

## **Open, Restricted Access, Closed, Canceled events, workshops, trainings, field days and services (Updated 4/27/20; 6 p.m.)**

The N.C. Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services remains committed to providing the services that support our state's agricultural and agribusiness industry and protect consumers. As the world grapples with this unprecedented global pandemic, we are following the guidelines and recommendations of state, national and world public health organizations and the Governor in managing our day-to-day operations. By taking these measures, we hope to minimize any potential disruption in services. As such, we have created this site to help keep residents informed of changes to regular NCDA&CS operations. We will update this page whenever guidance changes that would impact our services and facility operations.

At this time, we will group informational items into the following categories: Open, Restricted Access, Closed, Canceled (to include workshops, trainings, field days.)

We are all in this together and share the goal of ensuring the health of our staff and the public. We appreciate your patience and understanding.

### **Open**

- **NCDA&CS offices**, with some restrictions. See restrictions below.  
Governor Cooper has encouraged teleworking as much as possible for state employees. Staff are attempting to man phone lines. Consider calling if you need to speak with someone with NCDA&CS.
  
- **All state-operated farmers markets are **open**** with regular business hours.  
They are:
  - WNC Farmers Market,  
<https://www.ncagr.gov/markets/facilities/markets/asheville/index.htm>
    - Moose Café is closed.
  - Robert G. Shaw Piedmont Triad Farmers Market,  
<https://www.ncagr.gov/markets/facilities/markets/triad/index.htm>
    - Moose Café is closed.
  - Charlotte Regional Farmers Market,  
<https://www.ncagr.gov/markets/facilities/markets/charlotte/index.htm>
  - State Farmers Market,  
<https://www.ncagr.gov/markets/facilities/markets/raleigh/index.htm>
    - The State Farmers Market Restaurant is closed
    - The N.C. Seafood Restaurant is closed
    - The Market Grill is closed
    - 321 Coffee is closed through the month of March
    - Ronnie Moore's Produce stand is closed but will operate its CSA and will meet customers at the market for deliveries as needed.

- All **state forests** remain open to the public, but group programming has been canceled. Please also note, effective March 16, Forest Service offices and public restroom facilities are temporarily closed to the public. Portable toilets and handwashing stations may be available in some locations.
  - [Bladen Lakes State Forest](#), 4470 NC Highway 242 N, Elizabethtown
  - [Clemmons ESF](#), 2411 Old U.S. 70 West, Clayton
  - **Temporarily closed:** [Dupont State Recreational Forest](#), 89 Buck Forest Road, Cedar Mountain. Please note: The Aleen Steinberg Visitor Center at DuPont is temporarily closed.
  - **Temporarily closed:** [Holmes ESF](#), 1299 Crab Creek Road, Hendersonville
  - [Jordan Lake ESF](#), 2832 Big Woods Road, Chapel Hill
  - [Headwaters State Forest](#), Southern Transylvania County
  - [Mountain Island ESF](#), 534 Killian Road, Stanley
  - [Rendezvous Mountain ESF](#), 1956 Rendezvous Mtn. Road, Purlear
  - [Turnbull Creek ESF](#), 4803 Sweet Home Church Road, Elizabethtown
  - [Tuttle ESF](#), 3420 Playmore Beach Road, Lenoir

## Restricted access

- **New update:** The **Agronomic Services Division's Eaddy Building** (soil testing lab) at 4300 Reedy Creek Road, Raleigh is restricting public access. The front door is closed to all visitors. Starting **April 27, 2020**, the lab is accepting all routine client samples (soil, nematode, plant, waste, solution and soilless media) except waste samples covered by the NCDEQ waiver on liquid animal waste . Waste codes covered by the NCDEQ waiver are for lagoon liquid (ALS, ALF, ALP and ALO) and slurry (LSD, LSB, LSS and LSO). Diagnostic samples for all labs will continue to be prioritized for fast turnaround time. Longer than normal sample turnaround times may be experienced. Clients can continue to pick up supplies and drop off samples identified as essential on our loading dock during normal business hours. We will be happy to invoice clients for sample fees, but payment must be received prior to the release of a report. By taking these measures, we hope to maintain the functionality of our labs to meet the essential needs of NC agriculture while at the same time provide a safe work environment for our employees.
- Access to the **Food and Drug Protection Division's Constable Lab** at 4000 Reedy Creek Road, Raleigh is restricted. Deliveries will still be received at the loading docks, but delivery agents should remain on the loading dock. Anyone delivering forage samples should come to the front door and follow instructions posted there. Contact number is 919-733-7366.
- The **Plant Industry Division Offices** at 216 West Jones Street, Raleigh, including the **N.C. Seed Lab operations**, will have restricted access. Deliveries of mail, packages and

other items will continue at the main office. Field staff will continue to provide inspection and sampling services.

- All **Research Stations and field labs** are closed to external visitors. Access to the stations by faculty, students and program staff will require prior approval by the station superintendent.
- The **Standards Division's Weights and Measures Lab** at 4040 District Drive, Raleigh, and **Motor Fuels Section** on Western Boulevard, Raleigh, are restricting public access. Customers samples and items for testing/calibrations are still being accepted. Contact information is 919-733-4411 for the Standards Lab and 919-733-3246 for the Motor Fuels Lab.
- The **Structural Pest and Pesticides Division's Ballentine Building** at 2109 Blue Ridge Road, Raleigh, is restricting public access. Clients/FEDEX/UPS can continue to drop off renewals, licensing information, etc. on the table to your left. If it is necessary for us to call you please leave a contact number on the forms. Clients will be called for any additional needed information. If you have any questions, please press the intercom buzzer by the door and you will be connected to a receptionist. Additionally, access to the **Structural Pest and Pesticides Division's Annex Building** is restricted. The front door is closed to visitors. Clients/FEDEX/UPS can continue to drop off renewals, licensing information, etc. at 2109 Blue Ridge Road, Raleigh, NC 27607. If it is necessary for us to call you, please leave a contact number on the forms. Clients will be called for any additional needed information.

## Canceled/Rescheduled

- The **State Fairgrounds** at 1025 Blue Ridge Rd, Raleigh, will not be hosting any events of 100 or more people at this time, including the weekly Raleigh Market (flea market). Event promoters have been notified.
- **New Update:** The **Bioenergy Research Initiative and New and Emerging Crops research industry update** scheduled for April 14 has been canceled.
- All **Pesticide Exams and Schools** through April 14 have been postponed.
- The following **Structural Pest Control Registered Technician schools** have been postponed:
  - March 18 in Mills River
  - April 1 in Raleigh
  - April 15 in Wilmington
- The following **Structural Pest Control Certified Applicator (CA) exams and licensing exams** have been postponed:

- **March 25 CA exam in Wilmington**
  - **March 26 CA exam in Greensboro**
  - **April 1 CA and license exams in Raleigh**
- Upcoming **Farmland Preservation** workshops have been rescheduled to the following dates:
- **June 11 – Haywood County Agricultural Center**, 589 Raccoon Road, Waynesville
  - **June 16 – Owens Ag Center**, 455 Caton Road, Lumberton.  
Interested participants can sign up on the website at <https://ncadfp.org/>.
- **All N.C. Forest Service** informational and educational programs are canceled.