Red Cross offers free safety app

Farming is one of the most dangerous professions, according to statistics from the U.S. Department of Labor. With this in mind, The American Red Cross has partnered with Monsanto to provide life-saving information specific to farms and rural life on its First Aid app.

The app features farm-specific safety topics in the Rural Safety section of the app, along with general first aid information. The app provides information through videos, tips and interactive quizzes. And once it’s downloaded, you don’t need an Internet connection to access the data, an important factor in rural areas. The information is also available in English or Spanish.

The app is free and can be downloaded by texting the word “GETFIRST” to 90999, or searching “American Red Cross” in the Apple App Store, Google Play or Amazon Marketplace or by going to redcross.org/apps.

NCDA&CS staff check produce scales

When shoppers head to farmers markets and roadside stands across the state, they can take comfort in knowing that N.C. Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services Standards Division inspectors have checked the scales of commerce at these locations to ensure fair trade.

“We work it out with farmers market managers to come in and inspect all vendors at one time if we can,” said Stephen Benjamin, director of the Standards Division. “It’s not something we can do in January but we do try to get it in before the peak of fresh produce season when the scales are in constant use.”

In North Carolina, anytime a scale is used to determine the price of an item, that scale should be inspected and certified by the Standards Division. Inspectors make sure scales are clean, level and accurate. A produce scale is usually a 30-pound scale that weighs items in increments of .01 pounds. To pass inspection, produce scales can’t be off more than .03 pounds. A 30-pound hanging scale has a tolerance of 1 ounce.

An NCDA&CS Standards Division seal is placed on the scale after it passes inspection. The rectangular-shaped sticker includes the year and month the scale was inspected, and is typically placed on a spot visible to consumers.

Inspectors check scales at grocery stores and other retail facilities on an annual basis or by complaint. Other seasonal inspections include pine bark and mulch in February, taxi cab meters in May and tobacco scales in June.

To report a problem with a scale, or to have a scale inspected, call the Standards Division at 919-707-3225.

Arson second-leading cause of wildfires in N.C.

Arson is the second-leading cause of wildfires in North Carolina over the past 10 years, according to the N.C. Forest Service.

From 2005 through 2014, North Carolina had 45,609 wildfires, of which 8,461, or 19 percent, were intentionally started.

And with North Carolina ranking No. 1 nationally in the amount of land that falls within wildland urban interface zones, the risk to homes and other buildings is high. These zones are areas where buildings and other human development meet or intermingle with undeveloped wildland, forest or vegetation.

“Because of the proximity of (See Arson, pg. 3)

From the tractor by Agriculture Commissioner Steve Troxler

I often say that North Carolina agriculture has a very bright future, because of global population growth projections and the natural resources and knowledge base we have in the state. In fact, I believe this will likely be a $100 billion industry by 2020.

The latest agriculture and agribusiness numbers released by Mike Walden, an extension economist at N.C. State University, show growth in this sector of North Carolina’s economy in the past year, something that does not surprise me.

Agriculture and agribusiness remains our No. 1 industry, with an $84 billion economic impact. That is up from $76 billion last year. This industry employs 686,200, or 17 percent of the workforce.

I consider this to be great news. We are focused on this industry being even bigger going forward as we work to put the infrastructure and resources in place to foster even more growth.

I mentioned in a previous column about serving on the Governor’s Food Manufacturing Task Force. The basic focus of this effort is to see how we can attract food manufacturers to come to the state or help North Carolina farms or agribusinesses develop or expand value-added facilities and operations.

With the diversity of crops grown here, the access to commodities is incredible, meaning tremendous opportunities for value-added processing.

The task force was divided into four subcommittees, each focusing on a specific area: infrastructure needs and assets for the food manufacturing supply chain; food manufacturing needs assessment; business (See Troxler, pg. 2)
Bucolic briefs

A Regional Goat Management, Marketing and FAMACHA Certification Workshop will be held June 9 at the Franklin County Cooperative Extension Center at 9 a.m. Participants will learn the latest information on foages, parasite control, and the marketing of chevon and live animals. FAMACHA certification will be held in the afternoon. Cost is $50 per person, which includes lunch and certification. For more information, contact Martha Mobley, extension agent, at 919-496-3344 or by email at martha.mobley@ncsu.edu.

The 37th Annual High Country Crank-Up will be held July 28-30 on new U.S. Highway 421 between Boone and Deep Gap across from Laurel Springs Baptist Church. The event features antique engines, tractors, tool and other farm equipment, plus food and other vendors. Admission is $5 a day, $6 for a two-day pass or $8 for all three days. Seniors are admitted for $3 on Friday and kids 12 and under are free.

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 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.ncsu.edu. For more information, contact Betty Hodges at 828-264-4977.

We will be asking the N.C. Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services to include Bucolic briefs in their weekly email Ag Newsletter.

Troxler (Continued from pg. 1) recruitment; and communication and advocacy. We have recently wrapped up our work and have put together a list of recommendations from our efforts. Chief among them is a call for a year-round food manufacturing recruiter, someone to focus solely on the goal of attracting food businesses to the state. Additionally, the task force is requesting $1 million in the state budget to support ongoing marketing efforts through our department.

The Tobacco Trust Fund Commission has pledged funding for the first year for the recruitment position, which allows us to get to work quickly on this area.

We will be asking the N.C. General Assembly to provide ongoing funding to continue the work that has been started by this task force. I think this represents a real opportunity for our agricultural community, and will help us move agriculture and agribusiness towards the $100 billion industry.

I know it can be... I am excited about the possibilities, and look forward to working with the General Assembly and other partners on this initiative.

Upcoming farmers markets events

Farmers markets across the state are happening places now as more and more produce comes into season. The following are upcoming events at the four regional state-run farmers markets. You can also find a list of local markets at the N.C. Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services’ Farm Fresh website at www.ncfarmfresh.com/farmmarkets.asp.

Western N.C. Farmers Market, Asheville
June 4 – Fiber Feel Day
June 11 & 25 – Master Gardener Plant Clinic
July 29 – Watermelon Day
July 9 & 23 – Master Gardener Plant Clinic

State Farmers Market, Raleigh
June 4 – Crawfish Day
June 16 – Blueberry Day
July 14 – Peach Day
July 28 – Watermelon Day

Robert G. Shaw Piedmont Triad Farmers Market, Colfax
June 4 – Gem and Mineral Show
June 11 – Ask a Master Gardener
June 17 – Blueberry Day
June 18 – Wing Festival
June 25 – Guilford Local Food Celebration
July 15 – Crawfish Boil
July 22 – Watermelon Day

Charlotte Regional Farmers

June 4 – National Cheese Day
June 11 – National Corn on the Cob Day
June 18 – Go Fishing Day
June 25 – Berry Day
July 2 – Sweet and Spicy Day featuring hot sauces and cool desserts at the market
July 8 – Watermelon Day
July 16 – Fresh Spinach Day
July 22 – Peach Day
July 30 – National Cheese Cake Day featuring seasonal fruit pairings

Charlotte Regional Farmers
Marion 828-724-4221. Dowell co, possible partial work.


empty supers, $5; top feeder, $7; 5 frame nucs, ready. Beekeeping equip.


Young white homer pigeons, Bandit & Trenton bloodline, $20 US. Eilen Durden, Rockingham 910-895-7448.

White mute swans, hatched spring 2016, hand reared, $200 ea. Barbara Grubb, Hillsborough 919-793-6274. 2-500 f chicken houses, steel trusses, 8 ft on center, Wal water drinkers, feed lines, tunnel fans, 4 feed bins, must be moved, $2,000. Steve Lancaster, Piyeeville 919-778-4417.

Black swan eggs, 2-3 y/o, $15; blue ear pheasant male. Carl Potter, Beprow 919-721-9910.


MHI double disc plow, 3 pt. hitch, $5,000. Andy Brown, Rockwell 704-279-2791. JD 567 baler, 3x6 mega wide pick up, $4,400 with 20 bales, $22,000. M.G. Wellborn, Boonsville 336-617-4700. IH 42 tractor, 4x4, 60hp, 4.5d hydr. tie, chain type, $2,000; AC 1900XT, $3,500. L. Dunlap, Robbins 917-342-9216.

1952 AC CA w/manual, mowing mach. w/6 ft cutter bar, 2 disc semi-mound plow, 2 row cult. w/ fenders, 2 row planter, rear mount wood saw, $3,000/ea. Alan Fink, New Mexico 505-282-4241.

JD 1010 w/ cult., runs good, $7,800 OB. JD M cult w/ new tires, $4,500 OB. Waddy boone, Good will good/wood paint, $4,800. Donald Cannon, Ayden 205-746-4600 or 919-343-0371.

Int'l Cub tractor w/ cult., hilling, draw bar, wheel weights, $2,700, new tires, $1,800. Tony One, Snow Camp 336-624-9691. Farm Labor Wanted


Law pastures, fence lines, arid, lines, out falls, etc., mow vertical, sheep & goats, $60/hr. Howard 817-325-9239. JD Blac tractor, runs good, $4,500; JD M w/cult., runs good, $6,000. Brian Henson, Louisburg 919-853-3542. IH Farmall tractors, $200; Farmall Super A, $600; JD 420 tractor, 2 cyl., new front, new tires, rebuilt motor, $1,400 OB. Boardus Bell, 907-477- 0462 or 482-1860. IH 140 tractor, 1 row, $200; high Shank turning plow, $300; 9 shank tiller, $300; 16 disc har- row, $360. Ronald White, Pilot Mountain 336-368-2791. Farm Equipment


Vicon 1210 round baler, 5x4, hay rake, 2 basket reeder, $4,000. Allen Lee, Rockwell 336-909-0739. Ford corn planter, 2 row, $2,500 OB. P.O. Box 331, Mocksville 336-909-0739.

Ford 4000, diesel, 8 spd. wet break, ps, good time, 1,868 hrs., runs good, $6,500. Garner Jarrell, M. O. Box 59, Mocksville 336-909-0739. Woodmizer LT40 HDGC4, hyd. loader & turner, 26+ volume, $30,000. M. L. Larchert, Franklinville 336-672-1533 or 704-679-1533.

MF 1013 tractor, runs good w/ good sheet metal, $8,000 OB. Bill Brown, Huntsville 919-284-9642. Bob Cat, 1.200, 1958 Farmall Mactor, $1,200 OB. Bob Cat, 1.200, runs good, $500; hay baler, $500; JD sickle mower, $650; John Deere, lawn mower, wheat reaper, $550. James Whiteley, Concord 704-782-5762.

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79 ac farm/ranch w/2,000 sf house, barn, pond, creek, 200+ sf fenced pasture, Trinckland, Whiteville 910-640-6970.

94 ac horse/cattle farm, 3 br adobe house, pond, creek, 2,000+ sq. ft garage, pasture, woods, $779,000. April Moser, Yadkinville 336-468-1122.

65 ac in Martin co, 15 acre clearing, 75 ac pastures, 10 ac of good hunting woodland & trails & good cotton land, $120,000. Call 336-730-5220 or 790-504 after 10 p.m.

9 Ac in Hobo co, 200/000/ ac; hunting land, $10/ac. James, 210-858-8342 or 704-636-8886.

10 ac near Benson 1/8 a mile in growing timber, good for farming & hunting; deer/duck, turkey, & fishing, poss. owner financing, $2,000/ac. S.R. Stamey, Dunn 910-814-8093 or 658-0048.

33.77 ac in Rockingham co, 1 ac pond & stream, 2 room unoccupied cabin w/deep well & septic, $125,000. Gary Hall, 704-225-7920 or 704-520-5054.

20 ac farm, pond, garage, 2 barns, shop w/2 room dorm, 2,400 sq. ft house, pasture, woods, $125,000. Toby Hawkins, Mocksville 336-621-5848.

8.94 ac in Davidson co, 2 cleared acres & small pasture, barn, corn crib, detached garage, 3 br/1 ba home, $65,000. Lynda Charles, Lexington 336-520-2579.

10 ac in Jones co, props ups to Hoffman forest, paths throughout, excellent hunting, $155,000. Scott Autumn, Maysville 252-648-1117.

21 ac in Randolph co, good grass & fenced, 2 springs, divided pasture, approx. 175 ft pole shed, chicken house, hayfield, $12,000. James Smith, Sophia 336-689-4353.

3.5 ac for lease for flower/ shrub, flowers, vegetables, & power on site, $400. Ken Swice good, Lexington 336-764-0532.

35 ac, lies good, gently rolling, excellent hunting, view of mtns., streams 80 ft rived. fencinng & financing $3,500/ac. Lewis Cox, Mt. Airy 336-786-1697.

60 ac in eastern Forsyth co, partially fenced, nice creek, good bottomland, bordering pasture, $760,000. Bill Smith, Winston-Salem 336-788-2741.

8+ ac in Yadkin co w/2,000 sf house, pond, creek, 2000+ sq. ft garage, pasture, woods, $79,000. April Moser, Yadkinville 336-468-1122.

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LIVESTOCK WANTED
Miniature heifer, highland, zebu: contact Berlake, 540-875-7313.

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For Sale
PLEASE NOTE: Anyone offering anything for sale is required to obtain either a nursery or nursery dealer license. For more, contact the Department of Agriculture & Consumer
Services, Plant Diversity Division at 800-206-9332 or 919-733-3619.

Diamondback tobacco, 25 lb. bag, $50.

Hybrid onion, pure strain, 65 cent
per lb. B. Hall, Lenoir 828-776-0155.

Wheat, winter hardy, 500 lbs., $150.

Amaranth, Triticum, whole plant kit, 5
per plant, $5. R. Grant, Rock Hill, SC
29730.

Kale, "Russian Red" or "Russian Green":

Lettuce, various mixed varieties:
400 heads, $30. J. Miller, Asheville
28806.

Tomato, ripe red, 100 lbs., $225.

Cabbage, head, 500, $150. C. Smith,
Greensboro 336-742-2635.

Pepper, 100 lbs., $300. S. Johnson,
Greensboro 336-742-2635.

Okra, 500 lbs., $150. C. Smith,
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Pepper, banana, 125 bushels, $2,000.

Green pepper, 100 lbs., $150. S. Johnson,
Greensboro 336-742-2635.

Turnip, 400 lbs., $150. S. Johnson,
Greensboro 336-742-2635.

Mammoth spinach, 500 lbs., $250.

Spinach, 800 lbs., $250. S. Johnson,
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Beets, 1,000 lbs., $150. S. Johnson,
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Broccoli, 200 lbs., $500. S. Johnson,
Greensboro 336-742-2635.

Spinach, 6,000 lbs., $1,000. S. Johnson,
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Winter squash, 2,000 lbs., $350.

Sugar beets, 400 lbs., $200. S. Johnson,
Greensboro 336-742-2635.

Carrot, 1,000 lbs., $200. S. Johnson,
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Beets, 800 lbs., $200. W. L. F. Kingsland,
Rock Hill, SC 29730.

Lettuce, various varieties:
2,500 heads, $500. J. Miller, Asheville
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Lettuce, red leaf, 200 lbs., $150. C. Smith,
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Lettuce, "Iceberg," 2,000 heads, $600.

Lettuce, red, 500 heads, $225.

Lettuce, "Cos," 500 heads, $225.

Lettuce, "Romaine," 500 heads, $225.

Lettuce, "Butterhead," 1,000 heads, $125.

Lettuce, "Lettucehead," 500 heads, $125.

Lettuce, "Lettucehead," 1,000 heads, $250.

Lettuce, "Lettucehead," 2,000 heads, $500.

Lettuce, "Lettucehead," 3,000 heads, $750.

Lettuce, "Lettucehead," 4,000 heads, $1,000.

Lettuce, "Lettucehead," 5,000 heads, $1,250.

Lettuce, "Lettucehead," 6,000 heads, $1,500.

Lettuce, "Lettucehead," 7,000 heads, $1,750.

Lettuce, "Lettucehead," 8,000 heads, $2,000.

Lettuce, "Lettucehead," 9,000 heads, $2,250.

Lettuce, "Lettucehead," 10,000 heads, $2,500.

Lettuce, "Lettucehead," 11,000 heads, $2,750.

Lettuce, "Lettucehead," 12,000 heads, $3,000.

Lettuce, "Lettucehead," 13,000 heads, $3,250.

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Emerald ash borer now in 18 counties across the state

Trapping efforts are under way now; residents asked not to disturb purple traps

The emerald ash borer put on a big show in 2015, with the tree-killing beetle being found for the first time in 14 North Carolina counties. That brings the total number of infested counties to 18.

Not only were last year’s detections of the beetle surprisingly abundant, but they were also widely scattered, dashing the hopes of a slow-moving infestation in the state.

The emerald ash borer is native to Asia and was first found in the U.S. in 2002 near Detroit when ash trees started dying. Investigations revealed it may have been there 10-15 miles of a given tree before treatments begin, however. Treating too soon wastes pesticide and is within 10-15 miles of a given tree before treatments start.

Now is a good time to review farm emergency response plans

Hardly a county in North Carolina can say it is immune from hurricane damage. From Ivan in the mountains, Hugo in the foothills, Fran in the Sandhills, and Isabel and Floyd in the East, hurricanes have cost lives and livelihoods in every region of the state.

Scientists are predicting another active hurricane season in the Atlantic Ocean, which means North Carolina could again find itself in the path of a storm.

Troxler says that taking some precautions and thinking about your emergency plan now and discussing it with employees can help no matter what type of emergency strikes. “Employees should know how to react if you should lose power or are at risk for flooding,” he said. “Being prepared is the key to getting your business back to normal as quickly as possible.”

Farmers and businesses should review insurance policies to ensure they have proper coverage, including wind, hail, flood and catastrophic coverage if necessary. Some coverage takes 30 days to go into effect.

The N.C. Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services has a website, www.ncagr.gov/disaster, with links and resources for different types of agribusinesses to plan and recover from a disaster. A Farm Emergency Plan Template is available on the site to help organize information that is needed after a disaster.

Troxler offers farmers other ways to prepare in advance for a disaster:

• Consider purchasing, leasing or negotiating a rental arrangement for a backup generator in advance. If you plan to rent a generator, read the contract carefully, as some rental contracts are only for eight hours per use day.
• Have a transfer switch properly installed so you can use a generator. This is critical for the protection of farm facilities and utility workers. Put together an Emergency Preparedness Kit: fire extinguishers, first-aid kits, a camera that stamps date and time, flashlights, batteries and other items, plus food and water for several days for each family member, employee and pet.
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