Open, Restricted Access, Closed, Canceled events, workshops, trainings, field days and services (Updated 3/16/20; 5:30 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:
  

- **All state forests** remain open to the public, but group programming has been canceled.
  
  NEW UPDATE: Please also note, effective March 16, Forest Service offices and public restroom facilities are temporarily closed to the public. Portable toilets and handwashing stations will be available.
  
  - **Bladen Lakes State Forest**, 4470 NC Highway 242 N, Elizabethtown
  - **Clemmons ESF**, 2411 Old U.S. 70 West, Clayton
  - **NEW UPDATE: Dupont State Recreational Forest**, 89 Buck Forest Road, Cedar Mountain. Please note: The Aleen Steinberg Visitor Center at DuPont is temporarily closed.
  - **Holmes ESF**, 1299 Crab Creek Road, Hendersonville
  - **Jordan Lake ESF**, 2832 Big Woods Road, Chapel Hill
  - **Headwaters State Forest**, Southern Transylvania County
Restricted access

- 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. Clients can continue to pick up supplies and drop off samples from the loading dock. If necessary, NCDA&CS will invoice clients for sample fees. Questions can be directed to employees via an intercom.

- 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.

- NEW UPDATE: 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.

- **Small Grains Field Day** scheduled for March 18 at the Piedmont Research Station, 8530 Sherrills Ford Road, Salisbury, has been postponed.

- All **Pesticide Exams and Schools** from March 16 to 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.