skid steer, $600; 1033 NH bale chopper, new, $8,500. Doug Plyler, Waxhaw 910-572-3539.**

**2 ROW 9F white & red, pedigree avail., $10 & up. John Blue, Maxton 910-844-5860.**

**New Zealand purebred rabbits, $2,000. Mark Hind, Mooresville 704-664-2060.**

**3 lb Italian pkgs, $15; 2 lb, $10. Johnny Wagoner, Elon 336-603-7217.**

**Psycho hormone, $10; 1 lb, $4.50/half lb. Mark Hind, Mooresville 704-664-2060.**

**3 lb. pkgs. $8; 5 lb., $16. John Hood, Greensboro 336-921-6314.**

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AC 6800, 3,050 hrs., incl. bush hog yard work & fork truck, $6,500. Mark Thomas, Lawndale 704-655-1359.

Bobcat skid steer w/steer trucks, $8,000; superior style mower hay trailer, $1,500; bush hog yard truck & forklift, $3,000; Brent Grooms, Graham 336-367-7922.


1957 John Deere 250, wide front, air, 730 hrs., excellent, $6,000; Mark Thomas, Lawndale 704-655-1359.


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Ford 4000 tractor w/cab, diesel, 3 pt. hook up, $14,500. Phil Kroll,  Bennett 336-879-6505.

2 JD 453, 74 hrs., 150 hp., $10,000. Richard Sharp, Burlington 336-227-5429, before 9 pm.


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$75, all for Ford 8N. Bonnie Henry, 3,000 hrs., runs great, EC, $6,250.; BX720 Kutter bush hog, $450 OBO. John Spahn, Yadkinville 336-992-3508.

2 JD 4020, side console, 3 pt., cat.1 & 2 HD hay spear, $3,000.; JD 350 JD sickle mower, $150, new sprockets, $18,500. Tripp Reed, Mt. Airy 336-939-9750.

547 40 ft grain auger, $12,000; 2004 TRX 350 Rancher 4 wheeler, $5,200; JD 918F field conditioner, $2,500; 4004 TK 5410, 5500, 5510, $1,500; bush hog yard trailer, $2,500; 1948 9N Ford tractor, $7,000. Judy Rushing, Indian Trail 704-366-1233.

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4 JD 350 954 hrs, $900 each; 4 JD 1770 12 row planter, $1,000; 2 JD 1150, $600 each; 2 JD 2950 tractor, $1,200 each; 2 JD 3010, $850 each; 2 JD 4020, $800 each; 1 JD 956, $700 each. Derek Green, Thomasville 336-334-0231.

Field marker rig, model 199, aw 4 x 8, $1,000; 3 pt. hook up Mora rotate, $1,700. Randy Caldwell, Reddsville 366-484-7672.

4044 Farmall w/cult, $2,500, 2550, $1,900, incl. brush head, $3,000. Ed Haigh, Grifton 252-367-0867.


M Farmall, power steering, runs good, good tires, air, $3,500; bush hog yard trailer, $1,800. Roy Hankins, Reddsville 336-632-6578.


1974 IH 745, 800 hrs., 1950 w/orig. owner, $7,000. Larry Good, Newton 828-664-7750.

1960 Farmall cub cult, plow, disk, w/hitch及以上, $2,000. Henry Heifetz, Salisbury 336-782-2604.


549 45 grain drill, 7 1/2 disc, 7 ft, air, $2,500; 10 disc drill, 7 1/2 ft, JD, $4,000; JD hay rope hoy, 15 ft, $250; JD aw 36 disc, 15 ft, Andy Caldwell, Reddsville 366-484-7672.

1979 John Deere 450, 5000 hrs., 5500, 5510, $1,500; JD 1770 12 row planter, $2,500. Derek Green, Thomasville 336-334-0231.

1939 Farmall 700 1050 hrs., $700, many parts still looks good, $500. George Eubanks, Salisbury 704-826-3997.

AC 4600, 3,050 hrs., incl. bush hog yard work & fork truck, $6,500. Mark Thomas, Lawndale 704-655-1359.

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300 bbl oil, runs good, 12 volt, good tires, 2 pt. fast hitch w/dipper arms, new battery, $2,500. Michael Hudgins, Bear Creek, 910-893-9927.

JD grain drill in good & small seed boxes & seed, $90. Bill Thornton, Raleigh 919-625-2949.

AC loader winch, motor, replacement parts, fits all brands, $450. Ricky Hinzman, Cameron 919-499-5799.

JD disc drill in good & small seed boxes & seed, $90. Bill Thornton, Raleigh 919-625-2949.

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4 x TTO powered trolley, system in good working condition. Mike Logan, Groveville 977-2047 or 223-1673.

JD 10 ft iff doil, downhill motor, runs good, no leaks, 3 pt hitch, $4,500 neg. Rex Murphy, Wilmington 910-797-0553.

JD grain drill, 7 row, 30 ft 9 in. with new 11-14-466, hydraulic hook ups, incl. dirt bucket & chain, $17,000. John Hines, Raleigh 919-693-9454.

Roll for hay 4000 Ford tractor, Dan Ryan, Hendersonville, 828-258-4356.

Grain corew van wagon for Nc or JD corn picker. Charles Franklin, Newton NC 704-756-3708 or CMC 600, Cary/Kaunas/Pinehurst 919-544-0954.

4 x 4 yard earth pan, prefer JD. Tony Farrow, Bahama 919-477-8461.

14 ft swing motor, used. 18 ft operating motor, can pick up. Neil Frank, 910-987-7178.

Lay off pull 2 row, adj with 2 x 4 hitch, GC, J. F. Morgan, Stanfield 919-544-2541.

Fence Farm Labor

Front end loader, tilling, plowing, disc cleaning, bush hogging, scraping, mowing, tree trimming, planting, etc. to travel up to 75 miles, $30-45/hr. Kerry Loggins, Oak Ridge 326-207-6632.

Portable sawmill service, $50/hr. Harold Friddle, Stokesdale 336-842-0777.

18 ft pull type, GC, 90 ft. Dan, Elon 336-260-6006.

Bale type fence, farm yard, within 100 radius of Laurel Springs, $115 & up, Richard Baruch, plus travel, 336-464-4714.

Custom farming starting at $10 per hour, plus travel, duke & extended distance. Eric Peatf, Raeford 910-368-7796.

Blue pumps & repairs, all work guaranteed & many parts on hand, 13 ft x 52 in. pumps, $19.95. John Novak, Hope Mills 910-720-1920. 4 x 4 yard bale haul, see, 5 x 5 bales, mesh wrap, $30.00/bale, Rick Ingram, Greensboro 336-920-2925.

Fescue hay, 4 x 4 bales stored in sheltered areas, $43/bale. Scotty Dennis, Roxboro 336-592-1300.


Orchard & alfalfa mix, see, bales of hay, $45/bale, $2.50/rl. hay, $50/rl. Hay elevator.

Belly cult. frame, 20 x 20 ft, $300, plus travel up to 75 miles, $30-45/hr. Kerry Loggins, Oak Ridge 326-207-6632.

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JD 1030 corn planter, in good to M trim. Tyler Brown, Salisbury 717-304-0849.


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for hobby farm or outdoor recreation.
166 ac toward Indiana, 1,075 sq ft home, storage
looking for a place to hunt
• 45 ac in Montgomery co & future years,
• 3 fence & cross fence, $100; $25/ac
• 40 ac in Pamlico co, fenced, hay & pasture
• 3.75 ac in Yadkinville, a creek, 10 fenced & cross fenced,
• Nearby: 1 mi north of Laurinburg & Maxton, dcp cotton/
1650 ft road frontage on Hwy 21, parcel # 114945, mature timber,
• 336 ac in Alamance co, 1 mi north of Laurinburg & Maxton, 13 m/o,
• 10 fenced & cross fenced, $1,200. Boyd
• 880 ft of road frontage, $1,900,000. Imogene
• 13 ac in New Bern, 74 ac cleaned w/4,000 ft on Little River & 1,800 ft on Snipes creek, 5 ac pavement fronted & 54 ac near same area for 7000. John H. Costa, Greenville 336-621-4954 or 908-4735.
• 10 ac in Alamance co, 15 mi. from Chapel Hill, Graham, Pittsboro
• 10 ac in Wilson co, near 80 acre farm w/pond, fenced & cross fenced,
• 1600 ft on Snipes Creek, 3,000 ft near New Bern, 252-636-9150. For 2011
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POULTRY WANTED


Be Becker breeding chickens, young pullets & roosters, $3-5. Mike Lee, 828-656-9448.

Beckerie Heritage hatching chicks, $5 ea. & up. Ronald Legere, 803-252-4681.

Be Swiss show chickens, 100 birds, $100/pack. Kevin Legere, 803-252-4681.

Herring chickens, 100 birds, $100/pack. Kevin Legere, 803-252-4681.

Be Surgically de-sexed pullets, 50 birds, $50/pack. Kevin Legere, 803-252-4681.


Hobbyhog silver pheasants, $10/pair or $50/pack. Kevin Legere, 803-252-4681.


Be Cornish X Rock Cornish, $1/pair. Kevin Legere, 803-252-4681.

Be Californian white meat chickens, $2/pack. Kevin Legere, 803-252-4681.


Be Aseel roosters, $2/pack. Kevin Legere, 803-252-4681.


Be Pygmy goats, 8/10 doelings, $150/pair. Maxine King, 828-458-4912.


Be Reg. Black Angus cows, $1,000. Michael Brower, 828-458-4912.


Be Reg. Limousin bulls, $2,000. Alvin Searcy, Marion 828-738-8533.


Be Maine Anjou fowl, $100. Alvin Searcy, Marion 828-738-8533.


Be Standard white wyandotte, $10/100 eggs. Annalee Grange 919-222-5125.


Be Silver pheasants, $10/pair. Darrell Sanders, 336-758-6241.


FARM SUPPLIES WANTED

10 350 gal. HD poly tanks, $1,000; 530 gal. fuel oil tank, $1,800 OBO. Bill Cleary, Mocksville 336-468-2038.

20 ft camper/trailer, $6,500. Tim White, Cameron 919-499-5799.

2001 Dodge SLT 2500 ext cab 4x4, $7,000. Matt Sechler, Shelby 704-312-0052.


Chevy or Ford 1 ton truck, $4,165, 6 ft. bed, in GC, reasonable price paid. W. L. Ludlow, LLP, 704-890-3402.

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