N.C. State Fair Youth Livestock scholarship program accepting applications for first time

Deadline to apply is April 1

The N.C. Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services and the N.C. State Fair recently announced the creation of the N.C. State Fair Youth Livestock Scholarship Program. The scholarships are designed for high school seniors and students currently enrolled in an institute of higher education who have participated in the junior livestock or market turkey shows at the N.C. State Fair. “Agriculture is North Carolina’s leading industry, but the average age of our farmers is almost 59,” said Agriculture Commissioner Steve Troxler. “To keep agriculture strong, we need to invest in our next generation of farmers. I’m proud that the State Fair is recognizing the hard work of the youth who show livestock at the Fair.”

Scholarship recipients are eligible for scholarships. Farmers, agribusiness workers, commodity groups and others will come to Raleigh on March 18 for N.C. Ag Awareness Day. They will take the message of agriculture’s importance to their legislators and other state leaders. Scheduled activities include a rally at the State Capitol and office visits with lawmakers. Agriculture Commissioner Steve Troxler and Gov. Pat McCrory are scheduled to speak at the rally. County Farm Bureaus are organizing groups for the trip to Raleigh. Additional details about the event are available at www.ncagr.gov/ncagday.

Hemlocks restoration funded for additional years

Agriculture Commissioner Steve Troxler recently announced additional funding for efforts to restore North Carolina’s hemlock trees to long-term health. The N.C. Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services will use $250,000 from the state’s legal settlement with the Tennessee Valley Authority to continue supporting the Hemlock Restoration Initiative, which began last year. Over the next three years, the investment will support direct interventions on state and private lands, coordination of resources, and increasing volunteer efforts to save hemlock stands throughout the state.

Hemlocks across Western North Carolina are being decimated by the hemlock wooly adelgid, an insect that sucks the sap of young twigs, which leads to tree death. While thousands of trees have already died in the state, an integrated approach to pest management is showing positive results for the long-term survival of Eastern and Carolina hemlocks.

“We are committed to the fight to save North Carolina’s hemlocks,” Troxler said. “No one method of treatment is going to solve this problem, and the Hemlock Restoration Initiative brings together all the knowledge and support at our disposal. We’ve got to use existing approaches – and develop new tools – to give the hemlocks a fighting chance.”

Recent efforts at combating the adelgid show promise for preserving existing stands and re-establishing hemlocks in areas where they have died. These include the introduction of predator insects that eat adelgids, the search for naturally resistant trees, and efforts to breed in resistance from similar tree species.

WNC Communities is the department’s primary partner in the Hemlock Restoration Initiative. The Asheville-based nonprofit has experience in grants management, project development and using partnerships to achieve goals that benefit the region.

From the tractor

by Agriculture Commissioner Steve Troxler

I want to use my column this month to talk about the Century Farm Family program that recognizes families whose farms have been in continual ownership for 100 years or more. I am proud to say that we even have some farms that have been owned by the same family for 200 years, an amazing feat. It is no small task to have continual family ownership of a farm for 100 or more years. Families take a great deal of pride in being a Century Farm Family, and rightly so. Heavy development pressure in some parts of the state often makes it difficult for families to hang onto the land, particularly as the farms are passed down to the next generation. I have had many offers on my own farm in Guilford County, but I have made it very clear I am not interested in selling. I hope the farm will remain in my family for many years to come, and hopefully be a place for my kids and grandchildren will enjoy.

As part of the Century Farm Family program, we hold a reunion in Raleigh at the State Fair every four years to honor this commitment to the land. It fills me with great pride to see so many families in attendance at the reunion. Agriculture built this state, and I know that these families members represent the hard work, sweat and determination behind that enormous achievement. Our next reunion is slated for 2016, but between the reunions we continually accept applications for the program. So if your farm becomes eligible for the program, I would encourage you to fill out the application and send it to us.

You will need to provide the names and dates of the ownership of the farm, essentially how it was passed down among family members. Some people research records at the courthouse, and others use family Bibles or other documents that establish the history of ownership. Both forms of information are acceptable.

In the past month, we added a number of farms to the list, including a couple from my home county. I extend my congratulations to the following farms for becoming Century Farm Families: Vanceville and Dan River Farms (1815) of Caswell County; Edmeston Scott Farm (1848) of Chatham County; Edwards Farm (1854) of Cleveland County; Cole Angus Farm (1877) of Buncombe County.
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For more on how individu-
als and organizations can support the 2015 Junior Livestock Sale of Champions for the scholarship program, contact Wesley Wyatt.
State Fair manager, at wesley.wy-
att@ncagr.gov or 919-821-7406; or Angie Crone, sponsorship di-
rector, at angie.crone@ncagr.gov or 919-839-4514.

Linda Lamp, executive director of WNC Communities, said the organization expects to announce a competitive call for proposals for research awards by early summer.

In 2014, the Hemlock Restoration Initiative made three $25,000 research awards to organizations pursuing different methods to save the hemlocks:

Blue Ridge Resource Conservation and Development is fund-
ing efforts to introduce Lauruscina nigrita, a tiny beetle native to Washington that eats only adelges, into the forests of Western North Carolina. Research results announced in late 2014 indicate the beetles may have begun to spread in the warm grandfather Mountain.

The Blue Ridge Parkway Foundation is coordinating with the National Park Service to identify and treat hemlocks on the parkway to preserve views. The immediate use of proven chemical treatments if necessary.

Southern Resource Conservation and Development is as-
sisting research efforts to identify and propagate hemlocks exhib-
ting resistance to adelgid death. Research plots are located at the Mountain Research Station in Waynesville.

The department is allocating the new funding over a three-year period. A portion of the money will support continued research into-

battling the adelges, as well as supporting a full-time state coordina-
tor and introduction of treatment methods on state and private lands.
This funding will be used to attract matching funds from the U.S. Forest Service, private foundations, individuals and other sources with a shared goal of restoring hemlocks to their natural places.

The board of the Boll Wee-

vil Eradication Foundation of North Carolina has set the 2015 boll weevil assessment at $1 per acre of cotton, keep-
ing the fee the same as in 2014.

The fee supports the founda-
tion’s efforts to monitor cotton acreage in North Carolina for any re-
introduction of the boll weevil and to respond promptly with erad-
cation treatments if necessary.

“Cotton producers had a strong year in 2014, with record yields of 1,049 pounds per acre. The eradication of the boll wee-

vile from the state in 1986 enabled cotton to return as one of our top crops,” said Agriculture Commis-
sioner Steve Troxler. “Overall, the boll weevil assessment is an excellent investment for growers, ensuring any spot-re-introductions of boll weevils in this state are identified and dealt with quickly.”

Foundation 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. Nearly 7,920 traps were

placed and maintained in North Carolina last year, with each trap monitoring an average of 57.2 acres. To allow for trap-

ping and monitoring, cotton growers are required to cer-
tify cotton acreage information with their local U.S. Farm Ser-
vice Agency office by July 15.

Farmers in 53 counties grew 452,607 certified acres of cotton last year. The top three cotton-growing counties were Halifax, Northampton and Martin.

To learn more, go online to www.ncagr.gov/plantindus-
try/plant/entomology/BW.htm.

N.C. Forest Service finds Laurel wilt disease in Duplin County

The N.C. Forest Service has confirmed that laurel wilt, a dev-

astating fungal disease of redbay and other plants in the laurel fam-

dy, has been identified in Duplin County in an area near Rose Hill.

The disease has been identi-
fied across the Southeast in por-

tions of South Carolina, Georgia and Florida. In North Carolina, it was first discovered in Bladen, Columbus, Pender and Sampson counties in 2011. Additional iden-
tifications were made in Bruns-
wick County in 2012 and New Hanover County in 2013.

In North Carolina, sassafras, sassafras, pondency, pondspice, swampbay and spicebush also fall in the lau-

el family and can be affected by this disease.

Laurel wilt is introduced into trees via the non-native redbay ambrosia beetle. It is believed the pest can travel about 20 miles per year naturally, but can spread more quickly when transported in wood, such as firewood.

Symptoms of laurel wilt in-
clude drooping reddish or pur-

tuish foliage. Evidence of redbay ambrosia beetle attack may be

found in the main stem; often strings of chewed wood, called "grass toothpicks," can be seen sticking out of entry holes. Re-
moval of tree bark reveals black streaking in the outer wood.

Homeowners with dead red-

bay trees are encouraged to keep cut trees on their property. Dead trees should not be removed to a landfill or off site. Proper disposal of redbay includes leaving wood on site, cutting or chipping wood on site, or burning wood on site in compliance with local and state ordinances.

In areas where burning is al-

dowed, a permit can be obtained from the N.C. Forest Service through a local burn permit agent, a county ranger’s office, or on-
line at ncfireservice.gov. Click on the “Burning Permits” under the “Quick Links” section.

Female redbay ambrosia beetles bore into trees, carrying a fungus with them. Once the beetle is inside the tree, it makes tun-

nels and lays eggs. Fungal spores begin to grow in these tunnels, blocking the movement of wa-
ter from the tree roots and caus-
ing the tree to wilt and eventu-
ally die from lack of water. This fungus is fast-acting; trees typically die within a month of infection. Beetles do not feed on the wood of the tree; rath-

er, they feed upon the fungus “farms” they created.

This destructive pest was first discovered in Georgia in 2002. It is believed the fungus arrived in the U.S. along with the redbay ambrosia beetle in wooden crating material from Southeast Asia.

The detection of laurel wilt in Duplin County was reported by N.C. Forest Service staff, and confirmed by N.C. State University’s Plant Disease and Insect Clinic laboratory.

To learn more about lau-

erel wilt, go to ncfireservice.
.gov and follow the links under the Forest Health section, or call Kathy Otten, forest health monitoring coordinator with the N.C. Forest Service, at 919-

553-6178, ext. 223.
Pilkington named Food and Drug Protection Division director

Audrey Pilkington of Raleigh has been named director of the N.C. Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services Food and Drug Protection Division.

Pilkington graduated from N.C. State University with a degree in food science. She worked for three years atSupported by the N.C. Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services Food and Drug Protection Division, she works closely with the U.S. Food and Drug Administration on policy issues, food recalls and other issues.

"I'm very pleased to name Audrey as director of the Food and Drug Protection Division," said Agriculture Commissioner Sonjauk Pink Floyd. "She has proved herself to be an effective leader, and she knows the many issues that the Food and Drug Protection Division faces with implementation of new rules coming up as a result of the federal Food Safety Modernization Act.

Pilkington has served as assistant director of laboratory services in 2009. In this position, she led the lab system to achieving dual ISO 17025 accreditation for both the chemistry and microbiology sections of the Food and Drug Protection Division. She works closely with the U.S. Food and Drug Administration on policy issues, food recalls and other issues.

Buccolic briefs
The 2015 Northern Piedmont Specialty Crops School will be held March 6 at the Johnston County Extension Center in Smithfield.

For a copy of the program and pre-registration form, go to: www.nacga.gov/p:33:412:10:261:12:17:15:en:

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1993 Ford 4100. 5 ft 5 in. field mower, $2,350. Mr. & Mrs. Charlie Kacsmarik, Pisgah Forest 828-577-0019.


Vermeer slinger & slasher, cab, a/c & heat, GC, $5,000. Derek Teague, Catawba 828-484-6111.


Good metal, GC, $3,750; AC plow, 3-16s w/coulters, a/c & heat, GC, $13,000. Bryan Faircloth, Autryville 910-531-4023.


1996 Ford 50 bottom plow, 5 ft wide, $2,000. M. T. Pugh, Pittsboro 919-622-8490.


2,600 hrs., GC, $6,250. John Pe-lard, Clayton 919-389-9057.

910-567-2978 or pto shaft, 40 ft, $200 OBO. Dewey Knies, Davidson 704-567-6153.


2009 NH 2745 mower w/ culti- vator, $6,500; disc, $500; squeeze, $1,500; 3 pt hitch, $2,500. Fred Cooper, Selma 919-631-2466.


42, 2 row, $1,000. John Bunn, Locust 980-581-0870.

910-567-2978 or 40 ft, $200 OBO. Dewey Knies, Davidson 704-567-6153.

Whisperer 919-266-2201.

2 row, $1,000 OBO. Jerri Buck, Knightdale 919-365-7365.


250; horse manure, deliv. Salisbury & Albemarle, $275; 1 horse bunk, $300; hay, near Charlotte, $12,000. Sally Lawing, Summerfield 336-254-3261.

barn, 30 ac pasture fenced in, storage & full board avail., will consider ranch work & trail riding prospects, people oriented, roping, cutting, $700. A.J. Pick, Pittsboro 919-942-4016.


3-16s w/coulters, a/c & heat, GC, $13,000. Bryan Faircloth, Autryville 910-531-4023.


Cocorina hay, clean, dry, stored in warehouse, hose, quality, $7.50/ea. & full board, GC. Fred Robinson, Bessemer City 704-270-3119.

41, 2 blankets, bridle, synthetic saddle, 2 blankets incl., great producer, $300/breeding. Will Cullins, Hardee. Raleigh 919-772-2972.


burs, $1,500; Bobcat bucket w/ pier services, all shots utd w/neg. Cog- nar, 50 in. wood/ metal, $360. Danny Hicks, Siler City 919-704-5210.

1976 Dairy, high production, $12,000. Sally Lawing, Summerfield 336-254-3261.

Horses for Sale

Pasture horse breeding & horse board, 30 ac barn fenced in, storage for tack & hay, riding trails, secl. area, 11 ac. Water, electricity, 24/7 security, 234-8518.

Horse boarding near Rameseur Asheboro, 12x12 stalls, 2x daily feedings, daily tasks, room, board, vet & farrier, riding, parking, overnight stays, vet & farrier, $70/day; 12x12 barns, 6 stalls, gins, partial, $225, full, $300. Tony and Tricia, Rameseur 336-302-6583. Horse boarding, near Rameseur, under saddle, Halter, showmanship, $100/day. Cheryl Keesler, Linwood 336-532-4346.

M&W Trooper saddle, top quality, $2,700 & Ivan Harris River 336-578-5448.

290, 910-595-6197.


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FARMLAND

23 ac off Rd 531, 600 ft frontage, pond, 10-15 ac cleared, pasture, contiguous to 12-25 ac fenced pasture, Kathy Wadsworth, 336-312-2956.

22.3 ac in Randolph co, with 100 ft frontage on Hwy 501 W, fenced and cleared, approximately 5 acres wooded, a small creek, and a pond, $115,000. Bobbi Bynum, 704-254-8115.

20 ac in Davidson co, 10 miles from Hwy 109, fenced into 4 pastures, 20 mean 10 yrs young, 500 ft frontage, approx. 20 ac wooded, $95,000. Bob Smys isolation, 336-519-3212.

20 ac in Moore co, available for immediate use, 300 ft frontage, 50 yrs old pond, $20,000 or less, Dave Martin, 336-248-2181.

20 ac in Rowan co, 10 miles from Hwy 52 & Hwy 218, 100 ft frontage, pond, 15 acres mature timber, mostly pine, $55,000. Angie Burt, 704-245-1159.

18 ac in Davidson co, with 300 ft frontage on Hwy 52 NW, 20 yr old pond, 20 yrs old pasture, approx. 10 ac cleared, $75,000. Randy Wilson, 336-657-1200.

17 ac in Forsythe co, approx. 1 mi from Hwy 158, 450 ft frontage, pond, 20 yrs old pasture, $70,000. Karen Gobea, 336-346-6009.

16 ac on Hwy 109, 100 ft frontage, ponds & a spring, many old trees, 18 yrs old pond, approx. 20 acres timber, $65,000. Bruce & Gale Welch, 704-697-2515.

13.76 ac in Davidson co, 200 ft frontage on Hwy 52 & Hwy 218, 10 yrs old pond, 9-10 acres pasture, approx. 10 acres timber, $55,000. Drue Palmer, 336-660-7509.


12.4 ac in Mecklenburg co, 100 ft frontage on Hwy 74 & Hwy 521, 150 ft frontage on Hwy 521, pond, approx. 20 ac cleared, $95,000. Tony Russell, 704-779-7577.

12.4 ac in Transylvania co, 200 ft frontage on Hwy 24 & Hwy 74, 5 acres pasture, approx. 10 acres wooded, $80,000. Gary Fawcett, 704-795-5200.

12.12 ac in Montgomery co, 100 ft frontage on Hwy 158, 10 yrs old pond, approx. 10 acres cleared, $75,000. Warren & Glenda Clark, 336-268-1325.

11.3 ac in Forsyth co, 120 ft frontage on St Hwy 158, 150 ft frontage on Hwy 521, pond, approx. 10 acres cleared, $75,000. Randy Wilson, 336-657-1200.

10 ac in Forsyth co, 200 ft frontage on Hwy 158, 150 ft frontage on Hwy 521, 10 yrs old pond, approx. 10 acres cleared, $70,000. Randy Wilson, 336-657-1200.

10 ac in Davie co, 200 ft frontage on Hwy 109, pond, approx. 10 acres cleared, $65,000. Randy Wilson, 336-657-1200.
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POULTRY WANTED

Elliot’s pheasant, male. Jerry McChesney, Sugar Grove 536-317-0947.

Chick Treat controller/ supervisory level position. Dr. LeAnn A. Fogleman, Liberty 336-669-0539.


Seeds & Plants

Free

Goldsboro 27534. seed, $1/4 seeds + SASE/both. J.R. N.C. grown palmetto palm tree ext. blooming period, many varieties; seeds, $3 + SASE. Barry Cox, 6225 color, sturdy 18 in. stalk, approx. 200 doz. + shipping. Jules Simmons, 424 Ch Rd., Charlotte, NC 28215.

Apple, kbx, sioux, hillbilly, goldmans Cherokee purple, German pink, pine-


Frogs

Blueberry plants, extra, many varieties, early June bloom, $1/4, 5601 Michael, Cuppen 910-529- 1449 or cashwellfarms.com.

Cucumber

Hay sprigs, color, nutty, early variety, 500 seeds, postage paid, $8. enam Nicholson, 314 Stanley Haven Lane, Henderson- son, 336-927-2839.

Pineapple

Blueberry plants, extra, many varieties, early June bloom, $1/4, 5601 Michael, Cuppen 910-529- 1449 or cashwellfarms.com.

Cherry

Heavy gauge steel bed, 12x5, all single axle, 8 times, $3,800. Kirk Hock, Yadkinville 919-868-3177.

Turkey

Fighting turkeys, 146 Eddie Wayne Dr., Mooresville 704-754-8681.

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Miss Jenny’s Pickles named NCDA&CS Exporter of the Year

The N.C. Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services named Miss Jenny’s Pickles as the 2015 N.C. Exporter of the Year. Agriculture Commissioner Steve Troxler recognized the Kernersville-based company for its achievements in exporting during the Ag Development Forum at the North Carolina State Fairgrounds.

“In less than five years, Miss Jenny’s Pickles has grown from a backyard operation into an international success story,” said Agriculture Commissioner Steve Troxler. “The company’s gourmet pickles can be found in retail stores in Canada, China and the United Kingdom in addition to 2,000 locations in the United States.”

Jenny Fulton and Ashlee Furr started Miss Jenny’s Pickles in 2010 using a recipe from Fulton’s grandmother and cucumbers found in retail stores in Canada, China and the United Kingdom in addition to 2,000 locations in the United States.

The company has found success in international markets, and has been featured in a 2012 segment on “60 Minutes.”

Attention Advertisers

The advertising deadline for the April issue is March 2. The deadline for the May issue is April 1. The deadline for the June issue is May 4.

N.C. Pesticide Board announces settlements

The N.C. Pesticide Board recently approved the following settlement agreements for individuals and companies in Ashe, Duplin, Lenoir, Pender and Wilson counties.

- Justin M. Barker, field manager for Shalley Farms in West Jefferson, agreed to pay $700 for using pesticide in a manner inconsistent with its labeling. Barker is the neighbor experienced loss to his hives after the application.
- Brian Jenkins, warehouse manager for Harvey Fertilizer & Gas Co. in Kinston, agreed to pay $40 for failing to store restricted-use pesticides at Kinston.
- C. Sholar, an employee at Sholar Farm Supply in Wallace, agreed to pay $2,500 for purchasing restricted-use pesticides without a valid pesticide-dealer license.
- David F. Rowe of Sonny Dawson’s Soybean Supply at Kinston, agreed to pay $980 for applying pesticide without a valid pesticide-dealer license.
- Robert L. Dawson of Wilson agreed to pay $650 for damage caused by drift during a pesticide application. The company treated Dawson’s soybean fields damaged corn plants at an adjacent property.

Food Business Conference slated for March 12 in Spruce Pine

Registration is open for the N.C. Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services’ fourth annual Food Business Conference, scheduled for March 12 in Spruce Pine.

The event will take place from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Mayland Community College, 200 Mayland Dr., Spruce Pine.

The conference will include presentations on product promotion, market selection and building customer loyalty.

“Building a successful food business involves so much more than just creating great food products,” said Agriculture Commissioner Steve Troxler. “This conference will focus on ways to improve your marketing efforts, with a goal of increasing sales and promoting awareness.”

Registration is open to existing food businesses. Space is limited and pre-registration is required. Because of catering requirements, no-day-of walk-ins will be accepted. Registration deadline is March 1. The cost is $40.

The agenda and registration form are available online at www.ncagr.gov/markets/agribiz. For more information, contact Annette Dunlap at 919-707-3117 or annette.dunlap@ncagr.gov.

Horse Events

- **March 6-8** N.C. EHA “Spring Indoor” Hunter Horse Show. Contact Marlo King, 252-268-4144.
- **March 20 & 21** N.C. State Fairgrounds. Raleigh, 919-733-0455
- **March 12-15** Raleigh Indoor Spring Classic. Contact JoAnn Petry, 919-669-9877.
- **March 15-21** Raleigh Spring Premier Benefit. Contact Joyce Wilson, 919-365-5149.
- **March 24** NC FFA Livestock Judging. Contact Jason Davis, 919-515-4206.
- **March 27-29** N.C. “C” Indoors. Contact JoAnn Petry, 919-669-9877.
- **April 5-5** Region 12 & 15 Arabian Horse Show. Contact Hector Mueham, 919-996-3510.
- **April 9-11** Raleigh Invitational Show. Contact Joyce Wilson, 919-365-5149.
- **April 16 & 17** North Central Open Benefit Show. Contact Richard Klise, 336-906-3302.
- **April 24-26** Easter Bunny Quarter Horse Show. Contact Marylou Byrd, 919-892-3221.
- **May 1 & 2** Double L Bar Coway Mounted Shooters. Contact Mike Lubell, 919-327-3355.
- **May 2 & 3** Triangle Wide Horseman’s Association May Days. Contact Kim Smith, 919-261-3606.
- **May 16** Wake County 4-H Horse Show. Contact Heather Tarr, 919-250-1993.
- **May 17** Western NC 4-H Horse Show. Contact Bill Croose, 919-624-1014.
- **May 20-23** North Carolina State Regional Morgan Show. Contact Liz Helm, 919-765-2539.

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

Bread and Butter. Miss Jenny’s Pickles is a member of Goodness Grow in North Carolina, the N.C. Specialty Food Association and the National Specialty Food Association.

During the presentation, Troxler recognized Fulton and Furr for their support of other North Carolina companies interested in exporting. The partners have shared their export experiences and sample documents at export training workshops. They also have helped other companies consolidate shipments at their warehouse before exporting.

Miss Jenny’s Pickles is one of several North Carolina ag businesses finding success in international markets. North Carolina exports more than $3.9 billion worth of agricultural products.

More information about agricultural exports is available on the website for the department’s International Trade Office at www.ncagr.gov/markets/international.