Aquaculture Conference runs Feb. 11-13

The N.C. Aquaculture Development Conference will be held Feb. 11-13 at the New Bern DoubleTree Hotel. Introductory aquaculture presentations and self-drive farm tours are highlights Feb. 11 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Registration and the trade show area open at 7:30 a.m. Feb. 12, with speakers covering aquatic animal health, research updates, and marketing aquaculture domestically and internationally. The Aquafoods Fest wraps up the day.

The conference concludes with joint aquaculture information sessions from 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Feb. 13. An optional aquaponics pre-conference short course hosted by Pentair AES will be held Feb. 10 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Cost for the full conference is $110 by Feb. 4 or $150 after that. A la carte prices for the courses only or Aquafoods Fest are available. Cost for the optional short course is $150 by itself or $125 with conference registration. For more information, go to www.ncaquaculture.org. To register, contact Julia Fiore at 919-515-6780 or jcfiore@ncsu.edu.

Poultry owners urged to maintain biosecurity efforts as USDA announces HPAI in Indiana

State Veterinarian Doug Meckes is encouraging poultry farmers and flock owners in North Carolina to maintain strict biosecurity measures after the U.S. Department of Agriculture confirmed the presence of highly pathogenic H7N8 avian influenza in a commercial turkey flock in Dubois County, Ind., on Jan. 15. It was the first detection of HPAI in the United States since last June.

This is a different strain of HPAI than the strains that caused the 2015 outbreak, but it is still concerning. Poultry owners and growers should be aware of and comply with all import requirements for movement of poultry into the state. For more information, go to www.naca.gov/avianflu.

There are no known cases of H7N8 infections in humans. As a reminder, the proper handling and cooking of poultry and eggs to an internal temperature of 165 degrees Fahrenheit kills bacteria and viruses, including HPAI. Samples from the turkey flock, which experienced increased mortality, were tested at the Indiana Animal Disease Diagnostic Laboratory at Purdue University, which is a part of USDA’s National Animal Health Laboratory Network, and confirmed by USDA. USDA’s Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service is working closely with the Indiana State Board of Animal Health on a joint incident response. Indiana officials quarantined the affected premises and depopulated the flock.

Depopulation prevents the spread of the disease. Birds from the flock will not enter the food system.

As part of existing avian influenza response plans, Indiana and federal agencies are working jointly on additional surveillance and testing in the nearby area. At press time, there were no indications of additional cases.

The rapid testing and response in this incident is the result of months of planning with local, state, federal and industry partners to ensure the most

Agricultural Development Forum is Feb. 4

The N.C. Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services is hosting two events aimed at farmers and agribusinesses on Feb. 4 in the Holshouser Building at the State Fairgrounds.

The 11th annual Agricultural Development Forum will focus on N.C. farm families’ preparation for the future and innovative solutions to hunger and food insecurity. It will run from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

At 1:30 p.m., the department will host an information session about new federal food safety rules.

Admission to both events is free and lunch will be provided. For information, visit www.ncagr.gov/agforum. Individuals with questions may contact Christina Waggett at 919-707-3008. The forum is sponsored by Publix. Both events are being held in conjunction with the Southern Farm Show.

“This year’s forum will include a panel of farmers discussing how farm families prepare for and deal with opportunities and challenges,” said Agriculture Commissioner Steve Troxler. "A second panel featuring representatives of food banks, supermarkets and hunger-relief groups — will focus on ways that North Carolina is addressing hunger and food insecurity in the state.”

The program also will include an update on the state’s Food Manufacturing Task Force, and Troxler will wrap up the forum with his annual State of Agriculture address. At 1:30 p.m., officials with the U.S. Food and Drug Administration will hold an information session about new federal rules developed under the Food Safety Modernization Act.

“The session will cover compliance dates and other assisted-agriculture in the years, some were likely looking for the spigot to turn off as rain poured onto fields, forcing equipment to stay out of them while crops sat drenched, waiting to be harvested.

I have heard similar stories from a number of farmers across the state, and the recent release of the 2015 crop summary by the U.S. Department of Agriculture supports everything I have heard. Most crops saw decreased yields and drops in production, certainly not good news. Sweet potatoes proved to be the exception with increased acreage and increased production overall, despite lower yields per acre.

Sweet potato farmers harvested 86,000 acres, up 14,000 from 2014, with production up 3 percent at 16.3 million hundredweight. The crop saw record yields of 220 hundredweight per acre in 2014, which dropped to 190 hundredweight in 2015.

Corn, cotton, peanuts, soybeans and tobacco all saw production numbers drop in 2015, running 17 to 48 percent lower than 2014 numbers, although most were still close or just below the 10-year averages.

Harvested corn acreage was down 50,000 acres to 730,000, with production at 82.5 million bushels. That was 20 percent lower than in 2014.

Harvested cotton acreage was 385,000, down 75,000 from 2014, with production at 522,000 bales or 48 percent below production in 2015.

Farmers harvested 88,000 acres of peanuts in 2015, down 5,000 acres from the previous year. Production dropped 26 percent from 2014 to 299.2

See Crop summary, pg. 3)
The N.C. Bioenergy Research Initiative recently awarded $1 million in grants for 12 research projects to boost bioenergy opportunities and production in the state.

“Exciting and promising work is happening in North Carolina in terms of bioenergy research, study and development, and I am pleased this grant funding is helping advance bioenergy opportunities and potential for farmers, agribusinesses, forestry industries and entrepreneurs,” said Agriculture Commissioner Steve Troxler.

Below is a list of grant recipients and projects:

- $61,213 to the N.C. State University Department of Biological and Agricultural Engineering for the second year of its study of fertilization rates and yield response of the giant reed Andropoa donan. The project will focus on collecting yield data needed to establish realistic yield expectations and nitrogen fertilization rates under various North Carolina growing conditions.
- $40,652 to the NCSU Department of Forestry for a “Loblolly Pine Biomass Genetics/Cropping Study, Years Three through Five.” The project will provide scientific evaluation of loblolly pine varieties with high potential as an energy source.
- $34,111 to the NCSU Clean Energy Technology and Bioenergy Roadmap. Funding will provide the opportunity for further discussion of bioenergy related topics including research, policies, and other issues related to the bioenergy industry in North Carolina.
- $100,000 to the NCSU Department of Soil Science for a project titled “Nutrient Dynamics and Production of Bioenergy Crops in Swine Effluent Sprayfields, 2015-2016.” Funding will continue research on the nutrient requirements and uptake of proposed bioenergy crops grown in a sprayfield environment.
- $95,681 to the NCSU Department of Crop Science for the project “Optimizing Bioenergy Yield and Supply.” The purpose of the project is to determine the agronomic effects of harvest frequency and timing on dedicated bioenergy grasses.
- $98,640 to Carolina Land & Lakes RC&D for the development of “Pellets for Pellets.” This expands a previously funded project into areas of Commission acting for diversity that have the capacity for vegetative propagation.
- $119,040 to the NCSU Department of Forestry for the development of “Pellets for Plants.” This project will explore opportunities related to wood-pellet heating systems for greenhouses.
- $85,343 to Appalachian State University’s Department of Technology and Environmental Design to expand the project, “Biomass Greenhouse-heating Systems for Resource-limited Farmers.” Funding will be used to conduct pilot tests on two local farms to transfer the biomass heat delivery system technology.
- $99,753 to the NCSU Department of Horticultural Science to expand the project, “Reinventing Giant Miscanthus (phase II, 2015-2016).” This project will develop and evaluate improved, high-yielding, cold hardy, non-invasive, and propagates vegetatively and advanced bioenergy crops for North Carolina.
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NCDA&CS offers classes on tools to manage commodity price volatility

The N.C. Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services will offer a series of risk-management workshops across the state through March.

The workshops will focus on managing price volatility and identifying macro indicators in marketing agricultural commodities.

The following topics will be covered: covered: Grain grade hedging, basis trading, cost of carry, cotton futures, option trading on futures and equities, and macro forces. The principles of options, spreading strategies, and options to manage financial risk, and energy derivatives and how to manage exposure to energy costs will be discussed. All workshops will be held from 10 a.m. to noon, and are free.

Following is the schedule of classes:

Biosecurity (Continued from pg. 1)

- Bees, 5 frame nucs, ready 03-16; queens, $96. Garry Whitley, Albemarle 704-922-0698.
- Italian honey bees, 3 lb. pkg., w/laying queen, early spring delivery, $150. Dick Lippard, Statesville 704-682-4018.
- Kelley 33 frame extractor, GC, $1,500; limited number 5 frame nucs, ready late 01-16, in buyer’s order, $125. David Bradley, Newport 910-594-6193.
- Italian honey bees, 3 lb. pkg., w/Italian queens, ready 03-27-16, $110; 5 frame nucs, ready 03-16, $140. Glenn Godfrey, Sanford 919-776-9571.
- Bees, 3 lb. pkg., w/queen, pick up 03-26-16, disc. w/10+, $105. Scott Taylor, Stella 910-787-5277.

Crop summary (Cont’d from pg. 1)

(from 2014. I saw a recent report on the Southern Farm Network talking about soybean acreage in the field as of mid-January. N.C. State University Extension Soybean Specialist Dr. Jim Dunphy noted at press time that there is still a market for damaged beans, albeit a discounted one. Drought-related barley production decreased 30 percent to 1.9 million pounds. Total harvested tobacco acreage was 171,000 acres in 2015, down 22,400 acres from 2014. We will likely have a better understanding of the situation later this month.

As farmers are considering their options for 2016, I am hopeful we will have a better growing and harvesting season than we did in 2015. I hope to see you at an upcoming commodity meeting or at the Ag Development Conference Feb 4 at the State Fairgrounds, where I will deliver my annual State of Agriculture address.

To keep up with the latest on the N.C. Department of Agriculture & Consumer Services, check out the department’s blog at www.ncagr.gov/blog, where you can also find social media links for Facebook and Twitter.

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SUBMITTING ADS: Ads are free to N.C. residents and can be submitted by mail to 1001 Mail Service Center, Raleigh NC 27699-1001; by fax to 919-733-5047 or online at www.AgReview.org. The deadline for the March 2016 issue is Feb. 1. The deadline for the April issue of the newspaper is March 1 and the deadline for the May issue is April 1. Limit is 30 words, editor reserves right to edit or reject ads. Limit is 2 ads per person/household in different categories.

Please note: The fax number for submitting ads and news items to the Agricultural Review has changed. It is now 919-733-5047.
HORSES


Texta saddles, both 1/5 in., VGC; Charles Crawley saddle, light, $1,450; Dale Crawley saddle, very light seat, $850. Becky Smith, Burgaw 910-612-1761.

Pasture horse boarding w/ horse trailer, full board, riding trails, storage for tack & hay, $100/mo. Boyd Lockhart, Semora 336-243-8516.


FARM EQUIPMENT

Cub Cadet front mount scarpe, films 71-105 & more, $95. L. N. Newton, Mt Pocono, PA 570-824-2106. NH TN75, 4wd, factory loader, 1,200 hrs., shed kept, EC, $24,000. Keith Barksdale, Rutherfordton 828-245-7515.


Vicon 2200 disc mower, $6,250, 20 cutter disc, 3 pt., NC, $650; adjustable hyd. round bale unroller, $1,250; 20’36’’ Farmall, JD 702, $4,800. Brian Levy, Liberty 336-366-7250. 3914 M Hyster bale feeder, used, $3,600; JD 2030 tractor, $1,750; JD 4010 tractor, $800. Roger Duncan, Franklinville 336-342-1848. Sampo RV70-300, mowing auger on back, new bearings on augers, 100-120 bu cap., $750. Mike Hicks, Greensboro 336-431-5397. Shell 11 row flex driller, in excellent condition, no hydraulics, $1,100. Tiller & cultivator, 7 in. wide, 12” long, used, $750. Tony Lefeber, Lincolnton 704-472-9723. ECONOMY tractor w/mowing deck, needs restoring, sheltered for 20 yrs., $650. Sam Hampton, Lexington 336-249-6893.

1948 Farmall Cub w/ cult., good paint, $4,500. Donald Cannon, Ayden 252-746-4600 or 919-342-3079. IH 3002 disc row, 1 pt., 3 ft 7 in. or 3 ft 10 in., $650; sprout, 2 row pull corn picker, sheller, VGC, $4,100. Rick Craver, Lexington 336-414-1518.


5 row corn crop, water tank, JD 7700, $1,800. Charlie Horne, Goldsboro 919-846-0022.

1948 Farmall Cub, very good, $1,000. John Kalwitz, Cameron 919-935-9797.

Horse & Sheep Wanted

Wooden wagon wheels, 36 in., need 2, price, $200. Wayne Hicks, Oxford 252-343-1640.

Domingo gelding, quarter horse or paint, 15h., 7 yrs., very good, broke for beginner, trail riding exp., sound, no vices, no cuts. Roy Ford, 3-pedigree stands tied. Renae Hall, Yadkinville 336-469-1905.

Equipment For Sale

Hay wagons, sheltered, GC, $400/ea. Lloyd Hicks, Seagrove 336-875-5299.

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Borgwarner transfer case off Ford F-250 diesel, $400; 2014 NH TN75, 4wd, factory loader, 1,200 hrs., shed kept, EC, $24,000. Keith Barksdale, Rutherfordton 828-245-7515.


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Great Plains 606T no-till drill, 6 ft, drilled 350 ac, LNC, $1,100. Gary Purser, Monroe 703-745-4457.

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- **FARMLAND**
- Land for sale must consist of at least 2 acres and be used for agricultural pur-poses, i.e., cultivation, raising livestock and planting crops. Advertisers must indicate use.

- **Equipment Wanted**

  - Int’l CUB tractor for parts, running/not running. Arron La- man, Snow Camp 336-213-5573 or 512-4557.
  - Quick attach front end loader to fit 1950 Ford 4610 tractor. James Nichols, Millers Creek 336-962-6030.
  - JD 30 or AC 72 pull-type combine, GC, Glenn Koeppen, Ze- bula 232-250-1352. Price to be agreed upon.
  - Bush Hog DM 10 or 90 divider mower for parts, working/not Jerry Loffin, Denton 336-859-3865.
  - Corn picker/22” belt to turn Reidsville area. Frank Rogers, Reidsville 336-414-2977.
  - Tomato brusher/grader, can be used for applicators, whole grading lines & pieces of lines. clay Heath, Lincolnton 704-308-9295.
  - Rear rim for farmall Int’l 140 tractor. Brad Newton, 828- 327-4415 or 638-1734 between 9 a.m.-5 p.m.
  - Ford rear blade w/room to swing out, Ford front blade. Jerry Vilas 828-773-1589.
  - 4-n-1 bucket for Kubota 135 tractor, prefer 6 ft, will consider 5 ft. UC-GC combination. Larry Hall 911-217-9067.
  - 1 wheel peanut picker. Rickie Jones, Lamberton 319-827-9971.
  - 2 20 in. potato digger or potato digger. Elvin Mangum, Rutherford County 919-603-4307.
  - Sickle mower/ sidewide mower for sale. JD 980, JD 1100 sickle mow- gonn 919-639-9699 or 710-6646.

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**FARM LAND WANTED**

- Land in Wake, Chatham or Montgomery cos to lease for deer hunting, $10,000. Johnny, Salisbury 704-239-6234.
- Land in western NC, parts to lease for hunting, $5,010 John Kirk, Westville 828-208-4977.
- Land in western NC area, parts to lease for hunting, $1,000. Emily, Vi- las 828-263-3139.
- Land to lease for hunt- ing, real estate hunters, res. land steward exp., conserva- tion minded, ref. avail. Mike Gray, Thomasville 828-736- 1117 or mgrey03@northstate. net.
- 20 ac in northern Cabar- ras or southern Rowan cos, wetland, landlocked/poor ac- cess land ok. Mark Robert- son, Ocean Isle Beach 910-508- 9505.
- Land to lease in Alamanse, Orange or Caswell cos for long term deer hunting. Allan-Johnson, ref. avail., 30 ac, 40 yrs. exp. hunting, safety conscious & respectful. Steve Williams, Me-bane 919-619-8335.
- 30 ac farmland & wood- land mix w/ frontage in Chatham, Person, southern Alamance, Granville, Frank- lin, northern Alamanse or southern West- chester cos w/o w/ water. Jim Stitt, Ra- leigh 919-841-6123.
- Livestock For Sale

- Rel. Angus bulls, calving ease, $2,000. Reg. Angus, Cal- mum & 727 Executive bloodline, $700 & up. Tim Moss, Graham 336-772-2731 or mgray03@northstate. net.
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- Rocky Mountain, young, $1,200. B.R. Ferguson, Charlotte 704-545-6237.
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**LIVESTOCK**

**Hatchery Supplies**

Highly pathogenic avian influenza alert: The state has multiple licensed poultry operations and a thriving poultry industry. As this disease can spread by infected wildfowl, we encouraged everyone to be extra mindful of biosecurity measures to prevent the spread of this disease.

Some practices include quarantining newly 添加的鸡 from your existing stock 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 their property, be mindful if driving onto properties near your chicken house to come in contact with wild birds.

Growers can also contact one of four NCDAC&S regional NCDAC&S for more information.


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Cattle hay for 2016 season, good quality, 200-300 rd bales, prefer 5x6 bales. Ken- neth Fox, Mocksville, 704-338-1158.


SEEDS & PLANTS
PLEASE NOTE: Anyone offering nursery stock for sale in N.C. is required to either a state or nursery dealer license. For more, contact the NCDA&CS Plant Indus- try Division at 800-206-9333 or 919-707-3770.


Lucky buckeyes, 4$-5$ doz. for planting, $2.50/ doz. + shipping. Jules Simmons, 424 Grand Vista Dr., Sylva 828-471-0558.

Old timey cockseeds blooms huge head with rich crimson color, sturdy 18 in., stalk, approx. 200 seeds, $3; buckeyes for 3 gal.; $50. $15/ea.; $25. Steve Barbour- ing, Lexington 336-225-1301.

Atlantic woodcock stew/over, 6 weeks, ornamental wood/coal heating stew approx. 4x2 in. x 15 in., $29.50/ea.; Gresham Stover, Eden 336-746-6220.


Steel stained table, 4 ft x 18 ft, unused, $300. John Gregory, Dunn 910-824- 2784.

Dixie Lee pea seed, cleaned, 50 lb. bags, $35/ea. Randy Clontz, Mt. Airy 336-639-1850.

Round oak logs, 2 sections, in barn & dry, $5,000. David Floyd, Lexington 336-746-5611.

Hemlock lumber, all metal, 6x12, VGC, $1,100. Ron Mabe, Stokesdale 336-643-8866.

1971 Chevy truck, 80, orig. drive train, disc brakes, pa- tible for 4wd tractor w/loader, $9,700. Merrill Mabe, Walnut Cove 336-813-2553.

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utility trailer, all metal, 4x8 ft, 4 in. sides, single axle, 3500 lb. GVW, used power poles, $1,500. LC, $1,000. Brent Strickland, Louisburg 252-773-7176.

Ag trailers, 1 & 2 self-unloading, 1,000/ea. Mike Whitlem, Sylva 828-862-4540.

1990 Ford F-250, 16 ft dump, 10,000 miles, tires, shed kept, 2 spd. rear end, $10,000. Derek Teague, Catawba 828-446-6111.

2008 Dodge truck bed offer 3500 duo, sprayed in bed liner, EC, $1,800. Keith Green, Mocksville 336-877-7176.

Bed cover for small pickup, Sportsman by Jackson 704-881-5288.


hay ring for 2 horses. Cynthia Lockamy, Rougemont 336- 393-3170.

Blueberry cleaner/clean- er for small scale operation, UC. Rick Langborne, Gibb- sville 336-417-8169.

Old sharpening wheel, GC, waterstone, can rebuild stand, reasonable price. Karen Wig- gins, China Grove 704-855-8322.


1988 Chevy 1 ton dump, $4,000. Alex Nelson, Oak Ridge 336- 643-1160.


1984 Chevy S-10, 4x4, 5 spd., v-6, bed liner, goosneck, good tires, some nat on front bed, $2,500. Rocky Cole, Siler City 919-584-1194.

1973 Ford dump truck w/ 10 ton tilt end, $15,000. Phil Cool, Siler City 919-799-9070.

PEACEFUL. Canon 40D, 3-5K mi., very good condition, $1,450. Dave Perry, Durham 919-560-5246.

Cowan proost, 2004, 1 ton dump, $1,000. Paul Wilson, Sylva 828-776-7515.

2004 Dodge 3500, 4x4, Auto, 6K mi., $13,000. Mike Greathouse, Mocksville 336-865-8868.

Cargo trailer, 14 ft, 8K GVW, $2,000. John Brown, Mocksville 336-601-7502.

Wildlife tree seedlings, sawtooth oak, willow oak, per- simmon, crabapple & common apple, 1-4 ft, $0.75-3. Glen Painter, Mooresville 704-667-1788.

Grasey long cut heir- loom green bean seeds, aka white greenbeens bales 300 seeds, $5/gal; hubbard winter squash seed, $12/seeds. Farman Nicholson, 314 S. Irvine St., Denton, Hender- sonville, NC 28739.
**NCDA&CS hosting farmer meeting Feb. 26 with Harris Teeter**

N.C. farmers interested in learning about the requirements for selling their products to Harris Teeter stores can take part in a free information session Feb. 26 in Brunswick County.

The meeting will be hosted by the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at N.C. Cooperative Extension’s Brunswick County Center, 25 Referendum Drive NE in Bolivia.

The department is committed to helping producers find new markets for their products,” said Agriculture Commissioner Steve Troxler. “This meeting will offer growers an overview of the Matthews-based retailer’s guidelines for selling to its stores. Category specialists will also be on hand to answer questions from growers.

The event is free, but registration is required by Feb. 15. For more information or to register, contact Tony Haywood, NCDA&CS retail specialist, at 919-707-3117 or haywood@ncagr.gov or 919-707-3140.

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**Fifth annual Food Business Conference set for April 5 in GSO**

Registration is open for the fifth annual Food Business Conference, which will be held April 5 in Greensboro.

This conference offers a great opportunity for new and established North Carolina food businesses to learn how to take their companies to the next level.

The conference will feature presentations from industry leaders and local food entrepreneurs. Kelley O’Brien, director of digital and social media for Krispy Kreme, will be the keynote speaker. Additional presentations include “Marketing with a Non-Traditional Mindset,” “Creating a Professional Image for Your Food Product” and “Selling Through Amazon and Other Online Portals.”

Deadline for registration is March 30. The cost is $100, and breakfast and lunch are included. Attendees can save $10 by registering before Feb. 26.

For more information on the conference, contact Annette Dunlap, NCDA&CS food business specialist, at annette.dunlap@ncagr.gov or 919-707-3117.

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**Bucolic briefs**

The N.C. Farm Bureau in partnership with N.C. State University College of Agriculture and Life Sciences is offering a N.C. Public Leadership Development Seminar Feb. 17 and 18 at the Farm Bureau Headquarters, 5301 Glenwood Ave., Raleigh.

The seminar will focus on understanding critical issues facing North Carolina in agriculture, education, the economy, healthcare and demographic changes, and understanding the political landscape. It will also teach on the opportunities, rules and regulations of appointed and elected officials. Cost is $150. For more, contact Curtis Hayes at 919-782-1705 or email at Curtis.hayes@nfas.org.

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A successful Small Farms Opportunities Conference will be held from 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., Feb. 27 in La Grange. The conference will be determining topics for the 2016 Farm rally on “tools for managing your farm w/ Google Earth; building soil health for farm profit; Farmers Markets 101; beneficial insects; how to price your products; utilizing farm stays and weddings; hands-on mushroom production/marketing; alternative feeds for livestock; and sheep and goat production and marketing.”

For information, contact Martha Mobley, agricultural extension agent at 919-496-3344, email at martha.mobley@ncsu.edu or go to www.FranklinCtyFarmFresh.com.

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The Northern Piedmont Specialty Crops School will be held March 4 at the Person County Extension Center, 304 S. Morgan St., Roxboro. The program will focus on growing and marketing specialty crops and will include a farmer presentation on direct retail marketing on the farm, pesticide updates for asparagus, information on transitioning from community gardens to micro-market gardens and research update on pears.

Cost is $25 for the first person of a family or business and $15 for each additional from the family or business. Pre-registration by Feb. 26 is needed to guarantee a seat and lunch. The preregistration form can be found at Granville.ces.ncsu.edu. For more information contact Carl Cantaluppi at 919-603-1350.

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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-N.C.-LABOR (800-625-2267). NCDOL is also on Facebook and Twitter (@NCDOFLAB).***

Beepkeepers with bees for rent and growers interested in bee pollination services can post their information on 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 form Your Ad form on the BeeLink page by contacting N.C.DA&CS at 919-707-3117 or by email at ncfotnews@ncagr.gov or call NCU at 919-515-1660. The NCDA&CS Plant Industry Division regulates the movement of agricultural or related items capable of spreading harmful insects, diseases, and other pests. Beepkeepers 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 sells agriculture loans, commercial business loans, disaster loans and cotton gin loans. It also offers tax-exempt ag development bonds for ag/business processing, ag-related manufacturing or ag waste disposal. For more about Ag Finance Authority programs or to request a loan application, call 919-790-3594 or email at RequestLoanInf@ncagr.gov.

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