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Registration for NC Farm School open now

The application for the 2026 NC Farm School - Central Region is open now. The program looks to help new, aspiring or transitioning farmers with their business planning.

Applications will be reviewed monthly. Questions regarding applications or application status can be sent to Derek Washburn at dawashbu@ncsu.edu or 919-515-4614.

Registration ends on Jan. 30.

Upcoming Ag Review ad deadlines

The following are deadlines to submit ads for the Agricultural Review newspaper.

Jan. 2 for the February 2026 issue
Feb. 2 for the March 2026 issue
March 2 for the April 2026 issue
April 1 for the May 2026 issue

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Sellers and buyers can visit <https://apps.ncagr.gov/agreview/Pages/SubmitAnAd> and fill out the form with the details of the item they are selling or seeking.

Murphy inducted into National Ag Hall of Fame

WALLACE — Wendell Murphy, a pioneering force in the American pork industry, was honored recently with induction into the prestigious National Agricultural Hall of Fame, joining the ranks of historic icons such as George Washington, Thomas Jefferson, Abraham Lincoln and John Deere. Murphy was inducted alongside former USDA Secretary Sonny Perdue and antique tractor preservationist Michael Hinton, each recognized for their unique contributions to the agricultural landscape.

Murphy, of Rose Hill, was recognized for his revolutionary contributions to swine production and integrated farming systems, which reshaped the modern pork industry throughout the United States. His family joined him for the ceremony at the National Agricultural Center in Bonner Springs,



Wendell Murphy, second from left, pictured at the induction ceremony.

Kansas, celebrating a legacy that spans generations.

Murphy founded Murphy Farms in 1962, which, at one point, became the

largest independent hog producer in the United States. Under his leadership, the pork industry saw groundbreaking innovations, such as partnering with

contract growers to breed and raise the hogs owned by his company. This visionary approach set new standards for efficiency and quality in agriculture.

"It is fair to say that no one in the history of U.S. agriculture has had a greater influence on swine breeding and raising swine than Wendell Murphy," said Zane Hedgecock, chief of staff for the N.C. Department of Agriculture & Consumer Services, who introduced Murphy for his award. "Agriculture in North Carolina and the nation was changed for the better because of his vision."

Murphy is only the second person from North Carolina to be inducted into the National Agriculture Hall of

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N.C. State Fair ends 2025 run with strong attendance

The N.C. State Fair wrapped up its 11-day run of fun and great weather with 946,811 in attendance. Monday and Tuesday were both strong attendance days, posting the second largest Monday for visitors and the third largest Tuesday.

"It's been a very strong year, and we are happy with that," said Agriculture Commissioner Steve Troxler. "A lot of attention gets focused on attendance figures, and we do want to see strong numbers, but that is not the only barometer

we use to measure success. Across the fairgrounds and throughout the fair we saw a lot of smiles and a lot of happy people. And that's what makes all the hard work worthwhile — every day and every year!"

Among the fair highlights were:

- A successful Junior Livestock Sale of Champions was held the final day, drawing at total of \$214,830 for champions and the junior livestock scholarship program.
- Great participation in competitions with over 27,000 general and



High fives all around for a great 11 days!

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From the tractor



Commissioner Troxler

As 2025 comes to an end, I will say things remain busy at the department, which is not that unusual.

At press time, we received word that high path avian influenza was confirmed in a commercial turkey operation in Wayne County, reinforcing the need for farms to continue to employ strong biosecurity measures.

This positive confirmation followed confirmed cases in backyard flocks in Rutherford and Union counties in October that unfortunately tracked with more cases springing up across the county. The latest update from

by Agriculture Commissioner Steve Troxler

USDA on Nov. 17 indicated there have been 72 flocks confirmed with HPAI — 35 commercial flocks and 37 backyard flocks.

We know that HPAI is present in the wild bird population and in migratory flyways, so its return in North Carolina is not unexpected.

But it serves a good reminder that HPAI remains a significant threat to our poultry industry and poultry owners should remain diligent in their biosecurity protocols including preventing their birds from coming in contact with wild birds.

Since September there have been three cases of HPAI in backyard flocks in the state. Wild birds, particularly black vultures, are a significant risk to backyard flocks and owners should avoid practices and conditions that attract vultures as sick and dead black vultures have been found at the locations of several HPAI-positive flocks.

Prior to this new case, North Carolina has had 14 commercial flocks and 12 backyard flocks since 2022 test positive for HPAI.

As always, if you have sick or dying birds, report it right away to your local veterinarian, the N.C. Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services Veterinary Division, 919-707-3250, or the N.C. Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory System 919-733-3986.

In addition, we are also busy with the state's 2024 ag disaster assistance program, which we are continuing to work on.

As of mid-November, when this publication goes to press, we have processed 6,623 payments, which includes over \$63.1 million in Helene claims and over \$168.8 million in non-Helene claims. That is almost \$232 million in payments, with more work to do.

It is important to note that those numbers do not include infrastructure losses, which we are working on. So, if you applied for infrastructure losses, any monies you have already received does not include any funds for infrastructure. We have received a number of calls about what has and has not been sent out, so I wanted to

provide an update.

I can assure you that staff with the department understand how important this money is to our farmers, so we remain focused on getting it into farmers' hands.

With the federal government back open, we are also moving forward to get approval for our plan to distribute \$221 million in federal ag disaster funds that was approved for North Carolina farmers.

We know there will be an application period for these funds, too, so stay alert for announcements about a signup period. We won't be able to make any concrete plans until our proposal has been approved by USDA, and we hope to have that soon.

It is my hope that this holiday season is filled with family, friends and good food and that the memories that are made and shared remind us all of what matters most in life. Enjoy the holidays and please remember to thank our farmers for everything they do to keep us fed.

I'll see you in 2026!

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Murphy

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Murphy, left, and former USDA Secretary Sonny Perdue pose for a photo.

Fame. Soil chemist Hugh Bennett was inducted in 1985. “As I stand here today, I’m feeling many emotions – gratitude, humility, and truthfully, disbelief,” said Murphy during his acceptance speech. “To be inducted into the National Agricultural Hall of Fame is an honor beyond anything I could have ever imagined. When I look at the names of those who came before me, I see pioneers of American agriculture – men and women

who not only shaped our industry, but also our nation. To be counted among them feels almost unreal.” Murphy’s induction places him among a distinguished group of agricultural leaders. The Hall of Fame, chartered by Congress in 1960, honors individuals who have made outstanding national or international contributions to the advancement of American agriculture. *Contributed by Murphy Family Ventures.*

N.C. State Fair

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livestock entries registered. That included a return to a full display of apple entries in the horticulture competitions, bouncing back after Hurricane Helene limited the number of contestants in 2024.

- A site-record giant pumpkin exhibited that weighed in at 2,244.5 pounds. The giant pumpkin contest also drew a second pumpkin weighing over 2,000 pounds.
- Smithfield Hunger Relief Day collected enough food for around 150,000 meals or 16 tractor truckloads of food. That

food is going to immediately go back into the community to help feed those who need assistance.

- Agriculture took center stage as 11 farm families representing agricultural production statewide were highlighted this year as part of the Farm Family of the Day sponsored by Tractor Supply Co.

There’s no time like Fair time and now is a great time to mark your calendars for the 2026 N.C. State Fair, which runs Oct. 15-25, 2026.



All smiles for tractor time in Heritage Circle!



Fun times in Kiddieland!



Cheesin' at the barrel racing open show.



In it to win it!

Commercial flock in Wayne County tests positive for HPAI

A turkey breeding operation in Wayne County has tested positive for High Path Avian Influenza. The positive sample was first identified by the N.C. Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services Veterinary Diagnostic Lab in Raleigh.

This is the first case of high path avian influenza in commercial poultry in North Carolina since January 2025. Since 2022, North Carolina had 14 commercial flocks and 12 backyard flocks impacted by avian influenza. The latest case in Wayne County impacted 9,500 turkeys.

“In recent months, cases of HPAI have increased across the country,” said State Veterinarian Mike Martin. “With HPAI in the wild bird population and in migratory flyways, commercial operators and backyard flock owners have remained on heightened watch for any signs of the virus in their flocks. Under HPAI protocols, we actively tested other flocks within the 10-kilometer zone in collaboration with our federal and industry partners.”

This strain of HPAI virus is considered a low risk to people according to the U.S. Centers for Disease Control, but is highly contagious to other birds, including commercial and backyard flocks of poultry. The virus is also not considered a food safety threat, and infected birds do not enter the food supply.

Commercial operations and backyard flock owners should continue to follow strict biosecurity measures. If your birds are sick or dying, report it right away to your local veterinarian, the N.C. Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services Veterinary Division, 919-707-3250, or the N.C. Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory System, 919-733-3986.

More information on HPAI in general and an online listing of all N.C. cases since 2022 is at <https://www.ncagr.gov/divisions/veterinary/avianinfluenza>.



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State Fair Jr. Livestock Sale of Champions draws \$214,000

The N.C. State Fair Junior Livestock Sale of Champions raised \$214,830 in bids for the top steers, barrows, lambs, goats and turkeys.

“The Sale of Champions not only gives us an opportunity to recognize the winners in the N.C. State Fair junior livestock shows, but a portion of every winning bid also goes to scholarships available to all junior livestock show participants,” said Agriculture Commissioner Steve Troxler. “Congratulations to all those livestock participants and winners, and thanks to all the bidders who make the sale possible.”

The grand champion junior market steer was shown by Brody Coleman of Davidson (Mecklenburg), with a winning bid of \$20,000 placed by N.C. Farm Bureau Insurance and Powers Great American Midlands.

The grand champion Got to Be NC junior market steer was shown by Hannah Hooker of Mt. Airy (Surry). The top bid of \$19,000 came from N.C. Farm Bureau Insurance, N.C. Egg Association, Apple Brandy Prime Cuts and Licksillet Cattle Co., with additional support from Steve Carroll.

The reserve grand champion junior market steer was shown by Michelle Hartman of Walnut Cove (Stokes). The winning bid of \$16,000 came from N.C. Farm Bureau Insurance and Tractor Supply Co. with additional support from Garey Fox.

Dylan Briley of Greenville (Pitt) showed the grand champion junior market barrow. The winning bid of \$30,000 came from Agri Supply, Hog Slat Inc., Prestage Farms, Smithfield Foods and N.C. Pork Council, with additional support from Huneycutt Ventures.

The reserve grand champion junior market barrow was shown by Billie Faith Fulcher of Godwin (Cumberland). Hog Slat Inc., Prestage Farms, Smithfield Foods, N.C. Pork Council, Agri Supply and Farm Credit Associations of N.C. placed the winning bid of \$25,000.

Hesston Meadows of Leicester (Buncombe) showed the grand champion junior market lamb, which earned a winning bid of \$16,000 from N.C. Farm Bureau Insurance and Iron Horse Auction and Realty.

The grand champion Got to Be NC junior market lamb was shown by Charley Jennings of Raleigh (Wake). The winning bid of \$16,000 came from Tractor Supply Co., with additional support from Pack House Farm and Park Place Dental of Durham.

The reserve grand champion junior market lamb was shown by Zade Jennings of Kenly (Johnston). The top bid of \$15,000 came from Farm Credit Associations of N.C., N.C. Farm Bureau Insurance and Agri Supply.

Zade Jennings also showed the grand champion junior market meat goat. Agri Supply, Iron Horse Auction and Realty Co., N.C. Farm Bureau Insurance and Chaudhry Halal Meats Co. LLC placed the winning bid of \$15,000.

Adelyn Hemilright of Columbia (Tyrrell) showed the grand champion Got to be N.C. junior market meat goat and the reserve grand champion junior market meat goat. For the double-category winner, the winning bid of \$16,000 came from N.C. Farm Bureau Insurance, with additional support from Dismal Swamp Boers.

Zade Jennings also showed the grand champion market turkey. The winning bid of \$8,500 came from the N.C. Soybean Producers Association, Farm Credit Associations of N.C. and Agri Supply.

Joleen Windsor of Madison (Rockingham) showed the reserve grand champion market turkey. Tractor Supply Co. and the N.C. Soybean Producers Association placed the winning bid of \$5,000.

Bryson Baldwin of Statesville (Iredell) showed the Supreme Dairy Female. The winning bid of \$12,500 received a Taste of N.C. Dairy Basket. Buyers were N.C. Farm Bureau Insurance, Farm Credit Associations of N.C., N.C. Dairy Producers Association, N.C. Egg Association, NCSU Agricultural Institute, Maola, the N.C. Soybean Producers Association and the N.C. Veterinary Medical Association, with additional support from the Bond Family, Cowbuyer.com, Nancy Keith Family, Coby Kievett, Riverbend Creamery, Iredell County Farm Bureau, Rocky Creek Dairy and Thompson Cattle Co.

Grand and reserve grand champion winners receive money

from the sale, and a portion of the bids also goes into a scholarship fund that participating youth are eligible to apply for. Because of strong support of the 2024 sale, 30 \$2,000 scholarships were awarded in the spring of this year.



Grand Champion Junior Market Steer Shown by Brody Coleman



Got to Be NC Grand Champion Junior Market Steer Shown by Hannah Hooker



Reserve Grand Champion Junior Market Steer Shown by Michelle Hartman



Grand Champion & Got to Be NC Junior Market Barrow Shown by Dylan Briley



Reserve Grand Champion Junior Market Barrow Shown by Billie Faith Fulcher



Grand Champion Junior Market Lamb Shown by Hesston Meadows



Grand Champion Got to Be NC Junior Market Lamb Shown by Charley Jennings



Grand Champion Junior Market Meat Goat Shown by Zade Jennings



Grand Champion Got to Be NC Junior Market Meat Goat Shown by Adelyn Hemilright



Reserve Grand Champion Market Turkey Shown by Joleen Windsor



Supreme Junior Dairy Female Shown by Bryson Baldwin

Winners in N.C. State Fair livestock shows announced

Following are winners in the 2025 N.C. State Fair livestock shows. Congratulations to all of this year's competitors!

Junior Beef Showmanship Champions

- Junior-11 and under – Beau Surratte of Sherrills Ford (Catawba County)
- Intermediate-12-14 year olds – Ashlyn Houston of Claremont (Catawba)
- Senior-15-18 year olds – Jordan Mitchem of Vale (Lincoln)
- Senior Plus-19-21 year olds – Shelby Candler of Weaverville (Buncombe)

Junior Swine Showmanship Champions

- Novice-8 and under – Harley Barwick of Deep Run (Lenior)
- Junior-9-13 year olds – Genevieve Pulcini of Richlands (Onslow)
- Senior-14-18 year olds – Halle Taylor of Pink Hill (Onslow)

Junior Sheep Showmanship Champions

- Novice-8 and under – Carter Jennings of Kenly (Johnston)
- Junior-9-13 year olds – Kaylee Casper of Enfield (Halifax)
- Senior-14-18 year olds – Scarlett Denning of Newton Grove (Johnston)
- Senior Pus-19-21 year olds – Hope Latta of Zebulon (Franklin)

Junior Meat Goat Showmanship Champions

- Novice-8 and under – Adelyn Hemilright of Columbia (Tyrrell)
- Junior-9-13 year olds – Kennedy Winslow of Roper (Washington)
- Senior-14-18 year olds – Mary Baker of Belvidere (Perquimans)
- Senior Plus-19-21 year olds – Erin Burns of Clayton (Wake)

Junior Market Meat Goat

- Junior Market Wether Meat Goat
- Grand champion and heavy weight champion shown by Zadock Jennings of Kenly (Johnston)
- Reserve grand champion and Got to Be NC grand champion shown by Adelyn Hemilright of Columbia (Tyrrell)
- Got to Be NC reserve grant champion and Got to Be NC Heavy Weight champion shown by Scarlett Denning of Newton Grove (Johnston)
- Got to Be NC Heavy Weight reserve champion shown by Taylor Askew of Greenville (Pitt)
- Third overall shown by Olivia Sanner of Statesville (Iredell)

Junior Commercial Meat Goat – Junior Doe

- Champion doe shown by Macon Parker of Newton Grove (Johnston)



The 2025 N.C. State Fair saw strong participation in livestock shows.

- Reserve champion doe and Got to Be NC champion doe shown by Adelyn Hemilright of Columbia (Tyrrell)
- Got to Be NC reserve champion doe shown by Olivia Sanner of Statesville (Iredell)

Junior Commercial Meat Goat – Senior Doe

- Champion doe and Got to Be NC champion shown by Lylah Johnson of Madison (Rockingham)
- Reserve champion doe shown by Tyla Marshall of Pleasant Garden (Guilford)
- Got to Be NC reserve champion doe shown by Lydia Wilson of China Grove (Rowan)

Junior Commercial Meat Goat –Doe

- Grand champion doe shown by Macon Parker of Newton Grove (Johnston)
- Reserve grand champion and Got to Be NC champion does shown by Adelyn Hemilright of Columbia (Tyrrell)
- Got to Be NC reserve champion doe shown by Lylah Johnson of Madison (Rockingham)

Junior Wool Breed

- Grand champion shown by Carter Jennings of Kenly (Johnston)
- Reserve grand champion shown by Onslow County 4-H, Jacksonville (Onslow)
- Got to Be NC grand champion shown by Onslow County 4-H, Jacksonville (Onslow)

Junior Wool Showmanship

- Novice – 8 years old and under – Carter Jennings of Kenly (Johnston)
- Junior – 9-13 year olds – Cayte Mitchell of Hiddenite (Alexander)
- Senior 14-18 year olds – Mazie Bunn of Zebulon (Wake)
- Senior Plus – 19-21 year olds – Hope Latta of Zebulon (Franklin)

Junior Wool Breed

- Costume class winner was Jackson Trantham of Candler (Buncombe)

Open Wool Breed Sheep

- Supreme champion shown by

- Jaime Deitz of Rupert, WV (Greenbrier County)
- Reserve supreme champion shown by Carter Jennings of Kenly (Johnston)

Open Wool Breed Sheep – White Long/Coarse

- Champion ram and reserve champion ewe shown by Allison Rudisill of Candler (Buncombe)
- Champion ewe shown by Haley Hargus of Zirconia (Henderson)
- Reserve champion ram shown by Onslow County 4-H of Jacksonville (Onslow)

Open Wool Breed Sheep – White Fine/Medium

- Champion ram shown by Onslow County 4-H of Jacksonville (Onslow)
- Champion and reserve grand champion ewes shown by Jaime Deitz of Rupert, WV (Greenbrier)
- Reserve champion ram shown by Ellen Mabry of Albemarle (Stanly)

Open Wool Breed – Primitive Breeds-Dual Coated

- Champion ram shown by Rhett Perry of Zebulon (Wake)
- Reserve champion ram shown by Mazie Bunn of Zebulon (Wake)

Open Wool Breed – Natural Colored – Long/Coarse

- Champion ram and ewe shown by Allison Rudisill of Candler (Buncombe)
- Reserve champion ram shown by Ellen Mabry of Albemarle (Stanly)
- Reserve champion ewe shown by Haley Hargus of Zirconia (Henderson)

Open Wool Breed – Natural Colored – Fine/Medium

- Champion ewe shown by Jaime Deitz of Rupert, WV (Greenbrier)
- Reserve champion ram shown by Joey Moore of Youngsville (Franklin)

Youth Dairy Goat – Alpines

- Grand and reserve grand champions shown by Cora Noel of New Hill (Wake)

Youth Dairy Goat – Saanens

- Grand champion shown by Austin Seitz of Monroe (Union)
- Reserve grand champion shown by Anson Cranford of Asheboro (Randolph)

Youth Dairy Goat – Nubians

- Grand champion shown by Ashton Seitz of Monroe (Union)
- Reserve grand champion shown by Trindle Beaver of Elizabethtown (Bladen)

Youth Dairy Goat – Lamancha

- Grand champion shown by Evelyn Dowd of Dobson (Surry)
- Reserve grand champion shown by Genevieve Canford of Asheboro (Randolph)

Youth Dairy Goat –Recorded Grades

- Grand and reserve grand champions shown by Cora Noel of New Hill (Wake)

Youth Dairy Goat –Nigerian Dwarf

- Grand champion shown by Landon Poole of Woodleaf (Rowan)
- Reserve grand champion shown by Lilah Poole of Woodleaf (Rowan)

Youth Dairy Goat – Oberhasli

- Grand and reserve grand champions shown by Crest FFA of Shelby (Cleveland)

Youth Dairy Goat – Toggenburgs

- Grand champion shown by Ella Rugenstein of Broadway (Lee)
- Reserve grand champion shown by Trindle Beaver of Elizabethtown (Bladen)

Youth Dairy Goat – Alpine

- Senior and reserve senior champions shown by Cora Noel of New Hill (Wake)

Youth Dairy Goat – Saanens

- Senior champion shown by Austin Seitz of Monroe (Union)
- Senior reserve champion shown by Anson Cranford of Asheboro (Randolph)

Youth Dairy Goat – Nubians

- Senior champion shown by Ashton Seitz of Monroe (Union)
- Senior reserve champion

shown by Trindle Beaver of Elizabethtown (Bladen)

Youth Dairy Goat – Nigerian Dwarf

- Senior champion shown by Landon Poole of Woodleaf (Rowan)
- Senior reserve champion shown by Lilah Poole of Woodleaf (Rowan)

Youth Dairy Goat – Oberhasli

- Senior champion and reserve senior champion shown by Crest FFA of Shelby (Cleveland)

Youth Dairy Goat –Lamanchas

- Senior champion shown by Evelyn Dowd of Dobson (Surry)
- Senior reserve champion shown by Genevieve Cranford of Asheboro (Randolph)

Youth Dairy Goat – Recorded Grades

- Senior champion and reserve senior champion shown by Cora Noel of New Hill (Wake)

Youth Dairy Goat – Alpine

- Junior champion and reserve junior champion shown by Ellynor Dowd of Dobson (Surry)

Youth Dairy Goat –Saanans

- Junior champion shown by Genevieve Cranford of Asheboro (Randolph)
- Junior reserve champion shown by Sophie Cranford of Asheboro (Randolph)

Youth Dairy Goat – Recorded Grades

- Junior champion shown by Marianna Harrison of Rockwell (Cabarrus)
- Junior reserve champion shown by Cora Noel of New Hill (Wake)

Youth Dairy Goat –Toggenburgs

- Junior champion shown by Ella Rugenstein of Broadway (Lee)
- Junior reserve champion shown by Trindle Beaver of Elizabethtown (Bladen)

Youth Dairy Goat –Lamanchas

- Junior champion shown by Landon Poole of Woodleaf (Rowan)
- Junior reserve champion shown by Genevieve Cranford of Asheboro (Randolph)

Youth Dairy Goat –Nigerian Dwarf

- Junior champion shown by Landon Poole of Woodleaf (Rowan)
- Junior reserve champion shown by Lylah Johnson of Madison (Rockingham)

Youth Dairy Goat – Nubians

- Junior champion and reserve champion shown by Ashton Seitz of Monroe (Union)

Youth Dairy Goat – Oberhasli

- Junior champion shown by Crest FFA of Shelby (Cleveland)
- Junior reserve champion shown by Griffin Trafford of Four Oaks (Johnston)

Youth Dairy Goat –Showmanship

- Senior Fitting/Show – 17-20

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Results
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- year olds – Ashton Seitz of Monroe (Union)

 - Junior Fitting/Show – 8 years and under – Ella Rugenstein of Broadway (Lee)

Youth Dairy Goat – Best in Show

 - Best udder in show and best doe in show shown by Austin Seitz of Monroe (Union)

Youth Dairy Goat – Costume Class

 - Winner was Hannah Walker of Ararat (Surry)

Open Dairy Goat – Nigerian Dwarf Senior Doe

 - Grand champion shown by Landon Poole of Woodleaf (Rowan)
 - Reserve grand champion shown by Josie Kirby of Semora (Caswell)

Open Dairy Goat – Toggenburgs Senior Doe

 - Grand champion and reserve grand champion shown by Elaine Rider of Cameron (Moore)

Open Dairy Goat – Saanan Senior Doe

 - Grand champion shown by Austin Seitz of Monroe (Union)
 - Reserve grand champion shown by Genevieve Cranford of Asheboro (Randolph)

Open Dairy Goat – Nubian Senior Doe

 - Grand champion and reserve grand champion shown by Trindle Beaver of Elizabethtown (Bladen)

Open Dairy Goat – Lamancha Senior Doe

 - Grand champion and reserve grand champion shown by Josie Kirby of Semora (Caswell)

Open Dairy Goat – Recorded Grades Senior Doe

 - Grand champion and reserve grand champion shown by Cora Noel of New Hill (Wake)

Open Dairy Goat – Alpine Senior Doe

 - Grand champion shown by Kassidy Knight of Burgaw (Pender)
 - Reserve grand champion shown by Cora Noel of New Hill (Wake)

Open Dairy Goat – Oberhasli Senior Doe

 - Grand champion and reserve
- grand champion shown by Roslyn Noar of Benson (Johnston)

Open Dairy Goat – Nubian Junior Doe

 - Grand champion shown by Ashton Seitz of Monroe (Union)
 - Reserve grand champion shown by Madison Seitz of Monroe (Union)

Open Dairy Goat – Toggenburg Junior Doe

 - Grand champion shown by Trindle Beaver of Elizabethtown (Bladen)
 - Reserve grand champion shown by Ella Rugenstein of Broadway (Lee)

Open Dairy Goat – Oberhasli Junior Doe

 - Grand champion and reserve grand champion shown by Roslyn Noar of Benson (Johnston)

Open Dairy Goat – Nigerian Dwarf Junior Doe

 - Grand champion shown by Landon Poole of Woodleaf (Rowan)
 - Reserve grand champion shown by Amber Zaratsian of Stem (Granville)

Open Dairy Goat – Alpine Junior Doe

 - Grand champion shown by Ellynor Dowd of Dobson (Surry)
 - Reserve grand champion shown by Leslie Averill of Selma (Johnston)

Open Dairy Goat – Lamancha Junior Doe

 - Grand champion shown by Evelyn Dowd of Dobson (Surry)
 - Reserve grand champion shown by Doni Posey of Prospect Hill (Caswell)

Open Dairy Goat – Saanans Junior Doe

 - Grand champion shown by Leah Suydam of Middlesex (Nash)
 - Reserve grand champion shown by Genevieve Cranford of Asheboro (Randolph)

Open Dairy Goat – Recorded Grades Junior Doe

 - Reserve grand champion shown by Genevieve Cranford of Asheboro (Randolph)
- Find more results in the January 2026 issue of the Agricultural Review!

Four inducted into N.C. State Fair Livestock Hall of Fame



From left: William Johnson, Agriculture Commissioner Steve Troxler, Ellen Mabry, Alexis Ketchie and Rusty Isley.

Agriculture Commissioner Steve Troxler inducted four new members into the N.C. State Fair Livestock Hall of Fame Sunday, Oct. 26, at the State Fairgrounds in Raleigh.

“Our livestock shows are some of the best in the nation, and the N.C. State Fair Livestock Hall of Fame serves to recognize individuals who work behind the scenes to make that true year after year,” Troxler said. “Generations before and generations to come have benefitted from the dedication and experience of these four individuals, and we are proud to add them to this hall of fame.”

Kimberly Eudy of Cabarrus County was posthumously inducted into the Beef Cattle category. Eudy was involved with the N.C. State Fair for more than two decades. Eudy passed away earlier this year after a brief battle with ALS. Eudy had a third-generation love for agriculture and showing Hereford cattle – a love she instilled in her daughters, Alexis and Courtney.

The three traveled the country showing cattle and were fixtures in the Jim Graham Building at the N.C. State Fairgrounds for many years. Even in 2024, when Eudy was in a wheelchair and unable to speak, Eudy was at the fair giving her daughters and their competitors an example of work ethic and persistence. Eudy’s daughter, Alexis Ketchie, accepted the honor on her mother’s behalf.

Russell “Rusty” Isley of Alamance County was inducted into the Dairy Cattle category. Isley has been involved in showing dairy cattle his whole life. His father, G. Russell Isley, started showing cows in 1948, and as soon as Rusty could walk, he was showing alongside him. Rusty instilled show life into his three children, and his grandchildren are showing at the fair now, too.

The 2025 N.C. State Fair marked the 78th consecutive year the Isley family has shown cattle at the N.C. State Fair. Rusty joins his father, a 1994 N.C. State Fair Livestock Hall of Fame inductee. Rusty is passionate

about supporting young showers and educating kids about dairy cows. In addition to dedicating his life to showing and judging, Rusty has served on numerous dairy boards, including the North Carolina Jersey Breeders Association and the North Carolina Dairy Youth Foundation. He actively serves on the North Carolina Purebred Dairy Cattle Association, where he has served for nearly 40 years through four terms as president.

William Johnson of Wake County was inducted into the General Supporters category. Johnson has been a humble supporter of the N.C. State Fair livestock shows since around 1980. He began providing the wheat straw for the horse shows at the fair before the Hunt Horse Complex was even built. Once the facility was complete, Johnson was awarded the first stall cleaning contract for the fair’s horse shows and oversaw that work through 2015. Johnson has continued to provide guidance, support and supplies whenever needed.

Over time, Johnson became the go-to person for livestock exhibitors at the State Fair – providing feed, bedding and other supplies. Eventually, he became the provider of feed and bedding for not just the livestock show but also the junior show and all the animal exhibits, pony rides, circuses, 4-H events and the Children’s Barnyard. He has supported not only the State Fair but also other Department of Agriculture events across North Carolina by hauling stalls, tables and equipment from Raleigh to Asheville, Williamston, Lumberton and beyond.

He’s the person who works all hours to make sure every exhibitor, every animal and every show has what’s needed. His dedication, ingenuity and tireless service have made him an essential part of the State Fair family.

Ellen Mabry of Stanly County was inducted into the Sheep category. Mabry has been a fixture in the North Carolina sheep industry and at the N.C. State Fair for more than four decades.

A native of Stanly County, Ellen grew up on her family’s

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Bucolic Briefs

Franklin Region Beef Producers Marketing Meeting to be held Thursday, Dec. 18 – Area cattle producers are invited to participate in a Beef Cattle Marketing dinner meeting on Thursday, Dec. 18, at the Franklin County Plaza conference room, 279 S. Bickett Blvd., in Louisburg, beginning with a sponsored meal at 5:30 p.m., followed by the educational and informative programs. Special guest speaker via Zoom will be Dr. Derrell S. Peel, Livestock Marketing Specialist in Ag Economics at Oklahoma State University, to give his forecast for cattle pricing and futures, along with other marketing trends.

Registration required. Deadline to register, 5 p.m. Dec. 15. Register at following link: go.ncsu.edu/2025-beef-marketing-dinner-meeting.

For more information, contact Franklin County Cooperative Extension, 919-496-3344 or Ag Agent, Martha Mobley.

Donate your farm and/or farm equipment to The Veteran’s Farm of NC, to use in teaching veterans how to farm. All donations are tax deductible. Contact Robin Tutor at 919-721-2039 or robin@vfnc.org.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture is expanding the Food Safety Certification for Specialty Crops program to now include medium-sized businesses in addition to small businesses. Eligible specialty crop growers can apply for assistance for expenses related to obtaining or renewing a food safety certification.

Cost assistance can be used for developing a food safety plan for first-time food safety certification, maintaining or updating an existing food safety plan, a food safety certification, certification upload fees,

microbiological testing for products, soil amendments and water, and training.

The program also now includes assistance for 2024 and 2025 expenses. Producers can apply for assistance on their calendar year 2024 expenses beginning July 1, 2024, through Jan. 31, 2025. For program year 2025, the application period will be Jan. 1, 2025, through Jan. 31, 2026.

Specialty crop producers can also call 877-508-8364 to speak directly with a FSA employee ready to assist. Visit www.farmers.gov/coronavirus/pandemic-assistance/food-safety for additional program details, eligibility information and forms needed to apply.

The U.S. Small Business Administration announced the availability of low interest federal disaster loans to small businesses and private nonprofit organizations in North Carolina who sustained economic losses caused by drought occurring March 4.

The disaster declaration covers the counties of Duplin, Jones, Lenoir, Onslow, Pender, Sampson and Wayne. Under this declaration, the SBA’s Economic Injury Disaster Loan program is available to eligible small businesses, small agricultural cooperatives, nurseries, and PNPs with financial losses directly related to this disaster. The SBA is unable to provide disaster loans to agricultural producers, farmers, or ranchers, except for aquaculture enterprises.

EIDLs are available for working capital needs caused by the disaster and are available even if the small business or PNP did not suffer any physical damage. The loans may be used to pay fixed debts, payroll, accounts payable and other bills not paid due to the disaster.

Horse Events

Southeastern Ag Center, Lumberton 910-618-5699

- Dec. 1 Horse and Tack Auction. Contact Brad Stephens, 828-390-0878.
Dec. 5-7 Cowboy Mounted Shooting. Contact Pamela Lohery, 540-570-8785.
Dec. 13 Central Carolina IEA. Contact Diane McAlinn, 919-609-8139.

Western NC Agricultural Center, Fletcher, 828-687-1414.

- Dec. 6 Western North Carolina Open Show Championship presented by Davis Ranch. Contact WNC Ag Center, 828-687-1414.

Gov. James B. Hunt Jr. Horse Complex, State Fairgrounds, Raleigh, 919-821-7400

- Dec. 5-7 Holiday Classic Open Horse Show. Contact Richard Isley, 336-908-3302.
Dec. 12-13 .. Bulls, Bells & Barrels. Contact Jeff Millen, 919-796-8375.
Dec. 28-31 .. Raleigh Indoor Holiday Classic. Contact Joan Petty, 919-556-7321.

***Show dates are subject to change. Call ahead to confirm.**

Hall of Fame

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century-old farm where her love of sheep began. She started raising her own flock in college in the 1970s — a passion that continues to this day. Her deeper involvement with the State Fair began when her daughter, Lauren, started showing sheep in 1991. Soon after, Ellen was asked to serve as the Junior Ewe Meat Breeds Show Secretary, a role she held for nearly 25 years. She worked closely with fair staff and the N.C. Sheep Producers Association to grow the shows and create new opportunities, including helping start the North Carolina Born and Bred Class, which later became the Got to Be NC Award.

In 2013, Ellen faced a major life change after losing her leg after that year's fair. But she refused to let that stop her, and by the 2017 fair, she was back in the show ring, showing sheep once again. Ellen's story is one of perseverance, community and love for agriculture.

Her dedication has inspired countless youth exhibitors and fairgoers, and her efforts continue to strengthen North Carolina's sheep industry and the N.C. State Fair.

Since 1980, the N.C. State Fair Livestock Hall of Fame has served to recognize outstanding supporters of the fair's livestock shows. Candidates for induction can be producers of livestock that have exhibited and promoted livestock shows at the fair, or a person who has served as a fair employee, representative of a business, extension worker or others from agricultural organizations.

Including this year's honorees, 189 individuals have been inducted into the N.C. State Fair Livestock Hall of Fame.

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- **Ads will be published in one issue only. Ads that are to be repeated must be submitted for each issue.**
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Equipment For Sale

1948 Cub Farmall w/ attach., \$2,000. Richard Burage, Concord 704-791-3434.
Carry-all w/removable Rubbermaid dump cart, \$1,200; Craftsman integral hitch single plow, \$175; drag harrow, \$220; JD 200 series tiller, \$500; other equip. Stu Yarborough, Lexington 336-225-1301.
NH 273 sq baler, short tongue, wagon hitch & extended chute, barn kept, orig. owner, field ready, \$2,500. Frank Corriher, China Grove 704-202-8249.
Poly leg farm/nurse tank, 2,835 gal., retaining legs, new valves/fittings, deliv. avail. for fee, \$3,900; 2018 Cat D6N LGP dozer, 3,774 hrs., winch, \$225,000. John Cook, Aberdeen 910-639-1571, after 12 p.m.
1950s Intl tricycle tractor, fair cond., been sitting, \$2,000 or trade. Jeff Brittain, Hickory 828-327-4782.
Spike tooth harrow, 10 ft., 3 pt, \$650. Russ Hanes, Glendale Springs 828-406-6365.
Bush hog, 5 ft., \$475; GP no-till drill, 10 ft., new tires, sm seed box, \$11,750. Derek Teague, Catawba 828-446-6111.

FARM EQUIPMENT

JD 120 mower, needs work, \$350; Purina lick tank, \$350; hd scrape blade, 6 ft., \$450; 3pt cult, \$200; 1,000-gal. plastic tank, \$1,000. Doug Stancil, Greensboro 336-402-8161.
Nitrogen barrel, 6,000 gal., horiz, in the saddle, \$6,500; JD 7180 planter, pull-type, 8-row, \$8,500. John Bass, Fairmont 910-740-6789.
Brinly PA-402 BH lawn aerator, pull-behind, plug-type, 40 in., \$200. Duane Kirschenman, Winston-Salem 704 528-9369, call or text.
Mini landscape loader, stand-behind, all hyd, on wheels, w/ bucket & forks, \$4,500 obo. David Simonson, Statesville 704-450-7335.
Snowco 24' hay elevator, LN, stored in top barn, used 1 season, \$1,750. Terry Matthews, Kernersville 336-823-0823.
JD 4400 combine for parts, \$3,000 obo. Wayne Watson, Sanford 919-770-3771.
1950s Ferguson tractor, fair cond, needs starter, w/pole lift & scraper blade, \$1,700. Nancy Davis, Jackson Springs 910-281-4159.
Dual fuel 1300 generator & transfer box, LN, \$1,000. Mike Davis, Elkin 336-366-9291.

FARM EQUIPMENT

JD 535 rnd baler w/bale monitor, makes tight bales, twine only, \$6,000. Chris High, Locust 252-678-4169, call/text.
1948 Ford 8N tractor, VGC, eng rebuilt, about 150 hrs. use since, 2 new front tires, new battery, \$1,700. W.R. Smitherman, East Bend 336-699-8699.
JD 318, ps,18hp, runs well, \$2,500. Kent Davis, Clemmons 336-391-4801.
2020 Rotomec 200 post hole digger, 3pt, never used, EC, \$2,100. Timothy Lachey, Climax 336-622-9722.
753 Bobcat w/tooth bucket, new seat, floorboard, new tires, all cyl repacked, \$9,950-\$12,500. John Creasy, Gibsonville 336-214-4759.
Craftsman garden size lawn mower, 22hp Kohler eng, twin cyl, 46 in. deck, new roller bearings, greaseable spindles, new 8 /10 mower blades, \$1,200. Brian Morgan, Concord 704-791-8767.
Frick still truck & husk, rusty; 24 in. planer; Mellot log deck; log turner; 20hp power pack; 2 saw edger, all steel, \$5,000. Bill Beety, Manns Harbor 252-473-6460.
Arbus 400S orchard sprayer, 100 gal., \$50-\$100. Gerald Akland, Knightdale 919-266-0766.

FARM EQUIPMENT

Grain bin, 1,000 bu, 8' high x 14' diameter, raised perforated metal floor & underfloor unloading auger, buyer disassembles/removes, \$2,500. Joel Henry Davis, Newport 252-241-7575.
Automatic waterer, by Pasture Management, 2-sided, never installed, still in carton, \$425. Buddy Hege, Iron Station 704-236-6070.
Generator, self-contained, 65kw; poultry house equip., \$10,000. Ted Barbee, Davidson 704-425-4902.
Woods mower, 6 ft. wide, set up to fit Cub or Super A, \$400. David Knox, Huntersville 704-677-2612.
1957 Farmall Cub, cults, plow, 12v system, new tires & paint, parade ready, \$2,850. G.E. Brittain, Connelly Springs 828-368-0656.
Rev scoop pan, \$200; 7-shank tillage tool, \$375; 9-shank tillage tool, \$425; 6 ft. Rhino scrape, \$325; pair Cub rear tires, wheels, centers, mounted, \$400. James Isley, Julian 336-263-1958.
AC D-14 tractor, 3pt, new rear tires, low hrs., \$3,700; 414-8 wheel horse mower, parts or restore, good motor, deck/tires excel., trans needs repair, \$125. Wayne Turner, Wilson 252-292-5915.

FARM EQUIPMENT

Hillside plow, 2-blade, fast hitch, \$150; JD 260 disc mower for parts, \$350; Ford scoop pan, \$150; NH 845 rnd baler for parts, \$250. Mike Luxton, Lumberton 910-739-2534.
JD 215 forage wagon for salvage parts. Norris McConnell, Mount Ulla 704-431-9321.
8-in. grain auger, 46-51 ft. Ricky Reid, Elon 336-516-0989.
End cap for Brillion cultipacker. David Esposito, Wilmington 910-612-3795.
Manual head gate for cattle. Crystal Hedgecock, High Point 615-306-3401.
5 ft. bush hog, shelter kept, solid frame, med. - heavy duty, no leaks; prefer Hardee, KingKutter, Rhino, \$500. Rick Hall, Gibsonville 336-260-7411.
Case tractor, 730, 830 or 930, running or not. C. Johnson, Burlington 336-212-5943 or 214-4505.



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Farm Labor For Sale

Energizer repair, ssc, parmak, \$20. Bobby Nichols, N. Wilkesboro 336-927-2850.

FARM LABOR

Vert & horiz mowing, ponds, dams, shooting lanes, reclaiming property, fence lines, drainage control, \$85/hr. + deliv. of equip. Roger McKenzie, Jackson Springs 910-528-2293.



Farmland For Sale

Land for sale must consist of at least 3 acres and be used for agricultural purposes. Advertisers must indicate use of land.

Farms & other open land in the Piedmont to hunt coyotes only, ref avail. Matt Sink, Midway 336-978-5956.



Hay & Grain For Sale

Fescue, 4x5 rnd, \$60/bale; sm sq, \$7/bale. Johnny Harrison, Salisbury 704-213-0857.

Hay, barn stored, \$30/rl; 10 or more, \$27/rl, cash only. Kent Lambeth, Winston Salem 336-209-8962.

Coastal bermuda, 4.5 in., no rain, \$60/bale. John Bass, Fairmont 910-740-6789.

Mixed grass hay, fall '25 cut, 4x4 rnd, shed kept, no rain, \$35/bale. Tim Clodfelter, Winston Salem 336-416-0224.

Coastal bermuda, 4x4 & 4x5 rnd, horse quality, stored under shelter, \$45 & \$50/bale. Dan Lancaster, Pikeville 919-222-6853.

'25 coastal bermuda, horse quality, out of barn/shelter, less than 100 bales, \$8/bale. Gary White, Sanford 919-775-9769.

Peanut hay, 4x5 rnd, net wrapped, some peanuts, tight, can deliv. 42 bales/load, \$30-\$35/bale. Larry Bullock, Greenville 252-883-4748.

Coastal bermuda, horse quality, \$7/bale; 4x5 sheltered rls, \$45/bale; cow hay, \$35/rl; rye straw, \$5/bale or \$20/rl. Jim Newton, Rockingham 910-995-1223.

'25 mixed hay, no rain, min. purchase 25 bales, \$5/bale. Vernon Hill, Mt. Pleasant 980-621-5091.

'25 coastal bermuda, horse quality, sheltered, 900 lbs. of 4x5 rnd, \$90/bale; 20x35 sm, \$12/bale. David Gillis, Fayetteville 910-867-6600, Wed.-Sat. morning.

Fescue mix, no rain, sheltered, on pallets, 4x5 rnd, mesh wrapped, \$50/bale. Richard Ingram, Greensboro 336-420-9253.

Spring '25 fescue, 4x4.5 rnd, stored in barn, \$35/bale. Kenneth Dobbins, Reidsville 743-244-0388.

Cattle hay, 4x5, net wrapped, dry storage, \$65-\$75; high quality orchard/timothy, \$13.50/sq bale; high quality orchard/timothy horse hay, 4x5 rnd, \$125/bale; deliv./p/u avail. Jason Davis, Mills River 828-890-5316.

HAY & GRAIN

Fescue/orchard grass mix, rnd bales, net wrapped, dry storage, 1,300+ avail., \$35-\$50/bale. William Moffitt, Asheboro 336-381-3875.

Horse quality mixed grass hay, sq bales, no deliv., \$8/bale, cash only. Ardie Peters, Vale 828-290-4560.

Grass hay, around 800 lbs. of 4x5 rls, stored outside \$50; stored under shed, \$60. Lance Bass, Spring Hope 252-478-3169.

Spring '25 fescue, horse quality, no rain, can deliv., \$8/bale. Allen Moore, Summerfield 336-706-1157.

Horse quality fescue, spring & fall '25 cut, at barn, \$6.50/bale. Keith Moore, Elon 336-516-8189.

Orchard grass/fescue, horse quality, rnd bales, \$50; sq bales, \$7; cow hay, \$35/rnd bale; qty discount. Johnny Sowers, Lexington 336-239-3020.

Fescue, 4x5, \$45/bale. David Lomax, Denton 336-688-5313.

Hay, deliv. avail., horse quality, net wrapped, in barn, \$40/bale; cow hay, \$35/rl. H. Davis, Reidsville 336-260-7606.



Horses & Supplies For Sale

PLEASE NOTE: All equine 6 mos. or older must have a current negative Coggins test. Advertisers must supply the accession number of test, the name of lab doing the test, the date of test and results for each equine advertised. The following advertisers have provided proof of a negative Coggins test.

Pasture board, suitable for senior horses, barn w/sheltered paddocks, run-in, rnd pen, 2 feedings/day, up nightly, quality pasture, ref. avail., owner/mgr. on premises, \$325/mo. Mary Ann Harville, Siler City 919-742-5053.

Horse stall panels by Equestrian World, (1) divider section, (1) front section w/sliding door & feed access; galvanized steel frame, wood panels, hardware, 12x7 ft., \$1,100. Chris High, Locust 252-678-4169.

Martin Ranch cutter saddle, great shape, \$3,500. Mike Davis, Elkin 336-366-9291.



Livestock For Sale

Charolais bulls & heifers, purebred, polled, gentle, reg sires, 7 mos & up, \$2,000 & up. Johnny Harrison, Salisbury 704-213-0857.

Blk Angus x Simmental yearling heifers, ready to breed, \$3,500 ea.; meat goats/sheep, Boer x Spanish crosses, does, kids, young bucks, \$300 up; other avail. Martha Mobley, Louisburg 919-495-1305.

LIVESTOCK

St. Croix ewes, reg, \$450 ea.; St. Croix rams, \$350 ea. Valerie Cockerham, Yadkinville 336-416-2240.

SimAngus herd bulls, blk, polled, bred for calving ease, muscle, growth & disposition, \$3,000-\$4,500. William Pyle, Franklinton 919-215-5677.

Belted Galloway bull prospect; blk & white, dam is red & white, dob 6/11/24, will reg, \$2,000. Ann Furr, Salisbury 704-798-3460.

Kiko goats, (2) reg does, (1) NZ Kiko, (1) white, \$600/ea.; (2) commercial does, (1) white, (1) brown/white, \$250/ea.; (1) commercial blk/white spotted buck, \$350. R.A. Eaton, East Bend 336-955-7899.

Fainting buck, dob 8-13-25, brown & white, could be weaned, \$100. Dodd Linker, Clemmons 336-712-2484.

Reg Blk Angus & Blk Baldy bulls, sired by Sitz Essential & Yon County Road, 50K & BSE tested, \$3,000 & up. Wayne Wilson, Kannapolis 980-521-6707.

Reg Angus & SimAngus bulls, service-ready, bred for calving ease/efficiency, good feet/ disposition, recent BSE, \$4,500; Angus & SimAngus heifers, ready to breed, \$3,000. Steve McPherson, Snow Camp 919-444-5307.

Reg Brangus bull, 3 y/o, used 3 seasons, impressive bull, \$5,500. Joe Willoughby, Fairmont 910-740-5921.

ND dairy goats, \$100-\$300. Nancy Davis, Jackson Springs 910-281-4159.

Herd of baby doll sheep, (3) males, (4) females, 1-3 y/o, white & blk, sold together, \$1,400/all. Kayla Atkins, Kernersville 336-618-2140.

Reg Angus bulls, 1 y/o, easy calving, AI sired by Black Bandolier, Patriarch, Fireball & Dynamic, \$3,000. Kim Starnes, Salisbury 704-640-5875.

Reg Hereford bulls, dob 2/25, \$2,500. Kent Beck, Lexington 336-247-1179.

Dorset ewes, ability to lamb out of season, easy lambers, heavy milkers, thick framed, 1-4 y/o, would make nice starter flock, \$175-\$300. Gwen Kuykendall, Franklinville 336-465-0939.

Mini Hereford bull, dob 9/24/2025, reg, avail. as a bottle calf, mom on site, \$3,500. Steve Tucker, Browns Summit 336-580-1032.

Polled Hereford heifers, \$3.45/lb. Randy Davis, Elon 336-263-8163.



Poultry & Supplies For Sale

California, Silver California, Bluescales, Gambel's, 8 varieties of bobwhites; partridge, Philby, chukar, Hungarians, \$6 & up. Jimmy Furr, Stanfield 704-351-5654.

Bourbon Red turkeys, 9 m/o, \$100/pair. Greg Shell, Hudson 828-850-1072.

POULTRY

Fantail pigeons, all ages, \$15 ea. or \$20/pair. Ryan Luthy, Union Grove 336-468-6597.

Chickens, barred rock, buff Orpington, Easter egger, roosters & hens, starting to lay, \$15-\$20 ea. Danny Royster, Greensboro 336-338-2609.

Australian Blk swans & Mute swans, \$600 & up; Cape Barren geese, \$600 & up; Ruddy shelducks, \$150 & up. Jim Simpson, Indian Trail 704-361-6497.

Sebastopol geese, 2 smooth breast & 5 curly, 6 m/o -1 y/o, not sexed, \$50-\$60. Lisa Gudmundson, Fayetteville 910-850-1250.

Indian blue peacocks, 4 m/o, farm raised, parents on premises, male & female avail., \$80-\$150. Rika Sutphin, Mt. Airy 336-710-5068.

Buff Cochin bantam hens, 5 avail., 1 y/o, proven setters, consistent layers, \$20. John Thornburg, Raleigh 336-302-3838.

Bobwhite quail & Ringneck pheasants, flight pen raised, quail \$6; pheasants, \$15. Curtis Meissner, Bostic 609-273-2230.

Red link hens, 2+ y/o, free range, non-gmo, \$10 ea.; 8 m/o links & barred rock hens, laying, pasture raised, non-gmo, \$20 ea.; qty discount. Paul Mathews, Creswell 252-333-2823.

Peacock pairs, 5 y/o, proven, whites, silver pieds, java greens, \$400/pair. Posie Guthrie, Pfafftown 336-413-0038.



Poultry & Supplies Wanted

Ayam Cemani rooster, Bielefelder rooster, Budapest short-faced tumbler, Nun, Modena, or Dragoon pigeons. Graydy Riley, Thurmond 336-466-4993.



Seeds & Plants For Sale

PLEASE NOTE: Individuals or business selling seed in North Carolina are required to obtain a Seed License (Retail or Wholesale). For more information contact NCDA&CS Plant Industry Division at 800-206-9333 or 919-707-3739.

Rabbiteye blueberry plants, 2 y/o, healthy Tifblue, Premier, Climax, Powderblue & Brightwell, \$12 ea. or \$10 ea. for 10 or more. Michael Roberson, Trinity 336-862-3488.

Potted muscadine plants, healthy, planting & fert instr incld, \$25. Bob Whitaker, Mocksville 336-469-4822, do not text.

Sunflower seeds, 12-14 lb. flower, 15-18 in. diameter, SASE & \$5 cash/50 seeds. N. Smoot, 6227 Welborn Rd, Trinity, NC 27370, 336-338-8726.

Pecan trees, 8 in. tall, ready to plant, grow 2 ft./yr., 100-130 ft. max, \$15. Michael Posey, Durham 919-621-4245.

SEEDS & PLANTS

Cockscomb seeds, huge blossom head, rich crimson color, sturdy 18" stalk, about 250 seeds, SASE + \$5 cash. Barry Cox, 6225 Welborn Rd, Trinity, NC 27370, 336-434-4662.



Supplies For Sale

Apple peeler by Reading Mfg., GC, \$75; Edlund scale for ice cream, GC, \$75. Gary Williams, Granite Falls 828-493-2461.

(5) water totes, 275 gal., \$100 ea.; (40) feed barrels, plastic lids & rings, \$20 ea.; (50) metal barrels, open top or solid, \$10 ea. Jeff Brittain, Hickory 828-327-4782.

Commercial hand truck, lrg wheels, \$95; farm equip wghts, 100 lbs., 1-2 in. holes, \$80. G. Stowe, Burlington 336-675-0466.

Sprinkler heads & controller, 200+ Rainbird, Optima & Water Whiz, \$80. Duane Kirschenman, Winston-Salem 704-528-9369, call or text.

Rnd tomato cages, 4-5 ft., \$5; cedar bluebird houses, mite resistant, \$12. Bob Whitaker, Mocksville 336-469-4822, do not text.

3-panel cement fence, +/- 200 ft., \$3/ft. Tommy Sink, Lexington 336-250-4234.

White oak lumber, 2x6, 2x8 & 2x10, 8-12 ft. long, \$2.50/bd ft. Jeff Carpenter, Lawndale 704-530-1867.

Logs for firewood, 16 ft. trailer load, deliv. w/in 25 mi, \$125/load. David Lomax, Denton 336-688-5313.

Fuel tanks, 2,000 & 4,000 gal., \$1,600-\$2,500; heart cedar fence posts, \$5 ea. Miles Little, Midland 704-791-1438.

Spool alum. elect. wire, \$150; 2 spools used barb wire, \$90 ea.; cattle water tank, 180 gal., \$120; (8) 30 ft. utility poles, \$90 ea.; other. Mike Luxton, Lumberton 910-739-2534.



Trucks & Trailers For Sale

Miller 20-ton tilt top trailer, w/lights, air brakes, \$8,500. Tommy Sink, Lexington 336-250-4234.

Exiss 3-horse trailer, queen size bed, hot water, shower, many extras, \$15,000. William Davis, Elkin 336-366-9291.

Stock trailer, 16 ft., gooseneck, \$8,950. H. Davis, Reidsville 336-260-7606.

Storage trailers, 40, 45 & 48 ft., \$2,000-\$2,500. Miles Little, Midland 704-791-1438.

Walter Cross remembered for 37-year career with NCFS

With a heart devoted to service, it comes as no surprise to anyone who knew him that his passion placed him with an agency that possesses that very same drive. A quiet soul who taught by doing and led by example, Walter Cross joined the N.C. Forest Service (NCFS) in 1988 after studying forestry at Haywood Community College.

Cheerful in all weather, despising attention and with no interest in personal recognition, Cross showed up for work every day with no other objective than to do the right thing. This was evident throughout his life, even up to the last few days. Before entering the hospital on Saturday, May 17, never to be released, Cross was at work Friday, the day before.

Since 1915, the NCFS has protected, managed and promoted the forest resources for the citizens of North Carolina, and continues to do so through leadership, integrity, professionalism, service and unity. Cross upheld all of that and more for 37 years.

“Walter was an exceptional man who dearly loved his job,” said Mark Bost, former district forester for NCFS District 10. “He was the single most dedicated employee I’ve ever supervised. I don’t remember him ever missing a day or calling in sick. He gave everything he had to his job.”

Bost -- who retired from the NCFS in 2023 -- first met Cross in 1998, and while Bost held many positions throughout his career with the NCFS, Cross remained the assistant county ranger in Randolph County for most of his. Bost frequently spoke of the impact Cross made on those around him, no matter where he was or the task at hand. He recalled one particular dispatch to Western North Carolina -- during the notorious fall fire season of 2016 -- in which Cross served as a strike team leader for a crew of young firefighters. Many crew members from that assignment returned to tell Bost what a great mentor Cross was to them throughout the incident.

Bost eventually found himself directly supervising Cross, promoting him to county ranger. After spending many years working together, dispatched to wildfires and sharing various mutual interests, Bost and Cross became close friends. Years later, after hiring Cross into the role of Randolph County ranger, Bost would also help lift him from that role while serving as a pallbearer.

“Walter knew every path, old homesite and interesting place in the county,” Bost explained. “I get a sick feeling every time I pass Old Cox Road knowing that he’s not there to talk to now.”

Cross’ reach stretched throughout Randolph County, providing technical assistance to countless landowners and administering cost share assistance programs while guiding them throughout their woodland plans to meet forest management objectives. With his tested experience and steady presence in the field, Cross



Top: Walter Cross worked with North Carolina Forest Service from 1988 until the time of his death in May 2025. **Bottom left:** Dressed as Smokey Bear, Cross is pictured with his three children in May 2004. **Bottom right:** Cross and his son, Rockingham Assistant County Ranger Ben Cross, at a controlled burn in September 2024.



earned and refused to relinquish the confidence so many had in his ability.

“When you’re burning large tracts of highly combustible native grasses, especially when those fields come within a hundred feet of your house and surround it on all sides, you have to have absolute trust in the person conducting that burn,” said Ruth Ann Grissom. “We had that level of trust in Walter.”

Grissom and her sister are two of the many private landowners throughout Randolph County who receive NCFS programs and services. She recalled a time in late 2023 when a crew led by Cross carried out a prescribed burn operation the day before Christmas Eve, ensuring the task would be complete before the end of the year.

“To me that speaks volumes about his dedication as a professional and his ability as a leader. That’s a rare combination and Walter embodied it,” added Grissom. “He was always incredibly supportive and patient with us as we navigated the maze of applications and forms we needed to submit for cost share.”

Grissom stated that while she wishes she would’ve spent more time talking with Cross, when she and her sister hear the indigo buntings, common yellowthroats, prairie warblers and bobwhite quail surrounding their forestland, they’ll think of him.

Being in two places at once is impossible. No amount of effort, want or desire can change that. Unwavering service to others comes with a price, oftentimes it’s steep, overtaxing one’s private life and personal relationships along the way. A supportive and understanding family at home is key, crucial even. Cross had just that in his family, namely his three children – Charley, Jamey and Ben – and their mother, Nancy.

“It wasn’t incredibly uncommon that a fire would pull Dad away from a ballgame or band recital,” said Jamey. “My memories with my dad are completely steeped in his service. I picture him in his forest service uniform. I smell the faint scent of smoke in his hugs. I hear his pager going off. He loved his work, he loved Randolph County, and he loved the North Carolina Forest Service.”

Jamey, now a public information officer for the N.C. Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, was previously a news reporter in the Wilmington area. During her time as a reporter, she covered a wildfire in late summer 2022 that was managed by the NCFS. While her father was not assigned to this incident, she ran into several familiar faces from his many years of service. She also recalled a time when her dad missed

Thanksgiving in 2016 due to the Western North Carolina wildfires previously mentioned by Bost.

“It was maybe the first time I was old enough to recognize the sacrifice this job demanded, and Dad’s willingness to make that sacrifice for the good of the public, the land and this state,” she explained.

Some families have seen multiple generations wear forest service green over the years with fathers, sons and daughters, among many others, all serving. While it’s not uncommon to see personnel stem from the same bloodline, multiple generations serving alongside one another is rare and unique. Cross’ son and youngest child, Ben, was hired as the assistant county ranger for Rockingham County in August 2024, presenting a distinct opportunity for father and son to carry out a shared passion.

“I saw my dad give so much to be a steward of nature and to protect what needed protection,” said Ben. “I came to associate that with being a man and it was an easy decision to join the NCFS based on my values after graduating college.”

While the career overlap was brief for father and son, -- spanning roughly only 10 months -- Ben remembers a special instance that he will be forever grateful for: being on prescribed burn

crews led by his father, the burn boss.

“I saw a different side of him, one entirely competent in this element I was unfamiliar with,” Ben further explained. “I was fortunate enough to have my dad as an excellent example of high work ethic, positive attitude and unfailing integrity to model myself after.”

Thirty-seven years far surpasses values such as leadership, professionalism and service. It’s a commitment. During a routine district meeting in May 2024, Cross was asked -- having already worked 36 years with the NCFS at the time -- if he had any plans to retire in the foreseeable future. With a raised eyebrow and slightly squinted eyes he replied softly, “why would I want to do something like that?”

Shortly after admission to the hospital, Cross showed signs of advanced cancer. For him and his family, and those who closely worked with him, the diagnosis was unexpected and shocking. Ten days later, Cross passed. He was 57.

“My dad didn’t even flinch when he received the news that he had cancer,” said Ben. “Over the final week and a half, he was only emotional when he was overwhelmed about having to leave his family and loved ones.”