Specialty crop grants offered by NCDA&CS

Deadline for applications is April 26

The N.C. Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services is offering about $1 million in grants to government, collegiate and nonprofit agencies interested in improving the competitiveness of specialty crops across the state.

The Specialty Crop Block Grant Program is managed by the NCDA&CS and funded by the U.S. Department of Agriculture under the 2009 farm bill. Funding is available for a variety of projects related to enhancing the competitiveness of fruits and nuts, vegetables, culinary herbs and spices, medicinal plants, as well as nursery, floriculture and horticulture crops.

"Last year, the department awarded more than $1.1 million in grants," said Agriculture Commissioner Steve Troxler. "These grants have already helped promote established crops like sweet potatoes, and have funded new research for hops, organic farming and other projects still getting off the ground. These funds go a long way to help small farmers diversify their crops and stay competitive."

NCDA&CS will accept grant applications starting at $20,000 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 deadline is 5 p.m. April 26.

For information and an application, go to www.ncspecialtyCropGrant.org. Questions may be directed to Jeff Camden, NCDA&CS grant administrator, at 919-707-3111 or SpecialtyCropGrant@ncagr.gov.

From the tractor

by Agriculture Commissioner Steve Troxler

As retailers stock their shelves with garden and landscaping supplies, standards inspectors with the N.C. Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services are out to make sure consumers get what they pay for at checkout.

In one case, a Mebane insurance agent was sentenced to nine years in prison and ordered to pay $8.4 million in restitution, which is the amount prosecutors said he stole from clients in insurance fraud.

These stories should serve as a cautionary tale. Crop insurance is a useful safety net that provides growers with a measure of protection against damage from weather and pests. But claims should be filed only when there is a legitimate need.

No one should file false claims for crops that were in fact harvested and sold. It's against the law, and it's pretty obvious that prosecutors are serious about catching and punishing examples of individuals who commit these crimes. As Thomas Walker, U.S. attorney for the Eastern District of North Carolina, told The Associated Press: "We aggressively pursue these criminals just like we pursue drug dealers and other crooks."

There are other reasons to pursue these cases. They are harmful to the crop insurance system and the farmers who pay premiums into it. It also harms taxpayers, who end up paying most of the losses. Cases like the ones I mentioned give critics of the crop insurance program plenty of ammunition to use in pushing for its elimination.

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Fire
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proved burning permit, which can be obtained at any N.C. Forest Service office, a county-approved burning permit agent, or online at www.ncforestservice.gov.
Check with your county fire marshal’s office for local laws on burning debris. Some communities allow burning only during specified hours; others forbid it entirely.
• Check the weather. Don’t burn if conditions are dry or windy. Consider alternatives to burning. Some yard debris such as leaves and grass may be more valuable if composted.
• Only burn natural vegetation from your property. Burning household trash or any other man-made materials is illegal. Trash should be taken to a convenience center.
• Plan burning for the late afternoon when conditions are typically less windy and more humid.
• Be prepared. Use a shovel or hoe to clear a perimeter around the area where you plan to burn.
• Keep fire tools ready. To control the fire, you will need a hose, bucket, a steel rake and a shovel for tossing dirt on the fire.
• Never use flammable liquids such as kerosene, gasoline or diesel fuel to speed debris burning.
• Stay with your fire until it is completely out. In North Carolina, human carelessness leads to more wildfires than any other cause. In fact, debris burning is the leading cause of wildfires in the state.
Burning agricultural residue and forestland litter. In addition to the fire danger, if the burn area should be plowed around the area to be burned. Large fields should be separated into small plots for burning one at a time. Before doing any burning in a wooded area, contact your county ranger who will weigh all factors, explain them and offer technical advice.
For more on ways you can prevent wildfires and loss of property log onto www.ncforestservice.gov.

Got to Be NC Festival seeks antiquate tractors, vendors
Space is still available for antique tractor and farm equipment hobbyists to display their machines at the Got to Be NC Festival at the State Fairgrounds May 17-19. “The display of more than 1,000 tractors and other antique farm machinery is a highlight of the festival, and we’ve got room for more,” said Agriculture Commissioner Steve Troxler.
Tractors in working order can also participate in the daily tractor parade through the fairgrounds. Participation is free, but pre-registration is required.
Festival organizers also have a few spots available for independent vendors and concessionaires.
Tractor registration and vendor application forms are available at www.ncagfest.com.
Organizers expect crowds of up to 100,000 over the three days of the festival. In addition to the farm equipment display, the festival will feature the N.C. Food, Wine & Beer Expo, a bluegrass band competition, a carnival, a barbecue competition that raises money for Masonic charities.
Other events at the fairgrounds that weekend include the Raleigh Flea Market, the Chateau Boat Show and sale in the Scott Building, the Carolina Home, Garden & Estate Show in the Exposition Center, and the Carolina Rollergirls Derby Expo in Dorton Arena, the Independent Flea Market, the Chatlee Boat Show and Sale in the Scott Building, the Got to Be NC Festival Antiquate Tractors competition, a carnival and the Pig Jig, a barbecue competition that will feature the N.C. Food, Wine & Beer Expo, a bluegrass band competition, a carnival, a barbecue competition that raises money for Masonic charities.
Beepers with bees for rent and growers interested in bee pollination services can post their information on the BeeLinked website by visiting www.ncaee.com/beelinked. The site is hosted by the N.C. Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services and the N.C. State University Agriculture Program. Anyone interested in having a beeper come to their location can do so by submitting an online Submit Your Ad form on the linked page or by contacting NCDA&CS at 919-233-8214 or by email at NCHoneybees@ncagr.gov or call NCSU at 919-551-6000. The N.C. 4-H Plant Industry Department, which can provide support of agricultural or related items capable of spreading harmful insects, diseases, and other pests, and other beepers. Beekeepers participating in this program will be required to comply with all honey and bee industry regulations.
The Piedmont Saddle Club in Colfax will open its lighted arena every Friday from 5-9 p.m. for horse riding. For more, contact Ronnie Bowen at 919-820-4067 or Wayne Collier at 910-980-0066 or email bce289@yahoo.com. The events are open to the public. Contact info@piedmontsaddlecub.org for more information.

The North Carolina chapter of Re-Run, a non-profit organization that places ex-racehorses into adoptive homes, has now threshed over racehorses available for adoption. Thoroughbreds are versatile and do well in a wide variety of activities including shows, events, for pleasure riding, according to Elizabeth Macdonald with Re-Run. For more, go to www.re-run.org or contact Elizabeth Macdonald at hemacd@ mindspring.com.

The deadline for the June issue of the Agricultural Review is May 1; the deadline for the July issue is June 3. 

Horse Events

**Shows subject to change. Call before attending.
More horse events listed in Bucolic Briefs.**
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.ncaagr.gov/blog.

SUBMITTING ADS: Ads are free to NC residents & can be submitted by mail to 1001 Mail Service Center, Raleigh N.C. 27699-1001; online at www.AgReview.org; or by fax to (919) 715-8493. Ads must include name, address including zip code, phone number including area code, and price or price range for every item being sold. Deadline for each issue is noon on the first working day of the month prior to publication. Limit is 30 words, editor reserves right to edit or reject ads. Limit 2 ads/person in different categories.

For Sale

Mosquito fish, gambusia, used for mosquito control, $100/1,000 & up; for sale by weight this spring: fertilizer, mulch or other items.

Lawncare

“The N.C. cantaloupe pilot program’s voluntary assessment serves as a means to help reduce potential contamination, help identify potential concerns with regard to future federal food safety rules and regulations. The on-farm outreach portion is voluntary and will provide an assessment of the farming operation to determine if grower practices should be improved to meet federal standards.”

Pilot program (Cont’d from pg. 1)

For Sale

Bee hives, complete, no bees, 50, $125 ea.; 800 queen cages, $55 ea.; Herbert Joyce, Mt. Airy 336-415-4937.

6 frame spring mix (25) 3 lb., $15 each; 50, $50. Chris Mendonca, hubb, Thomasville 336-442-9835 or 910-752-2140.

Beeswax for candle making. Joe Tankersley, Apex 919-363-5656 or 919-605-6599.

Equipment for Sale

Montana air blast sprayers, canop type, 3 pt. hitch, 100 gal. fiberglass tanks, $5000, both new, 100 gal., $3500. barrel, $2,500. Chris Mendonca, 919-456-8735.

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Bush Hog QT 2426 front end loader, fits AC tractors, $2,000; Lobar 3 pt. hitch, $150. Elbert Williams, Pekin 919-330-7531.


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2000 JD 220 w/20 ton end loader, $7,000. JD 4230 open canopy, 8 pd. shift power drive, $12,500; King Cult 2, 6 ft., $1,000. Mark Stirewalt, Salisbury 704-637-5789.

FARM EQUIPMENT

1994 JD 112 cult, B AC w/drawbar, assay, plows, discs, hillers, sweeps, cult., fert., 1 row cultor planter, w/10 ft. & 12 ft. soybeans, $1,800. Bobby Carusso, Grantsville 250-745-1851.

FARM EQUIPMENT

35 ft. 3 cyl. diesel, 5800 hrs., good, $200/ea. & up. Elbert Williams, Glendale Springs 336-982-3887 or 877-6574.

FARM EQUIPMENT

2010 Ford NH T5050, 4x4 & 830 TL w/fork, new tires, tires, $19,500; 2003 Ford NH TL80, 4x4, $19,500; John G. Kelwitz, Cameron 919-935-9797.

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2010 JD 4030, 4x4, $20,000; JD 4550, $27,000, $25,000; JD 4610, $24,000; JD 4640, $27,000, $24,000, John Stone, Frenchburg 250-478-3477.

FARM EQUIPMENT

Leinbach slab saw w/pto, belt gear box & flat belt, ready to use, $527.50. Green Box Equipment, 704-924-1426.

JD 4610, 4x4, low hrs., cab, 140 hp, $18,500; JD 4610, pto, 140 hp, $10,000; JD 4620 pto, dual motors, remote power, hay, $13,800, Phil Zimmerman, Rowan 704-697-3791.


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Thoroughbred Belgian draft gelding, 7 y/o, shown dressing, harness, fix hunter, good mind, ambidex-
tious, chocolate polo, $12,000. Nancy, Pittsboro 336-364-2817.

HORSES & SUPPLIES FOR SALE

FARMLAND Wanted: Please list the name of the farm, the type of real estate, the name of the land owner, and a contact phone number. For non-real estate items, list the type of item, the condition, and the price.


2 wheel cart w/2 b/tow, lap top, weather hut, $175. Steve Green, Wadesboro 704-728-2736.

omen donna, l/dam, owl, old, brf., shaker, intermediate/exp rider, good temp.,

24.1 ac in Montgomery co, 20 y/o, 1 bull, solid black, $2,000. Robert Riggs, Durham 919-782-3154.


22.5 ac in Gravineville Co, stem area, reg. tree, root creek, filled in creek, 800 ft frontage, $2,500. Tim Moss, Bear Creek 828-902-6025.

1920 Farnham, 10 acres, 5000 ft frontage, pond, $5,000. Steve Levitt, E 354-862-4821.


2 1/2 ac in Gravineville Co, stem area, 2007 sale price $3,000, $2,500. Tim Moss, Bear Creek 828-902-6025.

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Bucklings, $15; doelings, $25+; does, $75. Alvin Lowery, Rowland 704-738-2533 or 738-9159.

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Bobwhite quail, 1-2 y/o, $2/pair. Tony pepper seeds, $1/pod w/ Springside Farm Supply, 704-888-0213 or 704-577-6886. Peppy peter pepper seeds for hand milking. Milk cow, de-horned/pollled, wanted for sale. Alvin Lowery, Rowland 704-738-9159 or 738-2533.

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**POULTRY & SUPPLIES**

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Dwarf pepper seeds, good growth, white, pink & red. $10. Kathy Macmillan, 919-778-2871.

Lettuce, $10/100 seeds. $5/20 seeds; heirloom marigolds, grow 4-5 ft tall blooms. $5/200 seeds. $1/pack, 20 seeds, $10/500 seeds, given away. $0.25/packet. Karen LePine, Greensboro 336-955-6620.


**Seeds & Plants For Sale**

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Trees in pots, pecan, blk. walnut, Chinese chestnut, fruiting mulberry, magnolia, rose, apple, pear, sweet mt. cherry & fig, blackberry, red & blk. raspberry, 5-10. Helfer Poole, Guinante Falls 828-728-9420.


Brown turkey fig trees, 3 gal. pots, 35c ea. foraz, 5c each, 325c for 10, 5acs. 1.5. Castle Hayne 919-675-2489.

Sassafras seed or in pots, 50c per lb., 1.50-2.00 in bags. R. Franklin, Franklin 419-734-7705.


Duck, duck, $20 & up depp. on breed, sex, live weight & color. D.J. Pelt, La Grange 919-252-7345.

Red apples, 25c per lb. to $1.00 per lb. for 400 lbs or more. Pasture raised, from Piedmont/Western regions of NC. Sophia 336-498-7103.

White currants, 25c per lb., 50c per lb. for 100 lbs or more. Solid bricks/pavers, 100,000+ avail., $30/100, shed stored, $30/100. O.B. Elliott, Sanford 919-770-9146.

For Sale


Seeds & Plants Wanted

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Lerio BP107

Black turkey

Running okra seeds

For Sale

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Fuel tank on wheels

Fairbanks platform scales

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Water/fuel containers

Grain bins

Supplier

Old blacksmith tools, anvils, wagon wheels, 2 wheel cart on farm items, Sam Hamilton, Raleigh 919-795-1000. Old millstone, 250.aff. Brass, Siler City 919-542-7620 or literally burn, please.

Solid bricks/pavers

One lot CM trolley, 12 ft lift, 3/8 chain, $250; newspaper dispenser, $75. Butch McIntyre, Troy 910-572-2146.

Irrigation reel, 100 gal., Rubber Baron, Hope 252-478-4535.

Siler City 919-742-5187.

Fence posts, 3, $7.50 per bunch. Green Hills Nursery, Chapel Hill, 919-942-9510.

Fuel tank on wheels

Trucks & Trailers

Double tire, 4 ft; treated stakes, $10/case, for winery/biodiesel OBO/trade. Alan, Whitsett 336-209-5230.

125kw, pto, incl. box, 125-224-4702.

Fuel tanks

20 ft, $1,050 hose length, i.d. 3.75 in., SR150 Maid brand, LNC, $65. Joel Jessup, Siler City 919-667-0001.

Steel fuel storage tank

Humane kid holding stall

20 ft, $1,995. R.J. Journigan, Franklinton 919-572-8650.

Irrigation reel

Water/fuel containers

25 ft 220 ext. cord, GC, $1,000. Charlie Helms, Mt. Pleasant 252-746-2337.

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Lancaster 704-807-5780.

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Best Dish in NC winners crowned

Ashten’s and Bistro 42 take top spots

A panel of judges spent the summer traveling to 20 restaurants to find the best fine dining and casual dining dishes that use North Carolina products.

Ashten’s in Southern Pines was named the best in the fine dining category, and Bistro 42 in Asheboro was named the best in casual dining.

Second place in the fine dining category went to The Table at Crestwood in Boone, and third place went to Deluxe in Wilmington. In the casual dining category, Kornerstone Bistro in Wilmington took second place, and Yancey House in Yanceyville took third.

This is the second time that Deluxe, The Table at Crestwood and Yancey House have placed in the Best Dish competition.

The winning dishes were:

- **Fine Dining**
  - **First place:** Ashten’s – Asparagus strudel, N.C. mountain trout salad, Council Farms egg drop soup, braised rainbow farm lamb shoulder, pecan polenta cake with strawberries
  - **Second place:** Table at Crestwood – Field greens with almond encrusted goat cheese, tomato bisque with crab and basil salad, Hickory Nut Gap Farms rib-eye with summer squash fries, cheese cake with wild berry compote
  - **Third place:** Deluxe – Phil’s soft shell crab

- **Casual Dining**
  - **First place:** Bistro 42 – Tapas style tasting menu that included pork and shrimp spring rolls, savory lump crab meat cheese cake with pecan short crust, ox tail (beef) agnolotti with beurre fondu, and lavender-lemon curd with fresh N.C. berries, cantaloupe, honey dew, watermelon and Chantilly cream with fresh mint
  - **Second place:** Kornerstone Bistro – Roast peach, chevre and microgreens salad, chilled cantaloupe, N.C. crab and country ham soup. Dogwood Farms duck and pork confit roulade, fig chutney and summer vegetables, peanut panna cotta with peanut brittle crust and local honey
  - **Third place:** Yancey House Restaurant – Smoked trout brushetta, rustic Tuscan tomato and bread salad, red onions, goat feta cheese, toasted herb Italian bread with balsamic dressing, black/red drum topped with shrimp and crab, lemon mesuier sauce and microgreens served with summer squash gratin, peach hand pies, blackberry ice cream with blackberry wine sauce

The Best Dish in NC competition is an annual statewide contest that recognizes and rewards the efforts of restaurants and chefs who use North Carolina products regularly in their menus. It also raises awareness about local foods, restaurants and chefs.

The 20 finalists were chosen based on their proposed menus and marketing plans for promoting the menu. Chefs were allowed to enter a combination of dishes (for example, an appetizer with an entrée and dessert), but each was judged as a single entry.

Competition finalists were required to feature the dishes in their restaurant for at least a four-week period in May, June or July for judging. Judges rated each restaurant on its use of North Carolina products, creativity, presentation,
FARM EQUIPMENT

1972 pan/sracer Cat 613, run- ning good, VGC. Lee Martin, Roxboro 336-599-0683.

1958 JD 620 p.s.i. 3 posit. pump, runs good, partial lift, W. D. Jack, Clayton 336-963-2904.

4 Wheels, 35x12.5-15," 1000 hrs. Two sets, works good. $1,500. Chad McEwen, Lawndale 704-477-7793. 1974 International 1010, 100 hrs. Dennis Slate, Ger-

948-4238. Richard Morgan, Eagle Springs 910-995-2890. For new Cat equipment heat, radio

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To save costs, NCDAC&S moves to online soil tests and other agronomic reports

The N.C. Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services will have no longer routinely mail out paper copies of agronomic reports. This policy, which went into effect Nov. 1, will apply for current and future soil and nematode assays, as well as plant tissue, waste, solution and soilless media analyses. All these reports are readily available through the NC Agronomic Division’s website, www.ncagr.gov/agronomi. By making the switch to electronic-only reports, the NCDAC&S will work within its limited budget to save significantly on postage, printing and paper costs,” said Dr. Colleen Hudak-Wise, director of the Agronomic Division. “Although the weather and fiscal benefits are driving this change, clients should also see increases in convenience and efficiency. Online reports are available to clients faster than mailed reports and make record keeping easier.”

“Copies can be easily downloaded and saved, and the analytical data can be exported to spreadsheet format,” Hudak-Wise said.

Eventually, the NCDAC&S would like to notify all clients via e-mail when their reports are available online. Clients who provide a valid e-mail address on their sample information form, or who register an e-mail address with the Agronomic Division online, can receive electronic notification. In the interim, all other clients will receive a postcard with instructions on how to find their reports.

Clients who visit the Agronomic Division home page should select the “Find Your Report” link from the left-column navigation bar. This link takes visitors into the division’s laborator-information site, known as PALS. For most people, using the “Quick Report Search” is the most convenient way to access reports.

Basic instructions are outlined at www.ncagr.gov/agronomi/reportsearch.htm. Anyone who has difficulty using the PALS report-search feature or has questions can call (919) 733-2655 for assistance during business hours.

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