Mixed results on tobacco and dairy referendums

Two producer referendums in January yielded mixed results for the sponsoring organizations.

The North Carolina Dairy Industry Referendum on Jan. 20 did not pass, said Norman Jordan Jr., president of the N.C. Dairy Producers Association. The referendum would have established a three-year assessment program to help fund dairy industry education, research and promotion.

On Jan. 27, flue-cured tobacco growers approved the Tobacco Associates Export Referendum for another three years, the organization announced. The self-assessment supports export promotion and expansion programs conducted by Tobacco Associates Inc. Each referendum required a two-thirds majority for approval.

Jordan said the result of the dairy referendum was disappointing, but the association appreciated the support of those who voted yes. "NCDA&PA will continue to represent the (See Referendums, pg. 2)"

Oaks Unlimited named Exporter of the Year

Oaks Unlimited Inc., a Waynesville lumber company, has been named 2016 Exporter of the Year by the N.C. Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services. The award honors agribusinesses that have excelled in exporting their products around the world. Agriculture Commissioner Steve Troxler recognized Oaks Unlimited for its exporting success at the Ag Development Forum on Feb. 4 at the State Fairgrounds. Company President Joe Pryor accepted the award on behalf of the company.

"Oaks Unlimited has shown the world the quality of North Carolina forestry products for more than 40 years," Troxler said. "The company now exports 75 percent of its production to a dozen countries outside the United States."

Oaks Unlimited specializes in the production of high-quality, kiln-dried ash, cherry, hickory, poplar, red oak and white oak. The company recently expanded by purchasing 10 acres adjoining its existing facility, adding a boiler, dry kiln and new lumber shed for air drying under cover. In 2014, the company also purchased a sawmill to supply its dry kilns with Appalachian hardwoods.

Boll weevil assessment stays at $1 for 2016

The board of the Boll Weevil Eradication Foundation of North Carolina has set the 2016 boll weevil assessment at $1 per acre of cotton, keeping the fee the same for the third straight year. The fee supports the foundation’s efforts to monitor cotton acreage in North Carolina for any re-introduction of the boll weevil and to respond promptly with eradication treatments if necessary.

"Cotton production tapered back last year from record 2014 numbers, with an average yield of 686 pounds per acre. We wouldn’t have the acreage we have now without the considerable effort in the 1980s to eradicate boll weevils from the state," said Agriculture Commissioner Steve Troxler.

"We don’t want to see the return of this devastating pest, and the boll weevil trapping program helps us keep an eye on cotton fields in case of any spot re-introductions. I believe it is a great investment for cotton producers." Contractors will install and monitor traps from late summer until after harvest and frost. Because the focus of North Carolina’s program has shifted from eradication to monitoring, the number of traps in fields has decreased. As such, each trap is critical, and farmers are encouraged to contact the foundation if traps are damaged or knocked down.

More than 7,500 traps were placed and maintained in North Carolina last year, with each trap monitoring an average of 50.9 acres. To allow for trapping and monitoring, cotton growers are required to certify cotton acreage information with their local U.S. Farm Service Agency office by July 15.

Farmers in 50 counties grew 383,706 certified acres of cotton last year. The top three cotton-growing counties were Halifax, Northampton and Martin.

To learn more about the boll weevil monitoring program, go online to http://www.ncagr.gov/plantindustry/plant/entomology/BW.htm.

From the tractor by Agriculture Commissioner Steve Troxler

This year’s Ag Development Forum in early January was well attended and we had some good discussions and presentations, including a farmer panel focused on preparing for the future.

Farmers Kevin Matthews, Beth Foster and Billy Carter were part of the panel and talked about challenges they are seeing in agribusiness, but also about the opportunities that exist.

One of the things that impressed me about each one of these farmers was their focus on creating opportunities for their children, should farming be what they decide they want to do.

"I want my children to do what makes them happy, but I want the farm for them to come back to, also," Foster said.

Carter’s sentiments were similar. "My focus is on providing for them financially, but also giving them opportunity," he said.

"Although neither of my sons chose farming as their careers, I also value my farm for the possibilities the land can provide. And I know what a wonderful place a farm is to raise a family."

You would be hard-pressed to find too many people as passionate about their farms as Century Farm Families. The Century Farm Family program started in 1975, and today we have just over 1,800 Century Farms in the state. Amazingly, we even have some families that could qualify as two-century farms, which is an incredible testament to their commitment to their family land.

We continually add families to our list as their farms qualify.

Every four years we gather in Raleigh to celebrate the accomplishments of these families at a special event in Dorton Arena at the N.C. State Fair. It is one of my most favorite events, because of what these families and farms represent to their communities, to our economy and to the development of our state.

This year we will be holding the Century Farm Family Reunion on Tuesday, Oct. 18.

In the next few months, we will be sending out information to families in the program and you will see stories in the Ag Review highlighting some of our Century Farms.

Over the years, we have lost contact information for some families, and we would love to update information for our files so we can have more current contacts. You can call our Public Affairs office at 919-707-3001 if you know you have (See Century Farms, pg. 8)
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Voluntary Agricultural Districts Program. The workshops are free and open to the public, but registration is required. Workshops will be held from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on the following dates:
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• Thursday, March 17, Forsyth Agricultural Building, 1450 Fairchild Road, Winston-Salem;
• Thursday, March 24, WNC Regional Livestock Center, 592 Beaverron Road, Canton.

The workshops are hosted by the ADFP Trust Fund, with help from the N.C. Forest Service, Division of Soil and Water Conservation, N.C. State University, N.C. Department of Transportation, N.C. Department of Environmental Quality, N.C. State Forest and the N.C. Farm Bureau.

For more information and to register, go to www.ncdfp.org.

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Gus James B. Hunt Jr. Horse Complex, State Agricultural Grounds, Raleigh, 919-733-4855
March 11-13 ............ Triangle Farm Spring Indoor II NCHHA "C" Indoors. Contact Joe Pantel, 919-669-9877.
April 1-3 ................ Triangle Farms Spring Indoor III NCHHA "C" Indoors. Contact Joe Pantel, 919-669-9877.
April 8-11 ............... Region 12 & 15 Arabian Horse Show. Contact Roy Meacham, 919-906-3510.
April 14-16 .............. Raleigh Invitational Show. Contact Joyce Wilson, 919-365-5149.
April 22-24 ............. NCHHA "C" Outdoors. Contact Joe Pantel, 919-669-9877.

March 18 & 19 ........ Bull Run Horse Show. Contact Jack Byrd, 919-245-1414
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March 6-9 .............. Western N.C. Agricultural Center, Fletcher, 828-687-1414
March 6-27 ............. 2016 Brevard Horse Show. Contact Chris Wiley, 804-305-7308.
March 19 & 20 ........ NCHHA-NCHA "C" Spring Indoor Hunter Horse Show. Contact Mario King, 252-264-4144.
April 6-7 .............. Horse and tack auction. Contact Brad Stephens, 828-390-0878.
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North Carolina’s $76-billion agriculture industry is geared for people interested in learning more about the V oluntary Agricultural Districts program. The workshops are free and open to the public, but registration is required. Workshops will be held from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on the following dates:

Workshops to focus on voluntary ag districts

The N.C. Agricultural Development and Farmland Preservation Trust Fund will hold workshops across the state for those interested in protecting their communities’ agricultural lands and learning more about the Voluntary Agricultural Districts program.

The National Agricultural Development and Farmland Preservation Workshops are for agricultural advisory board members, county representatives, program staff, farmers, landowners, elected officials and anyone responsible for, or interested in, farmland preservation and the administration of the Voluntary Agricultural Districts program.

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Fifth annual Food Business Conference set for April 5 in GSO

Registration remains open for the fifth annual Food Business Conference, which will be held April 5-6 at the Greensboro-High Point Airport Marriott. It is geared for people interested in expanding the food business in North Carolina.

“Value-added products, high-quality processed foods and other food-related businesses are vital to the success and growth of North Carolina’s $76-billion agricultural industry,” said Agricultur e Commissioner Steve Troxler. “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.”

Conference sessions 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.”

The deadline for registration is March 30. Cost is $100, and breakfast and lunch are included. A complete agenda and registration form are available online at www.ncag.gov/markets/agility.

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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Limit is 30 words, editor reserves right to edit or reject ads. Limit is 2 ads per person/household in different categories.

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### Small Animals For Sale

1 Purebred New Zealand red, white, blue, blk. & broken rabbits, Californian, American silver fox, English spot, creme & champagne d'argent, pedigreed adult., $20 & up. Dubert Spillman, Sophia 336-498-7103.

### Bees, Supplies & Services For Sale

**Notice**

N.C. law requires a permit to sell honey bees in the state. A permit is not required for: the sale of less than 10 beehives in a calendar year, a one-time going-out-of-business sale of less than 50 hives, or the renting of bees for pollination purposes or their movement to another state. Contact the NC Cooperative Extension, state apiculturist, NCDAC, 1060 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, NC 27699-1001.


### Bees


**Italian queens**, 3 lb. pkg., ready 04-16-16, 5 frame nucs, $145. 3 lb. pkgs., $105. Dick Lippard, Stonetown 704-682-4018.

**Italian bees w/queen**, 3 lb. pkg., ready 04-16-16, 5 frame nucs in buyer’sequip., no frame exchange, $125. A. C. Raby, Newton Grove 919-594-0193.

**Italian bees w/queen**, 3 lb. pkg., ready 04-16-16, 5 frame nucs, $105. 3 lb. pkg., 1948 Farmall H, $1,200;


**Italian hybrid, locally mated**, 5 frame nucs, $250. 3 lb. pkg., $105. Tony Coor, Goldsboro 919-738-7638.


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### Equipment For Sale

**Horse drawn grain drills**, plows, revolution of cyl. 40 ft Gieger threshing machine, JD reaper, $200 & up. Tony Coor, Goldsboro 919-738-7638.


**2 row corn head, 10 ft grain head**, $1,700; JD grain drill, $600; AC no-till planter, 3 pt., 2 row, $900; southwest Ohio, Lebanon 336-480-5668.

**Bobcat 51 skid steer**, Deutz allis, 10 in., 16 in., new, $5,500; new attachments, $2,500; new tires & battery, $5,500; Int’l tractor wind breaker, fits 574, 674 & 684, $125. Joe Pope, Cedar Grove 910-725-5631.

**Combine eng., JD 7700 40 cu.in.,** 3-500, 5-250 & up. MF 3 lb grain head, $1,500; Hahn high boy sprayer, $3,000. Cole planter plates, $15. Robert Hurmbers, Jr., Ayden 252-74-6638.


**Kuhn 4 basket hay teddy, 3 ft, 12000 lb, 12v system,** $1,000; liquid feed tank, $100; Case IH corn planter, 6 row, 30 in., $4,000. Buck Hart, Stateville 704-880-5439.

**Farmall 400 tractor, gas, wide front, pk., dual remotes, good torque, pto new, new tires, paint $4,500. John Godwin, Fuquay-Varina 919-935-4504 or 691-3521.

**Huskie log splitter, 12.5 hp, 35 tons, Briggs & Stratton motor, garage kept, VGC, $1,300. Paul Kosty, Bayfield 919-693-4504 or 691-3521.

**Deutz/Allis 385 no-till air planter, 7 row, 16 in., ct.,** 1970 JD 4040, 3 row, $1,500; MN manure spreader, working cond., $650. B. Huit, Cleveland, 704-680-2590.

**1936 JD A, $2,000. Charles Puckett, Oxford 919-693-1365.**

**1949 Ford 3910, $6,300; 1974 Farmall 180, fast hitch w/gauging,** $2,500; 1990 Int’l 755, $3,000; 1942 Farmall A/wheels, $1,200; 2006 Suzuki 4-wheeler, $3,000. W. Smith, Prospect Hill, 919-698-6701.

**AC pull-type combine, 100**, Oliver monitor spreader, $300; 900, hay ring, $65; 3 pt. carry-all, $50. Kay Williams, Mocksville 336-492-7461.

**Bobcat 541 skid steer, $680-600 in brush cutter, LNC, $1,600. Randall Eisenhardt, Elizabeth 920-640-3042.**

**Fuel transfer pumps, 120v, 2 used, GC, $250. Steve Hardee, Fuquay-Varina 919-819-3039.**

**Ford 2810 tractor, dual drive, 44, in., $600. Phil Toney, Ellenboro 828-453-8494.**

### 2016 Got to Be NC Festival looking for vendors, tractors and bluegrass bands

Preparations are under way for the annual Got to Be NC Festival May 20-22 at the State Fairgounds in Raleigh, with a grand opening May 21. Typically, every color of tractor is representative of the festival. Organizers are accepting applications from tractor clubs and individuals interested in displaying equipment during the event.

Interested food, merchandise and farm equipment vendors also can submit applications until April 1. All spaces will be outside and power is optional.

The annual Bluegrass Band Competition will be held May 21 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. on the Dor- ton Arena Outdoor Stage. Cash prizes will be awarded to the top three bands, with $500 for first, $250 for second and $125 for third. Additionally, the top band will earn a paid job at the Preddy Fest 2016 and a paid weekend job at the 2016 N.C. State Fair. The competition is open to any amateur North Carolina bluegrass band playing traditional or contemporary bluegrass. Bands must have at least three members and band members cannot compete in more than one band. The competition is limited to the first eight bands to register, so bands are encouraged to apply early.

Application forms for each event can be found online at www.gottotbefestival.com. Links are on the left-hand side of the page.

This family friendly event features the best North Carolina food, wines and beers at the Got to Be NC Food, Wine & Beer Homegrown Fair, presented by Lowes Foods. Also, there will be plenty of kids’ activities, lam- berjack shows, tractor displays, food, carnival rides and a barbecue cooking contest fundraiser. Festival admission is free, with pay-as-you-go rides and food, and $3 admission for the food, Wine and Beer Expo. Gates open Friday from noon to 10 p.m., Sat- urday, 9 a.m. to 10 p.m. and Sun- day, 9 a.m. to 8 p.m.

To find out more about festival activities, go to http://gottotbefestival.com.
FARM EQUIPMENT

Speed King seed tender, $500. JD 4000 hay grab, $4200. Shepard sprayer, $3,500; hydro. Rhino 2160 side mower, $1,500. JD 4000 row disc tender, $900. F.D. Riber, Willard 510-740-4110.

3,400 & 5400 baler, 4x5 bar bale, 3 x 1220, 4x5 Haygrab, GM, $7,500. Shirley Smith, Julian 336-685-4277.

Suikop no-till drill field plot planter, $1,500. J. David Deaton, Craven 235-722-4907.


Cole fert. dist./cult., 1 row, new parts, bolts, points & nuts, $10,000. J.R. Hodges, Salisbury 704-213-4537, 1962 Farmall tractor, 16 in. bottom, 2.5 ft, $1,000; Rebel bush hog, 10 disc harrow, et c., $100; H.R. 1LRS 4 row box blade, $4,000; Bobcat 753B $940.

FELLA 2 basket tender, feeder, $900. Michael Muller, Mebane 919-761-3160.

1950 Ford 8N tractor, 14 in. bottom, 2.5 ft, $1,000; JD 420 tractor, $1,000; Rebel bush hog, 10 disc harrow, et c., $100; H.R. 1LRS 4 row box blade, $4,000; Bobcat 753B $940.

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1948 Farmall tractor, 18 ft, $1,800. Bill Harris, Mooresville 704-792-8674.

1952 John Deere 5 bottom plow, $1,800; JD 4000 row box blader, $2,000. Paul Roser, Weaverville 252-805-0489.

2013 Kubota m110gxdtc, 24x48 lawn mower, $2,000; 3503 tractor, cult. plow, cult., new 12v system, rebuilt eng. & carb., new paint, 12 hp, $1,250. John Kilian, Norlina 252-884-0013.

2004 Case IH 255, 4 x 540 baler, $2,500; Lesco heavy bag hog, $500; on reb hyster, 1,900 hrs. on fan, $45,000. Bob Casper, West Jefferson 336-545-1635.

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Farm Labor

Install any type farm fence, woven wire/wood fence, $6.15 f. materials. David Watterson, Lenoir 336-923-4805.

Fencing, hi tensile, woven wire, barbed wire, wooden, privacy, etc., free est., $1/ft up. Gary Ellis, Bear Creek 336-581-5533.

Mowing around fence lines, ponds & dams, aerial & ground lines, mow verti- cal & horizontal, $6/hr. dep on location. Mary Mckenzie, Jackson Springs 910-528-2293.

John Blue’s offers, all work guaranteed; rebuild pumps & sprayers, $50-3,000. Blackwell, Cero Gordo 919-770-1189.

Tractor/farm equip. repair, restoration & painting, & chub rebuilds, $50 up/hr. Danny Hack, Siler City 919-704-5219.

Farmland

Land for sale must consist of at least 3 acres and be used for agricultural purposes, i.e., cultivation of crops and pasturage and/or other farm commodities. Advertisers must indicate use.

10 ac pasture in Rowan east w/2 houses, 30 acres, $97,000. Todd Moore, Salisbury 704-432-5287.

23.1 ac in southern Granville co., elec. fenced pastures w/water stations, 10 y/o brick house, built in general contractor & underground lines, $495,000. Michele White, Kitt- roley 919-690-8197.

Livestock For Sale

Santa Gertrudis, purebred replacement cattle, polled, reg. & non reg., bulls & heifers, $1,500 up. Richard Shaver, Cleveland 704-278-9291.

Blk. Angus heifers, gentle, grass fed, bred low birth, $1,500-$2,000, pr two yrs, 03-04-05 up to 09-15-00, $1,250 & up. Danny Dennis, Mt. Gilead 704-772-6007.

Blk. Angus herd bulls, steers & heifers, Traveler, GT Maxi- mum & 72 Executive bloodline, $790 & up. Tim Moss, Greensboro 336-376-3773 between 5-11 p.m.

Nigerian dwarf goats, babies, male & female, $75 up. T. Gregory, Spring Hope 336-672-3112 or 953-3776.

Blk. Angus bulls & heif- ers, 9-12 mos., $1,600-$2,000 up. Franklin Ledum, Liberty 336-622-2389.

Kathadin ram, proven, $200. J. Wicker, Erwin 910-897-7612.

Yorkshire/Berkshire cross pigs, $40 & up. Mark Grabert, Hamptonville 336-448-4789.

Reg. blk. Angus bull, m, 1/2, 200, reg. heifer, $1,700, m/calving ease, good cow, $9,000, 04-06-90 & 09-09-90. Keller, Siler City 336-622-3220 or 622-3657.


Land in Chatham co

Land in Franklin, Rockingham & Cabarrus co., m/c to lease for deer hunting, 30+ yrs. exp. Kenneth Wilson, Greensboro 336-382-9361. Pasture land in Stokes co. new, 45’ well, 28’ deep, 17 m/o, calving ease, good land, $1,500. J. Wicker, Erwin 910-897-7612.

Land in Chatham co

Land in Rowan

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**LIVESTOCK**

**For Sale**

Angus bulls, reg., 15-16 mos, b/s tested & ready to breed, as priced. For additional information, please contact: [Email or Phone Number]

Spanish goats, 10-11 m/o breeding quality bucks, $300-350. Stanley Holcomb, Summerville 704-455-3947.

Alpacas, huacaya, healthy, on shots, good microfiber, fits, $100; breeders, $200-300. Mary B. Lindley, Millstone 336-671-3117.

Bovine quail, $3.50; purple guineas, $10; up & pheasants, $50 & up; peafowl, $125 & up. Alvin Lowery, Rowland 910-361-2299.

Quail, gambel, California blue, scaled Mexican, speckled jumbo, silver & white Boer Snows, snow white, grey & red chukar, rock & silver Philipy & Barbary, $1.50 & up. Jimmy Furr, Stanfield 910-998-0218.

Indian ringnecks, green; $50, blue; $125. Roy Helms, Oakland 910-779-2072.

Broiler rooster, 2014 MacMurrray, can free range, $8 for trade for same quality. B. Sedwick, Raceville 919-739-9263.

Bovine quail, flight & weatherproof, rip clean, $3.75. Wayne Mullins, Madison 336-871-2222 & 552-0118.

Poultry house equip from recently retired broiler houses, funnel fans, feed finis, feed lines, valve nippers, etc., $100-975. Phillip Braswell, Nawash 352-495-1619.

Commercial Charolais heifers, must be 16 mos old, $1,500; $750/ea. Tim Austin, Siler City 919-739-9240.

Angus heifers, 90 cows w/ calves & 3 bulls, $200,000. Angelo Torigo, Siler City 919-837-8878.

Angus, Reg. bulls, 10x net true value, Discovery TC. Total service age, $2,000 & up. Wayne Wilkens, Kannapolis 980-521-6707.

**Cincinnati Bermuda hay,** 12x quality, $2,000 & up. Mike Miller, Brevard 704-626-8018.

Buck, 12 mos old buck, Rocky Mountain, $300 & up. Rex Russell, Beulaville 910-520-0314.

Kelly, 12 mos, black, $150 & up. Tim Austin, Siler City 919-739-9240.

Lamancha buckings for 2016 breeding season, reg., not related, need 2 Sherry bleed, Discovery TC. Total service age, $2,000 & up. Wayne Wilkens, Kannapolis 980-521-6707.


**Ostriches,** blue, black, breeder & white, $50-150. John Reavis, NCSU 919-688-3697.

**White face free Dublin, $80/pair; Carl波特, 910-927-9801.**

**Meat birds, 4x5 lbs, on pullen & covered,** $40. Paul Johanson, Charlotte 704-870-9744.


**Cousins, mixed breed, dark meat, $40/pair. Joe Bread, Lake Wylie 803-782-3833.**

**Poultry house equip from recently retired broiler houses, funnel fans, feed lines, valve nippers, etc., $100-975.**

**California, blue red, blk. tail birds for two to six weeks, $10/pair. Tim Austin, Siler City 919-739-9240.**

**Beverly, B. Lindley, Millstone 336-671-3117.**


**Bermuda hay,** 9x5 for raising silage, tank processed, pick-up at farm, deliv. available in large order. Jerry Weinzer, Lewisville 336-731-4258.

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Sorghum cane seed, sugar red, top drip, m81e, Dale varieties, visited, kept, treated, $9.50 lb.; untreated, $7.50/lb. Larry Stout, Waynesville 828-456-9394.

Old timey little white celery, 1/2 ton, untreated, $1/1b. Jim Bostian, 6235 River Bend Rd, Claremont, NC 28610.


Blueberry bushes, star, Oconee, & New Hanover varieties, 3 gal. pots, will have berries this spring, planting instructions incl. wide array, $5.15/lb. Sherri McNeil, Robbins 910-358-0656.

Azaleas, ass’t col’ss, 5’/5” camellia japonica, 5’ camellia sasanqua, 4 Jim Gibson, Ellerbe 910-652-6145 or 817-1156.


For Sale

Gardens for bird houses & feeders, 5 cents/lb., 5/1c. & Denny Rollins, Mocksville 336-492-7223.

Troy-Bilt gas generator w/2,200 hours, Briggs & Stratton engine, w/trailer tires & new battery, $395. Doug Chappell, Wake County 336-674-2792.

Round fuel tanks, 1000 lb. tanks w/dip & gate, $.50/ea.; 1,100 lb. tanks w/dip & gate, $1/ea.; lots of 1,000+ $450. Marta Stander, Lippard St. Statesville 704-682-4047.

Winco generator, 15 kw, trailer mounted, works good, trailer bad, $1,200 OBO. Sam Mitchell, Mocksville 336-880-4715.

Hog feeder, 200 lb. w/water & feeder, $1,200. Reggie Houser, Vale 704-462-1865.


Wheel feel totes, 27 gal, $75-100 ea.; metal burning bar, $100ea. Sod & Stucco, 704-327-2482.


conto bulk tobacco barns, 16 x 60 ft. & 16 x 80 ft. Roanoke tobacco barn, 18 boxes, $2,500. David McLean Jr., Lumberton 910-722-0847 or 738-9898.


Supplies Wanted


Lawn scalpew to weigh sheep, Bobby Matthews Jr., East Bend 336-749-6869.
Time to submit tissue samples for spring nitrogen needs

The N.C. Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services reminds growers that properly timed spring nitrogen applications are essential to the quality and development of wheat. Assessing nitrogen needs now will optimize yield and economic return later, and is especially important for organic grain growers.

To decide how much spring nitrogen to apply, growers may submit a tissue sample to the N.C.D.A. & CS Agronomic Services Division for plant tissue testing.

"Tissue sampling should be done when wheat reaches Zadoks growth stage 30 (GS-30) because this is the most important time to apply nitrogen," said Michelle McGinnis, the division’s field services chief. "To determine growth stage, wait until wheat begins to stand tall and straight. Then pull several plants, split the stems from the top to the base and look for the growing point. Before GS-30, it will be just above the roots; at GS-30, it will have moved about one half-inch up the stem (Figure 1)."

Agronomists expect most wheat in the Eastern and Piedmont regions of the state to reach GS-30 sometime between February and mid-March. "Once GS-30 is reached, growers should immediately collect tissue samples and matching above-ground biomass samples," McGinnis said. "This is especially true in wet years where pre-plant or residual nitrogen may have leached out of the rooting zone. If the crop’s need for nitrogen is not met at this time, then tillers will abort and yield will be reduced."

To submit tissue sample, cut wheat plants about one-half inch above the ground to 20 to 30 representative areas throughout a field. Generally, two large fistsfuls of leaves will make a good sample.

Figure 1. Location of wheat growing point at GS-30.

Wheat tissue sampling involves the additional collection of a corresponding biomass sample. A biomass sample should contain all the above-ground wheat-plant tissue from one representative 36-inch section of row or, in broadcast fields, all the plants from a single yard square. Place the sample in a paper bag, and write the sample ID from the corresponding tissue sample and the word "biomass" on the bag (Figure 2).

The first sample will be used to measure the percentage of tissue nitrogen and the second sample measures the plant biomass or dry weight. These two pieces of information together are used to determine the site-specific nitrogen recommendation. This approach takes into account crop growth differences due to planting date, row spacing and moisture levels. This method is explained fully online at www.smallgrains.ncsu.edu/_Pubs/PGNS/GN-Nitrogen.pdf.

In addition to the nitrogen analysis, the wheat tissue test includes a full elemental analysis of 10 other plant macro- and micronutrients. The fee is $5 per sample for N.C. residents and $25 per sample for samples from other states. There is no additional charge for the corresponding biomass sample.

North Carolina growers wanting more information about this method should contact their regional agronomist, county Cooperative Extension agent or other agricultural adviser. Regional agronomists can offer advice on how to collect and submit tissue and biomass samples and how to interpret and use plant analysis report data. More information is available online at www.ncagr.gov/agronomi/rahome.htm or 919-733-2655.

NCDA&CS to host workshops aimed at farmers market managers

The N.C. Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services will host workshops for farmers market managers March 4 in Winston-Salem and March 5 in Greenville. "With more than 250 farmers markets across the state, it is important for consumers to connect with local farmers in their community," said Agriculture Commissioner Steve Troxler. "Our farmers market workshops make it easy for local managers to learn best practices, share success stories and discover new resources to make their local markets even better."

The workshops will take place from 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. The agendas will include presentations on grant funding, digital marketing and social media. There also will be an overview of payment options available to market vendors, as well as small group discussions and networking opportunities.

The cost is $20 and includes lunch.

March 4 workshop will be held at the Forsyth County Cooperative Extension Center in Winston-Salem.

The March 5 workshop will be held at the University of Mount Olive Extension Center in Mount Olive. Registration is due March 11.

For more information about this method should contact their Regional Agronomists.

Crop disease control

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).

Beekers with bees for rent and growers interested in bee pollination services can post their information on the BeeLinked website at www.nceag.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 NCDA&CS at 919-253-8214 or by email at NCChoneybee@ncagr.gov or call NCSU at 919-515-1600. The N.C.D.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.

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 refinances farm loans, rural business loans, disaster loans and cotton gin loans. It also offers tax-exempt ag development bonds for agri-business processing, ag-related manufacturing or ag waste disposal. For more about Ag Finance Authority programs or to request a loan application, call 919-790-3949 or email at RequestLoanInfo@ncagr.gov.