NCDA&CS at work checking gas pumps

The price of gas never seems far from people’s minds, what with prices at near-record highs and with the approach of the summer travel season when people will be filling up more often.

What’s happening at the pump is also on the mind of gas pump inspectors with the N.C. Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services Standards Division. The department is responsible for ensuring that pumps are dispensing a gallon when the display reads a gallon. And consumers are paying attention.

Jerry Butler, who oversees the gasoline and oil inspection measurement program and has been with the department for 27 years, says rising gas prices almost always come with a rising number of consumer calls.

“I expect we will see a spike in calls as people begin traveling this summer. With gas prices where they are, people are watching the displays on the pumps closely for anything out of the ordinary,” Butler said.

“People are aware of the ordinary,” Butler said. “Take the time now to rid your yard and pasture of any standing water to reduce the grounds for mosquitoes,” Marshall said. “Take the time now to rid your yard and pasture of any standing water to reduce the risk.”

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The Food and Wine Expo is one of the many highlights of the Got to Be NC Festival at the State Fairgrounds. Visitors can sample North Carolina products and wine, and even purchase some to take home. Other activities include a daily tractor parade and displays. Festival hours are Friday, noon to midnight; Saturday, 9 a.m. to midnight; and Sunday, 9 a.m. to 10 p.m. See a list of daily highlights on page 2.

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There are 25 inspectors charged with inspecting each of the one hundred 124,000 pumps at 6,577 stations across the state. More than half of the inspections are done check-weighing scanner and commercial scales in places of business or inspecting gas dispensers or other items.

Butler said, “Calibration issues involving the amount of fuel dispensed tend to represent about 2 to 5 percent of the problems we find on a daily basis. The remaining problems involve faulty display lights, credit or debit card readers, tape dispensers or other items.”

The gas pump inspection business has only gotten busier in the past 20 years as more and more stations have been built and become operational. “I know I can look around my community and see four or five gas stations built up in the past 20 years, that was added in just the past year,” Butler said. “That’s an average of 100 more pumps that need to be checked.”

NCDAC&CS inspection trucks carry certified five-gallon test cans for each grade of gas. When one inspector arrives at a pump, he will do a visual assessment of the pump. If looking for the brand name of the pump manufacturer, along with the names of the gas grades available and the price per gallon.

Five gallons of gas will be pumped twice into the test can once at a high-flow rate and once at a slow-flow rate. At five gallons, the gas pump displays is compared to the test can. If the pump does not function properly, it will be tagged for recalibration or repair and will not be permitted to operate. All gas is returned to the storage tanks once the tests have been completed.

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FARM EQUIPMENT

**Small Animals**

- **New Zealand purebred rabbits**, $10 & up depending on sex 
- **Russian X Buckfast bees**, 20, $50.
- **Italian honey bees**, single shank sub-soil plow, 3 pt. hitch, can dig fwd. & backward, EC, $250;
- **3 pt. at-
- **1951 Farmall Super A**, 300 hrs., 9 ft. in. cut, sheltered & cleaned aft. 

**FARM EQUIPMENT**

- **NH 7 ft sickle mower**, 94 hp, 4 ft., 12 row, runs great, 6,000 hrs., $24,000.
- **NH 1465 hay conditioner**, 54 ft., 22 row, 22 hp, $15,000;
- **NH model 273 hay baler**, w/3 pt. hitch, $3,000;
- **NH 273 hay baler**, 214 hrs., runs good, $5,000.
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90%, heat & a/c works great, 5,814 hrs., $52,000. Craig Hutchens, Yadkinville 336-466-1313.


Super A or Workmaster, $2,750. Mike Lexington 336-474-0729.


848 NH rnd baler, motor runs for tuff built, parts for NH haybine, $2,500. Regan Spurr, Oxford 919-690-7210.


Hesston 740 4x4 baler, $1,000 OBO. Gary Sorensen, Riverside 704-383-9616.

Parts for NH haybine, MF 12 baler, parts, $100 OBO. Fred Hudson, Yale 824-874-3389.


Hesston 740 4x4 baler, $1,000 OBO. Gary Sorensen, Riverside 704-383-9616.

584 NH silage cutter, GC, $1,500. John Allen, Mocksville 336-928-3186.

EQUIPMENT WANTED

Waller, Salisbury 704-213-1587.

blade for pre-hydr. A model, needs

Mills, Trenton 252-448-5066.


chisel plow, $1,500; 14 ft drag harrow


Rogers Jr., Graham 336-227-0232.


$3,000. C.W. Trotter, Newton 828-797-2668.

Stokely 336-364-5203.

Jimmy Milnor goat, w/dairy & vacuum pump, $777. Jimmy

#236 w/spear & bucket, GC, loader, City 919-742-3548.

Bear Creek 919-808-2929.

part-time, Mon-Fri morning barn

ut, horse quality & horse quality new hay

will exchange for a share of

HAY & GRAIN


Hay plant for sale in NC State

Eagle, Durham 919-219-3551.

b掴s, hay net; saddle

Salem 336-688-1361.

Low, $6-8/bale; fescue


Saddle, LNC, pics. avail., $325. Kyle


saddle, LNC, very mild

PAK/AC. 232-436-1993

Horseboard w/ horse, 30 ac fenced in, storage for tack & hay, barns, stalls, included area, $1500. Boyd Lockhart, Semora 336-234-8518.

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Horses & Supplies Wanted

Pasto Fino mare or gelding, white, 7 y/o, great color, rider is a long time advanced rider but still wants something calm & small. Available at any time for riding purposes. McCabe Scarborough, Pelham 704-727-8047 after 6 p.m.

Aquaculture, Aquaponics & Services

Approx. 50 gold fish, various sizes & colors, free filter system w/150 gal tank, 4 ft. long, live gravel, 8 gallons of gravel, $75. Tom Walburg, 770-369-3675.

Horseboard w/ horse barn, 30 ac fenced in, storage for tack & hay, barns, stalls, included area, $1500. Boyd Lockhart, Semora 336-234-8518.

Hay & Grain For Sale


3 pt. hitch, high capacity or high
cranes, pull type, front spreader. Na-

Sawdust, 828-278-3639.

3 row plastic match layer, rigged for

Wanted

Hay, $5/bale & 1020 grass hay. Available w/60 square bales min. Jimmy

round bales, $35 & baled per order, del.

hit, rain, or Johnson grass, horse


combs & stalls, water & elec., large center hall

easy rider but still wants something calm

Easy Rider; Saddle Company western

$40/bale, will have spring 2012 cutting, all sq. bales, $30/bale at

Shelby, $317-317-4015. Hay, coarse, good cow hay, $18/

two 2 horse tag-a-long trailer, new

16h, school horse at one time, easy

$750. Charles Hagan, Mayo-

large pony or small horse, $800. Tom

Finding a partner in the horse world can be challenging, but with the right tools and strategies, you can enhance your chances of success. Here are some tips to help you find a partner that aligns with your goals and needs.

1. Be clear about your goals and expectations:
   - Clarify what you're looking for in a partner. Are you seeking a partner for competition, leisure riding, or a combination of both? Understanding your goals will help you communicate your needs more effectively.

2. Research potential partners:
   - Look for people who have similar interests and goals. You can start by reaching out to local horse shows, riding clubs, or equestrian organizations to find individuals who share your passion for horses.

3. Attend events and opportunities to meet new people:
   - Criminal background in working condi-

Tractor/farm equip. repair


Hay plant for sale in NC State


Horseboard w/ horse barn, 30 ac fenced in, storage for tack & hay, barns, stalls, included area, $1500. David & Rita Duke, Greensboro 336-436-7435.


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Street, Siler City 919-930-7219.

Harville, Siler City 919-412-1684.

Trotter Oil cut off tractor w/ owner,

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For biological mosquito control, creeks, 43 ac cult., $2,650/ac. Michael rd parcel # 114945, mature timber, max, approx. 14 ac cleared, creeks, buyer pays survey, $42,000 OBO. Lockhart, Semora 336-234-8518.


11. 50 ac in Edgecombe co to lease for hunting purposes, responsible, well-established hunters. Pete Galley, Southern Pines 910-422-7512.

12. Cotton land or abandoned fields to rent near S/W corner of Caswell co, wet to dry, see other conditions. Jon Johnson, Ewell 336-685-9527.

13. 50-200 ac to lease for hunting purposes in Forsythe, Davie, Yadkin, Stokes or Surry counties, 25 acres or more, 10 ac to lease or lease/purchase. Grady Ward, Mayberry 336-754-4303.


15. 116.7 ac in Surry county near Dobson, cleared, dry, fenced, in good condition, owner, home, horses, livestock, row crops or grapes, $66,000. Gray Casselli, Plantersville 336-324-0047 or gcasselli@gmail.com.


17. 6 ac in Stokcs co, timber, 1 ½ ac of 5 yr. old pines, cleared & fenced, near fulling view of Hanging Rock mountain, $9300. John & Sandy Smith, Westfield 336-707-2626.

18. 35 ac, 26 of which are cleared, 900 ft. frontage, owner financing. $35900/ac. Lewis Wallace, Rural Home 336-860-9845.

19. 17.5 ac in Davidson co, 2 creeks, 5 ac. over 700 ft. front land, owner, $1,500,000.

20. 50x100 bldg., $45,000 or trade. Ed Austin Armstrong, Walnut Cove 336-374-3468.

21. 13.1 approx. ac in Wayne co, 86 ac in Yadkin co, 86 ac in Caswell co, 685 ac in Johnston co, 27 ac farmland in Johnston co, 268 ac in Zebulon, 6.14 ac in Wake co, 14.83 ac secluded horse farm near Interstate w/un allotment, borders on creek, seeded with clover/orchard grass/mixed, beautifully landscaped, secluded on large creek, area for pasture, 3 br mobile home & 2 out bldgs., $130,000. Jimmy Phelps, Hendersonville 910-988-2448.

22. Land for Sale

Land for sale must consist of at least 3 acres and be used for agricultural purposes, i.e. cultivation, raising of at least 3 acres and be

23. 3.37 ac 11.67 ac in Surry county near Dobson, cleared, dry, fenced, in good condition, owner, home, horses, livestock, row crops or grapes, $66,000. Gray Casselli, Plantersville 336-324-0047 or gcasselli@gmail.com.


25. 245 ac of land in Caswell county, 25 acres or more, 10 ac to lease or lease/purchase in S/W Rockingham co. Jimmy Smith, Salisbury 704-636-1477.

26. MINI GOATS


29. 5 Nigerian dwarf bucks, born from Dec. 21-22, all have full blooded grandparents on womg & CD&T sh., $150. D. Ray Rock, Mocksville 336-671-3117.

30. Purple Dutch rabbits, for raising & meat purposes, i.e. cultivation, raising of at least 3 acres and be

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33. 25 ac to lease for 2012 & beyond, deer hunting land, father & son, primarily big game, black bear & whitetail. Russell Rowan, Davidville or Royce Steven, Churchville 336-306-6022.

34. 14.83 ac secluded horse farm near Interstate w/un allotment, borders on creek, seeded with clover/orchard grass/mixed, beautifully landscaped, secluded on large creek, area for pasture, 3 br mobile home & 2 out bldgs., $130,000. Jimmy Phelps, Hendersonville 910-988-2448.

35. 1-1.5 ac of land in Surry county, incl. small 4 room log cabin, 80 ft. front, owner, $32,500. Ed Austin Armstrong, Walnut Cove 336-374-3468.

y/o, low birth weights, $700-1,600. Daup. James Bass, Fayetteville  910- 

3 reg. alpha females, 1 chocolate colt, 1 Suffolk, 1 roan, 2/12, 12-5, 14-6, 17-2. Robert J. Bagley, Jefferson, 336-967-4231. Natural, very clean, no lambs, $200/ea. Mary of Exeter249@yahoo.com.

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2009 Hollis water stove, 500 gal., 100,000 BTU/h, water pump, $1,300; wood splitter, $500. Josh Green, High Point 336-683-2982.

Winston 2500 generator, mounted on wheels, runs well w/20-gal. gas tank, delivered, $1,300. David Brown, Kernersville 336-792-2060.

4’ x 8’ steel door in grist mill, circa 1913, recently serviced, all original except for meal spout & after arm, price by the foot. Deneen Mill Creek 336-957-1196.

Steel I-beam, 1997 Kaufman gooseneck trailer, 35 ft, 16 in. wide, 12,000 lbs., sets up in 5 min., works 24/7. Scott Atwell, Mayodan 336-339-1368.

Fuel storage tanks

3 mobile home HD axels, new, never used, $300. Dean Kendall, Wadesboro 704-694-3289.


2 Brock feed bins, $1,000; Super A Zenith carb., $150; DW Controls & 50 hp 4400 watts, mounted on wheels, $700; window for lights/brakes, $1,500. Mark Herrin, Conover 704-793-7514.

2 steel I-beam, 18 in. x 40 ft, 24 ft long, new, $1,000. Derek Drye, Kannapolis 704-521-8581.

Rail bed bale loader, $300. Larry Kendall, Greensboro 704-644-3289.

Leather bean processing, 14 x 28 ft trailer, 1970 Ford, 40’000 BTU/h, Woodstock, Greensboro 336-317-0831.


1970 Ford 4-4-0 dual axle trailer, $3,000.

2008 model 2 dual axle tandem trailer, $12,000. This site was also sponsored by the North Carolina Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services. Check out their site at www.ncags.gov/buyo. You can also get more information about North Carolina’s Beef Cattle and Dairy Links at the Department’s Facebook page and at wwwRGBA.com. To keep up with the latest news, you can also follow us on Twitter: @NCBeefCattle and at wwwsites.gov.