Farmland preservation grants available

County governments and nonprofit groups pursuing farmland preservation projects have until Dec. 19 to apply for funding assistance from the N.C. Agricultural Development and Farmland Preservation Trust Fund. This year’s request for proposals includes statewide general appropriations and $1 million for military base and training buffers. The statewide general appropriations are anticipated future appropriations in the 2015-2017 biennium budget. The military buffer funds are from the 2014-2015 budget and must be contracted and encumbered by June 15, 2015. The military buffer funds must be matched with federal dollars on an equal or greater basis.

“Our new partnership with the military will protect and enhance the two top economic sectors in North Carolina: agriculture and the military,” said Agriculture Commissioner Steve Troxler.

The fund’s purpose is to support projects that encourage the preservation of qualifying agricultural, cultural, historical and forest lands to foster the growth, development, and sustainability of family farms. 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; and for the development of agricultural plans.

The grant application and guidelines for the current fund are available at ncagfp.org/CycleVIII.htm. Call 919-707-3071 with any questions. Applications are due by 5 p.m. on Dec. 19.

December AgroTips

Use agronomic testing to optimize fertilization of greenhouse crops. Several laboratory tests are available from the N.C. Department of Agriculture & Consumer Services to help growers of greenhouse crops keep abreast of potential nutritional problems.

Soilless media - Sample media prior to filling pots or bags to verify that pH and soluble salts are within the desired ranges.

Solution analysis - Submit samples from the NCDA&CS Plant/Waste/Solution/Media Section to help growers of greenhouse crops optimize fertilization of greenhouse crops.

Soilless media - Submit samples of nutrient solutions to verify that the injector is working properly and that plants are receiving the targeted nutrient concentrations.

Plant tissue analysis - Submit samples every couple of weeks to monitor nutrient concentrations in the crop. This test predicts nutrient deficiencies or excesses before symptoms appear so growers can correct the problem quickly with as little reduction in yield as possible.

From the tractor

by Agriculture Commissioner Steve Troxler

I love antiques. Just ask my wife, who may or may not have received an antique tractor or two as presents. I’d say she’s mostly OK with these items, with the possible exception of tractors or farm implements, because they tend to be a lot more expensive and take up a lot of room.

Our home is decorated with antiques we both have collected over the years, and some items from our collection are even on display at the Agriculture Building in downtown Raleigh. There is something about the connection to the past and the memories these items bring to mind that makes them special to me and certainly worth keeping around.

One of the “newest” old pieces on display in my office is a 1952-53 60 Small John Deere kid’s pedal tractor that has been meticulously restored by Tim Cox of Haw River. The details of these toys are pretty accurate with their larger cousins, right down to the three-spoke steering wheel and John Deere stickers on the front, rear and sides. This particular pedal tractor, which is only on loan, was the first one that Tim restored. The restoration was done in 1988.

Collecting and restoring antiques can become addictive, and I think that happened with Tim. He shared a story with me about starting with one or two toy tractors. When he got married he told his wife that this was just a hobby. Then he bought and restored some more, and I got the impression that for a while he was not that impressed with it. But then he figured out a way to make her appreciate his hobby, too. For 25 years now, he has been buying, restoring and selling these pedal tractors, and even has green and yellow business cards announcing Tim’s Pedal Tractor Restorations. Eventually, Tim won over his wife to his “hobby” by giving her $25 for each one he restored and sold. He told me she decided “it was a good hobby after all.”

Like I said, collecting is addictive and there is a thrill and satisfaction in finding a hidden gem and restoring it to its former glory. Like Tim, I have bought, restored, traded and sold a few tractors in my time. But don’t tell my wife about Tim’s story.

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I hope many of you had an opportunity to attend the N.C. State Fair in Raleigh or the Mountain State Fair in Fletcher this year. I am proud of both fairs and their traditions of showcasing North Carolina agriculture and our residents’ talents, and offering good, wholesome family fun.

We added a new wrinkle to our N.C. Education Lottery Military Appreciation Day cel- (See Commissioner, pg. 2)
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The N.C. Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services has received a grant from the N.C. Tobacco Trust Fund Commission to offer branded non-nicotine, water-resistant produce boxes to Community Supported Agriculture farms through a cost-share program. Boxes would be marked with the Got to Be NC logo and would be available for CSA’s that are members of the Goodness Grows in NC/Go to Be NC programs. Membership for the programs is free. For registration information on these programs, go to www.gottobenc.com/become-a-member. Boxes are expected to be bundled in lots of 50, with an anticipated cost-share to farmer of 50 cents a box. Boxes are expected to be available in early 2015. For more information about obtaining boxes, email your name, business name, address, email and daytime phone number to Jack Nales at jack.nales@ncagr.gov.

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.nclabor.com or call 1-800-NC-LABOR (800-625-2267). NCDOL is also on Facebook and Twitter (@NCDOL).

Beekeepers with bees for rent and growers interested in bee pollination services can post their information on the BeeLinked website at www.ncagr.com/beelinked. The site is hosted by the N.C. Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services and the N.C. State University Apiculture 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 NCD&A&CS at 919-233-8214 or by email at NCHoneybee@ncagr.gov or call 1-800-NC-LABOR (800-625-2267). NCD&A&CS 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.

Commissioner

(Cont’d from pg. 1) The dedication at the N.C. State Fair this year by hosting a parade through the grounds. For a first-time event, it was well attended and well received. I was able to join Maj. Gen. Gregory Lusk, the adjutant general of the N.C. National Guard, and other guardsmen in riding the parade route in a Bradley Fighting Vehicle, which was a great honor for me. We intend to bring back the parade again in 2015, and I hope it is even bigger and better. It was a nice way to honor our servicemen and service-

The deadline for the January issue of the Agricultural Review is Dec. 1; the deadline for the February issue is Jan. 2.
2014 NC State Fair livestock winners announced

Entries in the State Fair livestock shows were strong in 2014.

Open Beef Cattle – Belted Galloway
- Grand and reserve grand champion females shown by Frank Sexton of Xenia, Ohio.
- Grand champion female shown by Kevin Kuykendall of Richland Center, Wis.
- Reserve grand championship female shown by Kevin Sexton of Dublin, Ohio.

Meat Breeds Sheep – Suffolk
- Grand champion male and reserve grand champion female shown by Kevin Kuykendall of Richland Center, Wis.
- Reserve grand champion female shown by Tim Blair of Monroe.

Meat Breeds Sheep – Dorset
- Grand champion male, grand champion female and reserve grand champion female shown by Kevin Kuykendall of Richland Center, Wis.
- Reserve grand champion male shown by David Simms of Albin, Ill.

Meat Breeds Sheep – Montdale
- Grand champion male, grand champion female and reserve grand champion female shown by Kevin Kuykendall of Richland Center, Wis.
- Reserve grand champion male shown by Tim Blair of Monroe.

Meat Breeds Sheep – Shropshire
- Grand champion male and reserve grand champion female shown by Ashley CRAUN of Staunton, Va.
- Grand champion female shown by David Simms of Albin, Ill.

Meat Breeds Sheep – Border Cheviot
- Grand champion male and grand champion female shown by Kevin Kuykendall of Richland Center, Wis.
- Reserve grand champion male and reserve grand champion female shown by Kevin Kuykendall of Richland Center, Wis.

Meat Breeds Sheep – other meat breeds
(See Livestock, pg. 8)

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**State VOT** *(Cont’d from pg. 1)*

Troxler. “His expertise with both large and small animals through his veterinary practice and his time spent with the AVMA and Department of Homeland Security give him the experience needed to jump into this position with both feet and understand the many issues and opportunities facing North Carolina’s multibillion-dollar livestock industry.”

Meckes will oversee the 130-employee Veterinary Division, which includes four sections: Animal Health Programs, Poultry Health Programs, Animal Welfare and the Diagnostic Laboratory System. He started Nov. 3.

In addition to his veterinary practice, Meckes served 10 years as an elected official on the Apex Board of Commissioners, as well as a variety of local boards and committees. He recently received the Auburn University College of Veterinary Medicine’s Wilford S. Bailey Distinguished Alumni Award for his professional and civic contributions.

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Winning apple and egg recipes from the N.C. State Fair

Donna Barefoot of Benson took first place and $200 for her NC apple in the NC Apple Growers Association’s Apple Recipe Contest. Full details of Raleigh took first place and $200 for her Slow Cooker Pumpkin Bread Pudding recipe in the N.C. Egg Association’s The Incredible Edible Egg Recipe Contest. The winning apple and egg recipes follow:

**Slow Cooker Pumpkin Bread Pudding**
(1 pound) loaf day old bread – about 8 cups
4 cups raisins
2 cups pumpkin
1 cup half-N-half
4 cups heavy cream
1 cup brown sugar
1 tablespoon vanilla
3 tablespoons sesame seeds
1 ounce raisin shreds
Slice apples and set aside. In a large bowl, whisk vinegar, oil, salt, and pepper. Add apples and toss to coat. Just before serving set out with spiced whipped cream of top. Serve warm.

**Praline Sauce:**
1/4 cup heavy cream
1/3 cup brown sugar
1/3 cup toasted pecans – chopped
In a heavy saucepan over low heat, stir together butter, cream and brown sugar. Bring to a boil and reduce heat to low. Simmer until sauce thickens or for about 5 minutes. Add chopped pecans and pour over pumpkin pie slice.

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**CLASSIFIED ADS**

**SUBMITTING ADS:** Ads are free to NC residents & can be submitted by mail to 1001 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, NC 27699-1001; online at agreview.org; or by fax to 919-733-5047. Ads must include name, address including zip code, phone number including area code, and price or range for every item being sold.

Deadline for each issue is midnight of the working day of the month prior to publication.

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LIVESTOCK

Oak Ridge, $350/mo. Jay Vance, rally located between Greensboro, horses, train to lead, tie & drive spotted horse, foaled 5-1-01, trail 616-9001.

drives, loads & handles great, kid safe, tree, $500; Dominus brown leather

Childress, Statesville 704-873-9437.

Featherlite 3 horse slant, insulated mgr. on site, $250/mo. Mary Ann

feedings/day, quality pasture, owner/lighted round pen, 2 $2,500/ac. William Modlin, James-
stall barn w/fencing & sep. for dogs, rd. frontage, good for pasture/cult., open land, 15 ac wooded, paved

frontage, co water, 4 ac trees, approx. Tyro/Reeds, 2 creeks, 1,900 ft rd.
of at least 3 acres and be used, 14.2

Horse fencing, facilities cen-

Horse boarding, foaled 2-6-93, Hitch wagon, near 17.5 ac in Davidson co

re & shooting in saddle, & 19 wooded w/deep river frontage, Garden 336-676-0303 or 207-1531.

tom log cabin, surrounded by nature, $649,900; 10 ac, $129,900. Jeff

& deer pop., 60 ft frontage, $8,000/2½ mi. to Falls Lake, lg. wild turkey

of Ramseur, paved rd. frontage, pines clear & timbered land, $775,000. Rhod-

OBO. Tim Dunn, Locust 704-485-3036.

west of Garden, 336-475-6539.

Belted Galloway bulls, blk. &

Santa Gertrudis, purebred replace-

LIVESTOCK

Barlowe, Boomer 828-499-2100.

Dennis, Randleman 336-498-5034.

22.5 ac in Nash co

Tim Moss, Graham 336-376-3773.

828-404-8186.

89% Dorper vacc., healthy w/excel. performance, tame & halter broke, Smith, Eastover 910-484-9350.

Red River, 3 bulls & 3

Jacklyn Rittenhouse, 336-782-3417.

Angus, 1 y/o, gentle, ready for light

Dorper x Katahdin

and 3 lots of breeding age, pics. avail., $300-750. Ann

Brebner, Boonesdale 828-499-2100.

Dorper x Katahdin

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Angus cows & bulls, $900 & up. Karen

Dottedown Dairies, 336-763-1805.

Breed wether sheep & goats, $125. P. Pietras, Jacksonville 910-

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512 ac horse farm 2 fenced pastures & 3 stall barn, near Beech Mountain, north age, approx. 8.5 yrs old, $2,400. L.E.

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March calves, 3 bulls & 3 Heifers, poss. do/don't, all head, approx. 890-940-9350.

Reg. Hereford cow & bull, excel. replacement, $2,000, all age, perfect performance, tame & halter broke, 3,000 Jerimahal Balance, New

New England area.

Perky Karl, Stanley 336-434-5545.

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For Sale

**Insects**

Various butterflies, moths, caterpillars, and cocoons are available.

**Plants**

- Marigolds, zinnias, petunias, cosmos, sunflowers, snapdragons, lavender, and pinks
- Daylilies, irises, asters, and mums
- Grasses: St. Augustine, Zoysia, Kentucky Blue Grass
- Trees: Oak, maple, elm, and willow
- Shrubs: Boxwood, privet, holly, and evergreens

**Fertilizer**

- 50-10-10 plant food
- 5-10-5 lawn food
- 10-10-10 lawn food
- 20-20-20 plant food

**Nursery Stock**

- Trees, shrubs, and perennial plants
- Annual and perennial flowers
- Grass seed and sod

**Vegetables**

- Tomatoes, cucumbers, peppers, and onions
- Lettuce, spinach, and kale

**Fruit Trees**

- Apple, peach, plum, and pear
- Cherry, raspberry, and blackberry

**Fruit Seeds**

- Apple, peach, plum, and pear
- Cherry, raspberry, and blackberry

**Grain Seeds**

- Corn, soybeans, and oats
- Wheat, barley, and rye

**Small Animals**

- Rabbits, guinea pigs, and hamsters
- Ferrets, guinea pigs, and hamsters
- Birds, such as canaries, budgies, and parakeets

**Farm Animals**

- Cattle, hogs, sheep, and goats
- Poultry, such as chickens, ducks, and geese
- Horses, ponies, and donkeys

**Farm Equipment**

- Tractors, combines, and harvesters
- Mowers, mowers, and mowers
- Trailers, trailers, and trailers

**Construction Equipment**

- Excavators, loaders, and backhoes
- Demolition equipment, demolition equipment
- Cranes, cranes, and cranes

**Consumer Services**

- Appliances, appliances, and appliances
- Auto parts, auto parts, and auto parts
- Furniture, furniture, and furniture

**Miscellaneous**

- Tools, tools, and tools
- Books, books, and books
- Clothing, clothing, and clothing

**Social Media**

- Facebook, Facebook, and Facebook
- Twitter, Twitter, and Twitter
- Instagram, Instagram, and Instagram

**Contact Information**

- Phone numbers for buyers and sellers
- Email addresses for inquiries and transactions
- Payment methods accepted: cash, check, or credit card

**Additional Information**

- Tips and tricks for selling and buying
- Common pitfalls to avoid
- Legal considerations for transactions

**Conclusion**

Selling and buying can be a rewarding experience. With the right approach and preparation, you can find a buyer or seller to fit your needs. Explore the wide range of items available for sale in this classified ad and find the right match for your business or personal needs.
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Hunter McMillen, 7, of Grandy (Currituck) showed the grand champion barrow, purchased for $16,500 by the N.C. Pork Council. The N.C. Born and Bred champion barrow, sold for $11,000 to Smithfield Farmland, was shown by Ben Scott, 12, of Lucama (Wilson).

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