General Services:

Agricultural Development and Farmland Preservation (ADFP) Trust Fund
(919) 707-3071
www.ncadfp.org
- Provides grants for conservation easements, county agricultural plans, and agriculture development projects
- Funds public and private enterprise programs to promote profitable and sustainable family farms
- Assists farmers in the conservation and preservation of working farms and forests
- Supports voluntary agriculture districts and county farmland protection programs to preserve family farms

Agricultural Finance Authority
(919) 790-3949
www.ncagr.gov/afinance
- Provides credit to agribusinesses where financing is not available at reasonable rates and terms
- Originates, services and finances loans for farm real estate; starting a new farm, development costs, environmental improvements, capital improvements, and more

Agricultural Review
(919) 707-3001
www.agreview.org
- Monthly newspaper providing information of interest to the agriculture community
- Provides free classified ads for agriculture supplies, equipment and farm animals

Agronomic Services
(919) 733-2655
www.ncagr.gov/agronomi
- Offers on-site consulting services to help growers troubleshoot nutrient and nematode problems, establish appropriate agronomic sampling programs and implement management recommendations in a cost-effective and environmentally sound manner
- Provides laboratory services, including soil testing, nematode assay, and analysis of plant tissue, solution, waste and soilless media samples

Emergency Programs
(919) 807-4300
www.ncagr.gov/oep
- Reduces the vulnerability to, or the impact from, any disaster, disease or terrorist attack on the agriculture community
- Assists with training and preparation for disease outbreaks

Food Distribution
(919) 575-4490
www.ncagr.gov/fooddist
- Distributes USDA commodities to eligible schools, charitable institutions, Emergency Feeding Assistance Program, Commodity Supplemental Food Program, summer feeding for children, summer camps, and disaster relief
- Manages Farm to School contacts and delivery

Food Safety
(919) 733-7366
www.ncagr.gov/fooddrug/foodsafety
- Provides guidance and training to farmers seeking to manufacture and market value-added products such as baked goods, jams and jellies, pickled foods, Grade A and farmstead dairy products
- Provides pre-operational consultative services to assist in establishing new food manufacturing businesses and agri-business expansions
- Implements regulatory food safety programs for manufactured food products, Grade A dairy milk products, farmstead dairy operations and non-amenable meat species
- Provides analytical support to farmstead dairy operations seeking to manufacture cheese, butter and ice cream products

NC Forest Service
(919) 857-4801
www.ncforestservice.gov
- Provides farmers with forest management advice, woodland management planning, tax savings, cost-share assistance, insect and disease assessments, site preparation and tree planting services native seedlings

FARMER SERVICES

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General Services (Continued):

Marketing
(919) 707-3100
www.ncagr.gov/markets
- Manages “Got to Be NC Agriculture,” the official state marketing program for products grown, raised, caught and made in NC
- Promotes NC goods through retail stores, wholesale channels, foodservice, restaurants and military
- Helps farmers sell directly to the public through four regional farmers markets, three agricultural centers, agrotourism, trade events and Got to Be NC membership
- Assists companies in exporting through a variety of resources
- Offers free webpage hosting opportunities through the NCDA&CS General Store

Seal and Minority Farm Program
(919) 707-3068
www.ncagr.gov/sealfarm
- Provides advisory services to small, limited-resource and minority farmers
- Educates farmers in making informed decisions and provides cooperative opportunities

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Soil and Water Conservation
(919) 733-2302
www.ncagr.gov/SWC
- Provides technical assistance in soils, conservation planning and implementation and nutrient and animal waste management
- Offers cost-share programs for water quality, water quantity and other natural resource concerns
- Promotes long-term water quality protection through conservation easements

Hunt NC Farmland
www.ncagr.gov/hunt
- Provides free listing of hunting leases ensuring anonymity until a match is made

Grower Services:

Cooperative Grading Service
(252) 792-1672
www.ncagr.gov/markets/ncegdservc
- Offers voluntary inspection of fresh fruits and vegetables, peanuts, tree nuts, specialty and ornamental crops
- Certifies conformity or nonconformity to U.S. and other grades or contract specifications

Good Agricultural Practices (GAP) Certification Assistance Program
(919) 707-3136
www.ncagr.gov/markets/NCGradeservc
- Assists NC growers with financial support in obtaining a third-party audit to verify they are following effective food safety practices

Organic Certification Reimbursement
(919) 707-3127
www.ncagr.gov/markets/commodit/hortical/nceorgancs
- Reimburses up to $750 in the cost of obtaining organic certification for growers, handlers, and processors

Plant Protection Services
(919) 707-3753
www.ncagr.gov/plantindustry/plant
- Prevents and controls the introduction and spread of regulated plant pests
- Provides inspection and certification for exports
- Inspects and licenses plant nurseries and dealers
- Provides inspection services to beekeepers to control diseases and pests

Seed and Fertilizer Services
(919) 707-3735
www.ncagr.gov/plantindustry/seedandfertilizer
- Ensures that the quality and quantity of seed, fertilizer, lime and soil additives meet prescribed standards and are properly labeled
- Provides testing services for seed germination, purity and other specialized tests

Structural Pest Control and Pesticide Division
(919) 733-3556
www.ncagr.gov/scap
- Provides pesticide and structural pest control licensing exams and schools
- Conducts on-farm pesticide compliance assistance including the Worker Protection Standard
- Ensures the quality of structural pest control work and bedding products
- Provides pesticide disposal assistance programs

Livestock Industry Services:

Diagnostic Laboratories
(919) 733-3986
www.ncagr.gov/vet/ncvd
- Provides veterinarians, the animal industry and citizens of NC with accurate and timely laboratory support services
- Diagnoses, conducts surveillance, and assists in responding to and preventing animal disease

Hay Alert
www.ncagr.gov/hayalert
- Provides classified-style website page for farmers who have hay for sale or need hay
- Provides information regarding hay and forage

Meat and Poultry Inspection
(919) 707-3180
www.ncagr.gov/meatpoultry
- Registers farmers who want to sell meats from their livestock and poultry
- Provides a listing of establishments that will process animals for farmers
- Gives guidance to farmers who want to start their own inspected meat and poultry processing facility

NCFarmID
www.ncagr.gov/nccfarm
- Registers traceability for a sick animal back to the source of infection
- Provides notification of potential disease threats before it spreads

Veterinary Division
(919) 707-3250
www.ncagr.gov/vet
- Protects the health of the state’s livestock and poultry populations
- Implements regulatory animal health programs through preparedness and response capability
- Oversees disease management programs