Food Safety Forum on Aug. 16

The 12th Annual Commissioner’s Food Safety Forum will be held Aug. 16 from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Expo Center at the State Fairgrounds in Raleigh.

The forum will focus on Whole Genome Sequencing technology and how using its basic foodborne pathogen identification during foodborne illness outbreaks may help reduce those outbreaks in the future. Other topics will be the sanitary transportation of food - an important step in ensuring the public has access to a safe and abundant food supply - and preparing for the implementation of the Food Safety Modernization Act through an on-farm readiness review.

The forum, sponsored by Harris Teeter and Temperature Control Solutions, is free and lunch will be provided. Participants are asked to register to ensure an accurate lunch count. Go to www.ncagr.gov/ncfoodsafetyforum/registration.htm to register.

Get to be NC Agriculture

N.C. Sentinel Landscape program announced

Organic growers in North Carolina can apply for partial reimbursement of the cost of becoming certified or for recertification through a program offered by the N.C. Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services.

Growers who are certified or recertified between Oct. 1, 2015, and Sept. 30, 2016, can apply for assistance through the program.

“This cost-share program will cover up to 75 percent of the cost of organic certification for a farm, up to a total of $750,” said Agriculture Commissioner Steve Troxler. “The program has been popular, and with funds available on a first-come, first-served basis, I would encourage growers to submit their applications early.”

Under the grant, operations can be certified and reimbursed in four separate categories: crops, livestock, wild crop and handler/processor.

The program is for the 2015-2016 season and is funded through a $168,000 grant from the U.S. Department of Agriculture. Applications must be postmarked by Dec. 1.

To apply, growers must provide proof of payment, an IRS W-9 form and a copy of your National Organic Program certification cost-share assistance agreement. The application can be downloaded at ncda.nc.gov/ncda&cs/organic-certification-cost-share-assistance.

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From the tractor

By Agriculture Commissioner Steve Troxler

Summer is a great time of year to get out and experience a little bit of agriculture in many different ways and from many different perspectives. You’ll find lots of activity around farmers markets, pick-your-own fields and agriculture festivals this year, as crops are being harvested and special events are being held across the state.

Some of the activities that quickly come to my mind are field days, which offer growers an opportunity to see some of the latest research on individual crops; special sampling days highlighting crops that are in season at the farmers markets; and a whole range of kid- and family-friendly activities at agitourism farms.

You can also toss agricultural fairs, festivals and parades into the fun agricultural activities mix. We have listed some of these events before in the Agricultural Review. Be sure to check out the list of ag fair dates on page 8. The season gets into full swing beginning this month, with fairs being held through early November.

To me, agricultural fairs, festivals and parades are what makes our state so unique and full of character. These events allow communities to showcase their pride in their agricultural heritage and traditions.

I encourage you to plan a trip to one of these events and learn more about our state’s No. 1 industry. We have a lot to be proud of with North Carolina’s $84 billion agriculture and agricultural business industry.

As Agriculture Commissioner, I get to travel to many of these events across the state, but I think it is impossible to get to every one of them – there’s just that many happening. I did recently attend the Southeast Old Threshers’ Reunion at the Denton FarmPark, where I got to see an impressive display of engines, tractors and farm equipment.

Some of our most observant readers (and, really I hope that is all of you) may notice that my photo for this column changed. Tractor enthusiasts may even recognize that I am pictured on a rare, 1956 Black Hawk Little Chief. This particular tractor is owned by P.L. Thompson of Albemarle.

What makes this rare is that there were reportedly only 25 of these offset models made for farmers in the Carolinas. Looking online, I read that these were special-order tractors specifically offset to accommodate 40- and 44-inch rows of tobacco and cotton.

It was great to see this model, and to learn more about it.

If you are interested in finding out about events at our state-operated farmers markets or agitourism operations in your area, check out the following links: www.ncag.gov/markets/facilities/index.htm and www.ncag.gov/markets/agritourism/index.htm

Organic certification. The application can be downloaded at ncdaoorganic.org.

Growers should mail the application and required documents to:

N.C. Agriculture and Consumer Services
Organic Certification Cost Share Program
Attn: Heather Barnes
1020 Mail Service Center
Raleigh, NC 27699-1020.

For questions, contact Barnes at 919-707-3127.
Pest control companies penalized for violations

The N.C. Structural Pest Control Board recently approved settlement agreements for cases in Brunswick, Burke, Randolph and Surry counties. Following are the agreements:

--- William J. Manning, owner of Manning’s Pest Control in Southport, agreed to pay $800 for failure to supervise structural pest control work done under his license and for failure to provide adequate spill-control materials. Two technicians registered under Manning’s license performed pest control work that resulted in a chemical spill at a residence.

--- William Hogan, an employee of Strand Chemical in Ocean Isle Beach, agreed to pay $1,600 for using a pesticide in a manner inconsistent with its labeling, failure to properly label pesticides and not performing structural pest control work at the rate and concentration recommended on the label. Hogan did not properly trench the outside foundation walls and did not adequately control a termite population.

--- In a related settlement, Jeremy Ross agreed to pay $800 for failure to supervise structural pest control work done under his license.

--- William Randall Baker, operating under the company name Ab-Weed, agreed to pay $2,000 for performing structural pest control work without a license. Baker also received a cease and desist order and was instructed to immediately stop providing services as a pest control company until such time he was properly licensed.

--- Earl W. Smith, a structural pest control license holder with Otho’s Pest Management in Asheville, agreed to pay $1,200 for failing to supervise structural pest control work done under his license.

--- In a related settlement, Jeremy Ross agreed to pay $800 for applying a pesticide in a manner inconsistent with its labeling. The total release of the active ingredient was controlled and the treatment was applied within the correct labeling.

--- Rogelio “Roger” Diaz, operating under the company name Ab-Weed, agreed to pay $1,600 for using a pesticide in a manner inconsistent with its labeling. The total release of the active ingredient was controlled and the treatment was applied within the correct labeling.

To keep up with the latest on the N.C. Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, check out the department’s blog at www.ncagr.gov/blog.
With 170 breweries and brewpubs, it’s fairly easy to find a craft beer made in North Carolina. However, finding a craft beer made with all North Carolina ingredients is a challenge.

Perry Farm in Wake County is hoping to make the search a little easier. The farm is one of five that have partnered with Epiphany Craft Malt in Durham to grow malting barley.

For Kuhls, a hubbub household, malting barley seemed a great opportunity. Instead of specialty barley, he was learning that Perry’s Farm already grows wheat, clover and other row crops, so they already had the land and equipment, which made it easier for them to try growing barley.

The design continues for Perry Farm. After sending samples to the Seed Lab in Raleigh, tests showed the crop did not have a high enough germination rate to be used in malting barley. Kuhls is not deterred by those results, and said he is already reviewing best practices and researching different varieties.

“Go foraging,” Kuhls said. “We’ve got from now until November to figure out how to do it better.”

The counties included in the N.C. Sentinel Landscape are: Beaufort, Carteret, Craven, Columbia, Currituck, Dare, Duplin, Edgecombe, Greene, Harnett, Hyde, Johnston, Jones, Lenoir, Martin, Moore, Onslow, Pamlico, Pasquotank, Pender, Perquimans, Pitt, Richmond, Sampson, Scotland, Tyrrell,Washington, Wayne and Wilson.

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FARM EQUIPMENT

1944 JD J-1 hand start, $4,500; 1946 JD kohler 1-1/2 hp, elect. start, $1,000; 1942 JD 1-9/16 hp, $550; 1950 Gill Newsom, Pinnacle 335-358-2391.


JD 955, 33 hp, hyra trans, 4 row, 12’footer, 4 bottom, belt mow, 3 pt. hitch, $19,500; 1940, 35 hp, hyra trans, 4wd, clamshell, loader, etc., $18,000. Robert Hyer, Durham 919-328-4342.

1946 Ford 2000, $6,000, 6 ft lawn, cult, manure, loader, 12 ft harrow, $4,400. Bill Medley, Rockwell 704-275-8444.


Ni manure spreader, needs chain repair, $550. hand operated corn header, $1,250; 2042 up, cast iron implement seats, $750-1000. Cyrus Bowman, Colfax 336-420-9986 or 997-1783.


AC tractors, B, C, parts/ restore, $2,200-3,000; used WC & parts, $2,200; 2 bottom plow, $1,750. Hamlet 910-582-3695.

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3-10 ac in northern eastern India, Frinkburg, Statesville 704-883-2758.

10- ac in Rowan Co., pond property in the triangle, small house considered, needs physical inspection; contact number R.G. Barnhardt, Supply 910-842-8324.

**FARM & timber land in Pender, Bladen, Sampson, Columbus, & New Hanover counties.** Min. 20 acres, $6,150/acre. John Williams, Ralph 910-801-5383.

**FARM Labor For Sale**

Farming installation, any type field fencing, woven wire, woven post & braid fencing, $6.15/ft. David Waterton, Lexington 704-499-8054.

Welding & light fabrication, free est., Rockingham & surrounding cos., mobile service available. $28/yr. Phillip Hicks, Eden 336-612-2974.

**Machining & fabrication services, $1,100.** Scott Keller, Michael 704-888-8890.

Build any type farm/fence, woven wire, bar, wooden, chained, cross, field, top bar, hay bale, Laurel Springs 336-977-2071.

**Vertical & horizontal mowing, any location, fence lines, ponds & dams, mowing fields, hay fields, retention ponds, sewer right-of-way, lawns & home depots in location. Mary McKeeen, Jackson Springs 910-582-2297.

Haircuts & repairs, all work & parts guaranteed; rebuilds, power wash available. $50-300. Scott Blackwell, Cerro Gordo 910-770-1189.

**Farm Labor Wanted**

Part-time farm help needed in Northampton co. crafting skills, pasture/livestock care exp. $9/hr. Lynn Rice, Pamlico, NC 28581-6304.

**ABattoir rabbits** for breeding, any type, 200-1,000+ ac farm, pond, 3773 between 5-11 p.m. Tim Moss, Graham 336-376-8137.

**Cows, $2,500.** D.R. Wilson, Ramseur 910-262-5251.

**Proven Dorper rams, hardy, sheep, pasture animals, any all ages & weaning lambs, $200-300.** Stephen Herring, Newton Grove 704-467-2303.

**Replacement heifers, born 01-03 & 01-04, $300 ea. reg. Angus, horned & w/t breast cancer test, bred for low birth & high growth, great epd’s, $250. Randy Davis, Wilmington 910-262-5251.

**Miniature Jersey bull, 5 mo., $150.** Jamie Elliott, 336-376-8137.

**Dairy goat kids** for breeding/show, $250-300. Farrah Denite 828-635-7337.

**$125/ea. M. Smith, Pittsboro 336-525-2041.**

**DON’T MISS**

**Highly pathogenic avian influenza**

In 2015, HPAI was found in the wildfowl population in the United States, representing a risk for poultry owners. At this time no cases have been found in North Carolina.

Poultry owners are encouraged, however, to watch for signs of avian influenza and to contact a veterinarian if they find sick birds.

Growers can also contact one of four NCA&DACs regional veterinary diagnostic labs for more information. Go to www.ncaagr.gov/vet/necvl/ VetLabFacilitiesDirectory.html for contact information.

As this disease can spread by the dismemberment of birds, it is important to eliminate opportunities for your birds to come in contact with wild birds.

Owners are also urged to be extra vigilant as biosecurity measures to prevent the spread of disease remain at a high priority.

This includes quarantining any new poultry additions to your existing flock for two to three weeks to observe for signs of sickness, have a dedicated pair of shoes and clothing for working with birds that stay on your property, be mindful if driving on or off property with poultry, or in the case of backyard flocks, to inform the Fly guys. More information about HPAI can be found at www.ncaagr.gov/avianflu.

**Livestock**

**For Sale by owner**

Boar goats, full blood, bucks & does, 4 x 4 sale, 200-500 lb., $200 up. Ted McWilliams, Fayetteville 910-478-6228.

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**Alpacas, show ring & breeding quality, $300-500.** Matt Current, Statesville 704-883-2758.

**Dailyivia kids, dairy Saanen, $500.** Mark Graber, Hamptonville 336-468-2038.

**Sheep, $200-400.** Colin Leavitt, Burlington 910-990-8662.

**Boar hogs, steers & heifers, Traver, GT Maximum & $727 Executive bloodline, $700 up. Tim Moss, Graham 336-376-8137.”

Alpine wethers, born 04-12-16, $1,500 & up. Richard Shaver, Cleveland 704-278-9276.

**Sundance hogs, mixed breeding, $100.** Dubnirue & Cool, Mize, Lexington 336-711-2888.

**Boar’s killo bo, 7/8 Boar & 1/8 Bred.** Mark Graber, Shaver, Salisbury 704-616-8571.

**Jersey heifers w/wooden posts & board any type, skills, pasture/livestock care exp. Gordo 910-770-1189.**

**Bassaberry pigs, unpac mat & females, dob 04-16-16, 10%-12% discount w/2+, $75 ea. Nick Hagen, Yadkin 336-463-0915.**

**Berkshire pigs, intact boars, weigs, & boars, 3-5 lb., 5% excel, breeding stock, Feeders, $75, Josh Brown, Wilkesboro 336-466-3269.**

**Angus, 14 mo.-old, $750, bale tested, reg. Simmental, 2 y/o, Tim Moss, Graham 336-977-2071.**

**England half sheep, white, $1,200 & up.** Doug Van Duzer, Durham 919-780-2991.

**Porked Hereford bulls, reg. bloodline, 1 1/4 y/o, gentle, $1,200.** Mike Shaffer, State Road 336-874-2166, 276-255-9030.

**Angus x cows/fal pigs, $1,400.** Angus x heifers, $900. Ronnie Oakley, Manteo 619-267-4275.

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S&A poultry dealers:

**Seeds & Plants Wanted**

Please NOTE: Anyone offering nursery stock for sale in N.C. is required to be licensed. You can call the N.C. Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, 1-888-788-7720, or visit the website at www.ncagr.gov/blog.

**Wanted**

- **Seeds & Plants**
  - Tomato, cucumber, melon, watermelon.
  - Baker’s Dozen, June 2016.
  - For Sale: 10 lb. 2% extra, $25.00.
  - Shearmaster shears w/ 2 ½ in. head, cult., $100.
  - HD tandem axle trailer, 12x6, 2 axles, ball hitch, $4,500.
  - Shearmaster shears, 40 kw, 142,500K mi., GC, $12,000.

- **Plants**
  - Prickly pear cactus, 200 gal., $25.00.
  -鲁能 Milk, 336-352-8376.

- **Poultry & Supplies Wanted**
  - 20-30 chicken eggs, $60. David DaVall, Hertford 252-333-5113.
  - Red hybrids chicken, 16 w/o, $8.00, & deberries layers 7 & up. E.D. Snider, Sale City 336-797-3770.
  - Black Angus cubes, 14 in., fresh, $4.00.
  - Calf feed, $15.00.
  - Clover seed, 50 lb. bag, $14.95.
  - Thistle seed, 50 lb. bag, $14.95.
  - 300# All Metal trailer, gooseneck, $2,500. Jerry Morris, Lexington 828-773-4976.

- **Trucks & Trailers For Sale**
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Mosquitoes can breed in any puddle that lasts for more than four days, so removing any source of standing water can reduce the chance of exposing animals to WNV or EEE. Keeping horses in stalls at night, using insect screens and fans and turning off lights after dusk can also help reduce exposure to mosquitoes. Insect repellants can be effective if used according to manufacturer’s instructions. People, horses and birds can become infected from a bite by a mosquito carrying the disease, but there is no evidence horses can transmit the viruses to other horses, birds or people through direct contact.

To keep up with the latest NCDA&CS news, follow the N.C. Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services on Facebook or on Twitter @NCAggriculture.

State sees first case of EEE; NCDA&CS advises vaccinations

N.C. barley — (Cont’d from pg. 3)

Malt could help revitalize barley production in North Carolina.

"It doesn’t make sense if it’s feed, but it makes a lot of sense if it’s a specialty crop," said Kuhls. "Growing one acre of high-quality, malting barley is like growing two-and-half acres of quality wheat."

Sebastian Wolfrum, owner of Epiphany, has spent the past three years developing relationships with Kuhls and other local farmers. "It doesn’t make sense if it’s feed, but it makes a lot of sense if it’s a specialty crop," said Kuhls. "Growing one acre of high-quality, malting barley is like growing two-and-half acres of quality wheat."

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County fairs being held across the state

County fairs are held across the state from August through October. Pictured is the 2015 Davidson County Fair.

Perry Farm harvested barley in June, hoping to sell it for malting.

Horse Events

Gene James B. Hunt Jr. Horse Complex, State Fairgrounds, Raleigh, 919-734-4845

Aug. 6 & 7 ... Finally Farm Horse Show Series. Contact Lesley Jenks, 919-280-8807.
Aug. 12 & 13 ... Double L Bar Cowboy Mounted Shooters. Contact Dave Lohrey, 919-671-7699.
Aug. 13 & 14 ... UHC Youth Day Show. Contact Renee Marshall, 919-795-8659.
Sept. 9 & 10 ... N.C. State Chaluyty. Contact Bill Whitley, 919-481-4675.
Sept. 30-Oct. 2 Special Olympics. Contact Kelly Vaughn, 919-719-7662.

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

Sept. 10-11 ... N.C. Championship Walking Horse Show. Contact Terri Mosley, 336-325-5009.

Sept. Bob Martin Eastern Agricultural Center, Williamston, 919-792-5111

Aug. 4-7 ... Mid-Atlantic Reining Classic. Contact Chris Wiley, 804-305-7398.
Aug. 13 & 14... August’s JR Open Horse Show. Contact Beth Tew, 252-733-8069.
Sept. 10 & 11 ... EHA & NCHA “C” Horse Show. Contact Wendy Willson, 252-916-3685.
Sept. 15-18 ... NCCTA Autumn Leaves Dressage & GAIG Region 1 Championships. Contact Martie Healy, 352-363-0885.
Sept. 21-25 ... SERFA Summer’s End & SE Affiliate. Contact Danny Blackburn, 919-669-9486.
Oct. 15 & 16 ... EHA & NCHA “C” Horse Show. Contact Emily Bates, 252-378-4474.

Southeastern N.C. Agricultural Events Center, Lumberton, 910-618-5699

Aug. 1 ... Horse and tack auction. Contact Brad Stephens, 828-390-0978.
Aug. 6-8 ... Borderbelt Ranch Sorting. Contact Jason Darden, 910-734-8754.
Sept. 3 ... Shawm McMillan Memorial Barrel Race. Contact Donald McMillan, 910-734-1483.
Sept. 5 ... Horse and tack auction. Contact Brad Stephens, 828-390-0978.
Sept. 10 ... Cowboy Up. Contact Jerry King, 910-237-4525.
Sept. 17 ... Horse and tack auction. Contact Brad Stephens, 828-390-0978.
Sept. 23-25 ... Southern Stock Horse. Contact Jenny Taylor, 919-323-9910.

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