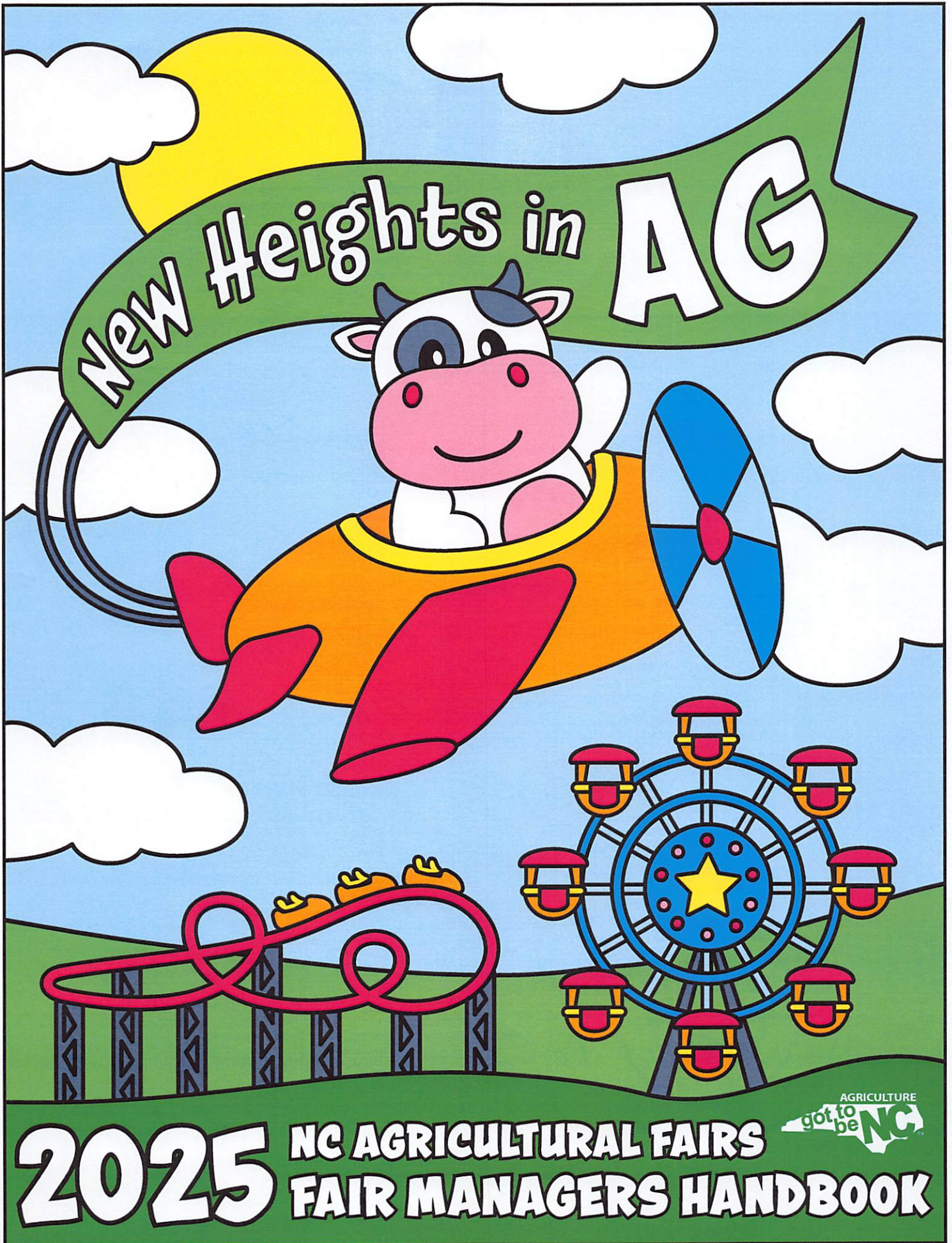






Steven W. Troxler
Commissioner

North Carolina Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services

Kevin Hardison
County Fairs Director

January 1, 2025

Our Mission

North Carolina Agricultural fairs are a fantastic way for family and friends to come together. They provide an opportunity to enjoy and learn about the many things that make North Carolina so great. Agriculture, NC's #1 economic driver, plays an important role in making our state a great place to live and work.

The art and science of growing crops and raising animals is a very large part of North Carolina's economy, life, and heritage.

Fairs have been a great time to enjoy community relationships and celebrate harvests for more than 150 years; they are important annual traditions.

I appreciate your dedication to providing these wonderful venues of entertainment and education centered on your region's agricultural heritage.

Handbook and Paperwork

The 2025 Fair Manager's Handbook contains the information, applications, and ideas you need to put on a successful fair. Please complete all the information in the post Fair Evaluation Form as required. If you worry that you will not meet the requirements in this handbook, *please* contact the N.C. Department of Agriculture & Consumer Services for assistance. The NCDA&CS wants your agricultural fair to succeed. While we can't do the work of getting competitors and entries into your fair, we can help you find informational resources, ideas, guidance, and contacts. On a case-by-case basis, we can create solutions to ensure that your fair highlights agricultural information from your region and meets the requirements to be an agricultural fair.

You can also download electronic versions of the handbook, including all applications and reports, as well as signage and other resources at:

<https://www.ncagr.gov/divisions/marketing/fairs>



2025 Fair Manager's Checklist

REMEMBER!
KEEP A COPY OF
ALL DOCUMENTS
FOR YOUR FILES



Application for Agricultural Fair Certification

(Due at least 60 days prior to opening your fair)

Send to: Division of Marketing

Attn: Kevin Hardison

NCDA&CS

1020 Mail Service Center

Raleigh, North Carolina 27699-1020

Date Sent _____

Sent by _____

Application for Animal Contact Exhibit Permit

(Due 30 days prior to opening your fair, if you plan to have an animal contact exhibit)

Send to: Attention Animal Exhibit Permits

Emergency Programs Division

NCDA&CS

1035 Mail Service Center

Raleigh, NC 27699-1030

Date Sent _____

Sent by _____

Premium Book (Due 30 days prior to opening your fair) Date Sent _____

Evaluation Form (Due within 90 days of closing your fair) Date Sent _____

Financial Form (Due within 90 days of closing your fair) Date Sent _____

Send to: Kevin Hardison

County Fair Director

NCDA&CS

1020 Mail Service Center

Raleigh, NC 27699-1020

You are all set for the 2025 fair season!

All forms can be downloaded from

www.ncagr.gov/markets/fairs/fairmanagerinfo.htm



Application for Animal Exhibit Permit

Applicant Name:

Business Name:

Email:

Cell Phone:

Mailing Address

Street:

City:

State:

Zip:

We will mail your acknowledgement to this address if no email is listed above.

Physical Address (Leave blank if same as mailing address)

Street:

City:

State:

Zip:

Dates, Fair Name(s), and Type(s) of Exhibit(s) (see below for a list of exhibit types)

Dates	Sanctioned Agricultural Fair Name(s)	Type(s) of Exhibit(s)*

Please return
form to:

NCDA&CS Emergency Programs

ATTN: Animal Contact Exhibits

1035 Mail Service Center

Raleigh, NC 27699-1035

OR

email: aedins@ncagr.gov

***Exhibit Type:**

A - Baby Poultry

D - Petting Zoo

B - Camel Ride

E - Pony Ride

C - Milking Booth

F - Other (please explain)

I understand all of the exhibited animals must meet all of the requirements specified in the North Carolina Statutes and Rules and Regulations of the North Carolina Board of Agriculture. I agree to be responsible for determining that each animal meets exhibition requirements prior to entry into the exhibition facility.

I agree to keep adequate records necessary to demonstrate compliance with all North Carolina Board of Agriculture Rules and Regulations and will provide these records on-site for inspection when requested by any authorized agent of the North Carolina Board of Agriculture.

Date

Signature of Applicant

For Official Use Only

Permit Number:

Permit Expiration:

Inspection Date:

Inspected by:

This Applicant () meets () does not meet the requirements for permit of exhibition of animals in North Carolina.
Therefore the permit shall be: () Granted () Denied



North Carolina Department of Agriculture & Consumer Services

Steve Troxler, Commissioner of Agriculture

2025 Agricultural Fair Permit Application

DO NOT WRITE IN
THIS BOX
NCDA&CS Use Only

Date Received _____

1. Official Name of Fair: _____

- o Name of Fair Manager: _____
- o Fair Manager's Email Address: _____
- o Mailing Address where Fair Manager can be reached year-round (including City and Zip code):

- o Fair Manager's Phone Number: _____
- o Fair Mangers Cell Phone Number: _____
- o Organization Operating Fair: _____
Is organization a Non-Profit Organization? ☐ YES ☐ NO

2. Fairgrounds Contact Information

Physical Address of Fairgrounds (include City and Zip code, and County): _____

- o Mailing Address of Fairgrounds if different from Physical Address (include City and Zip code):

- o Fair Website Address: _____
- o Fair Phone Number: _____ • Fair Fax Number: _____
- o On what type of physical property does the Fair operate? (Actual "Fairgrounds," school, farm, convention center, etc.): _____
- o Tax ID #: _____
- o 2025 Fair Dates: _____ • Tentative 2026 Fair Dates: _____

Hours of Operation
Mon _____ Tues _____ Wed _____ Thurs _____ Fri _____ Sat _____ Sun _____

Cost of Admission: Adults _____ Children _____

Other _____

Special Admission Days: _____

Carnival Operator: _____

Total Number of Rides: _____ Total Number of Games: _____

This form has been completed accurately to the best of my knowledge.

Fair Managers Signature

Date



Fair Premium Book

DUE: 30 days before start of your 2025 fair

NC Administrative Code Subchapter 43G, 02 NCAC 43G .0104 PREMIUMS

Premium requirements have expired. Therefore, premiums are no longer required to be considered an agricultural fair.

***NOTE:** Your premium book will be held on file at the NCDA&CS and will be considered factual information in determining the eligibility for your fair to be recognized as an Agricultural Fair.*

Please complete and return this form with your premium book:

Name of Fair _____

Dates of Fair _____

Fair Manager's Signature

Date

Please submit this form and a copy of your Premium Book to the following address:

Kevin Hardison, County Fair Director
NCDA&CS
1020 Mail Service Center
Raleigh, NC 27699-1020



North Carolina Department of Agriculture &
Consumer Services

Steve Troxler, Commissioner of Agriculture

2025 Agricultural Fair Evaluation Form

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Date Received
Completed Report:

Required Information

Questions refer directly to the laws and rules that pertain to agricultural fairs in the North Carolina General Statutes, Article 45, and North Carolina Administrative Code, Subchapter 43G. Answers provided in this section will be considered factual information in determining a fair's eligibility and rights to receive a license to operate an agricultural fair. Answer all questions fully and to the best of your ability.

This form must be returned within 90 days of the last day of the fair.

Return To:

Kevin Hardison, County Fair Director
1020 Mail Service Center
Raleigh, NC 27699-1020

Any question concerning this report, or any other required information can be addressed to Kevin Hardison at 919-707-3123 or via email: Kevin.Hardison@ncagr.gov

1. Official Name of Fair (Refer to G.S. 106-520.1, 106-520.2 and 106-520.3.):

2. Fair Supervision (Refer to G.S. 106-520.4.):

- o Name of Fair Manager: _____
- o Is Fair Manager a Paid Employee of the Fairgrounds, a Volunteer, or Other (for example, a Cooperative Extension Agent, a Contract Employee, etc.): _____
- o Fair Manager's Email Address: _____
- o Mailing Address where Fair Manager can be reached year-round (including City and Zip code):

- o Fair Manager's Phone Number: _____
- o Fair Mangers Cell Phone Number: _____

3. Fairgrounds Contact Information (Refer to 02 NCAC 43G .0106):

- o Physical Address of Fairgrounds (include City and Zip code): _____
- o Mailing Address of Fairgrounds if different from Physical Address (include City and Zip code):

- o Fair Website Address: _____
- o Fair Phone Number: _____ • Fair Fax Number: _____
- o On what type of physical property does the Fair operate? (Actual "Fairgrounds," school, farm, convention center, etc.): _____
- o Fairgrounds Owner: _____
- o Fair Operated By: _____
- o Tax ID #: _____
- o Is Fair Operator a Non-Profit Organization? ☐ YES ☐ NO
- o 2025 Fair Dates: _____ • Tentative 2026 Fair Dates: _____
- o Operating Hours: Mon _____ Tues _____ Wed _____
Thurs _____ Fri _____
Sat _____ Sun _____

4. Classification of Fair (Refer to 02 NCAC 43G .0101):

- o Cost of Admission: Adults _____ Children _____
Other _____
- o Special Admission Days: _____
- o Rides and Games: Total Number of Rides: _____ • Total Number of Games: _____

Required Information

5. Minimum Exhibit Requirements (Refer to 02 NCAC 43G .0103):

Exhibit Types	Minimum # of Entries Required	Total # Exhibits/ Entries	Total # of Exhibitors
Booths/Displays: 4-H, FFA, FHA or other high school or college vocational displays	3		
Booths/Displays: Extension homemaker, commodity group, farm organization, or individual displays	3		
Booths/Displays: Community, educational, industrial, civic, or volunteer group activities	3		
Farm Equipment: Farm, lawn, garden machinery or equipment (new or antique) on display	5		
Field Crops: Such as tobacco, corn, soybeans, peanuts, wheat, hay or ensilage, cotton, sorghum, oats, barley, rye, etc.	15		
Horticultural Crops: Such as apples, peaches, pears, grapes, sweet potatoes, Irish potatoes, cucumbers, peppers, tomatoes, peas, beans, squash, okra, pumpkins, melons, tree nuts, Christmas trees, turf grass, sod, herbs, pine needles, etc.	20		
Food conservation: Such as canned fruits, vegetables, pickles, jams, jellies, preserves, juices, etc.	20		
Baked goods: Baked goods, such as cakes, pies, breads, cookies, candies, etc.	10		
Handicrafts: Handicrafts, such as needlepoint, crochet, knit, crosstitch, embroider, etc.	20		
Clothing: Such as women's, men's, youth, infant apparel, etc.	10		
Arts: Such as crafts, photography, hobbies, painting, etc.	20		
Flowers: Such as singles, arrangements, potted plants, hanging baskets, dried flowers, etc.	10		
Live Animal: Such as dairy/beef cattle, swine, goats, sheep, horses, mules, poultry, rabbits, wildlife, etc.	10		
Miscellaneous Entries (eggs, honey, meats, etc.)			
Totals	150		

6. Adequate Facilities (Refer to 02 NCAC 43G .0103):

Report the status of your facilities	Adequate? (Yes / No)	Planned Improvements & Notes
Display/housing area for exhibits/entries		
Barns/pins for animal exhibits		
Picnic tables/eating places		
Drinking fountains		
Restrooms		

This form has been completed accurately to the best of my knowledge and is an accurate reflection of the services and facilities associated with _____ (Fair Name).

NOTE: This Agricultural Evaluation Form must be returned within 90 days of the last day of the fair. This form will be held on file at the NCDA&CS and will be considered factual information.

Fair Manager's Signature

Date



2025
NORTH CAROLINA AGRICULTURAL FAIR
FINANCIAL REPORT

**Due within 90 days of the last day of the fair,
unless written request is received for extension (Refer to 02 NCAC 43G .0105)**

Mail to: Kevin Hardison, 1020 Mail Service Center Raleigh, NC 27699-1020

NAME OF FAIR _____ YEAR _____

RECEIPTS:

Gate Admissions, Number _____	\$ _____
Free Admissions, Number _____ (estimate)	
Entertainment Admission _____	\$ _____
Parking _____	\$ _____
Mid-Way Receipts _____	\$ _____
Rentals (Space, Concessions, Privilege Fees) _____	\$ _____
Entry Fees _____	\$ _____
Premium List Advertising / Sponsorships _____	\$ _____
All Other Receipts _____	\$ _____
<u>TOTAL RECEIPTS:</u>	\$ _____

Premiums Offered, Catalog Total (Refer to 02 NCAC 43G .0104) \$ _____

DISBURSEMENTS:

Premiums Paid _____	\$ _____
Ribbons & Trophies _____	\$ _____
Printing (Tickets, Premium Books, Programs, Signage, etc.) _____	\$ _____
Entertainment _____	\$ _____
Utilities _____	\$ _____
Advertising _____	\$ _____
Salaries & Labor _____	\$ _____
Travel Expense _____	\$ _____
Facility Improvements Made or Paid For Since End of 2024 Fair _____	\$ _____
Insurance _____	\$ _____
Rentals _____	\$ _____
Taxes paid on Admission _____	\$ _____
All Other Disbursements _____	\$ _____
<u>TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS:</u>	\$ _____
BALANCE +/-(-)	\$ _____

NOTICE...Financial Statement by a C.P.A. will not substitute for this report.

This report will be held on file at the NCDA&CS and will be considered factual information in determining the eligibility and rights to receive a license to operate an agricultural fair.

Fair Manager's Signature

Date

Rules To Read

- General Statutes Chapter 106, Article 45:
Agricultural Societies and Fairs
 - Section 106-516.1 Carnivals and similar amusements not to operate without permit
- NC Administrative Code Subchapter 43G:
Agricultural Fairs
- NC Administrative Code 41A:
Sale of Turtles Restricted
- General Statutes 14-363.1:
Animal Novelties
- NC Administrative Code 52K:
Animal Exhibitions
- General Statutes Chapter 99E, Article 4:
Agri-tourism Activity Liability

Article 45.

Agricultural Societies and Fairs.

Part 1. State Fair.

§ 106-502. Land set apart.

For the purpose of the operating of a State fair, expositions and other projects which properly represent the agricultural, manufacturing, industrial and other interests of the State of North Carolina, there is hereby dedicated and set apart 200 acres of land owned by the State or any department thereof within five miles of the State Capitol, the particular acreage to be selected, set apart, and approved by the Governor and Council of the State of North Carolina. (1927, c. 209, s. 1; 1959, c. 1186, s. 1.)

§ 106-503. Board of Agriculture to operate fair.

(a) The State fair and other projects provided for in G.S. 106-502, shall be managed, operated and conducted by the Board of Agriculture established in G.S. 106-502. To that end, said Board of Agriculture shall, at its first meeting after the ratification of this section, take over said State fair, together with all the lands, buildings, machinery, etc., located thereon, now belonging to said State fair and shall operate said State fair and other projects with all the authority and power conferred upon the former board of directors, and it shall make such rules and regulations as it may deem necessary for the holding and conducting of said fair and other projects, and/or lease said fair properties so as to provide a State fair.

(b) The Board of Agriculture may adopt regulations establishing fees or charges for admission to the State Fairgrounds and for services provided incidental to the use of the State Fairgrounds.

(c) The Board of Agriculture, subject to the provisions of Chapter 146 of the General Statutes, may establish a schedule of rental rates for fair properties and specifications for the issuance of premiums so as to provide a State fair and other projects.

(d) The Board of Agriculture shall provide and maintain recycling bins for the collection and recycling of newspaper, aluminum cans, glass containers, and recyclable plastic beverage containers at the State Fairgrounds. (1931, c. 360, s. 3; 1959, c. 1186, s. 2; 1981, c. 495, s. 4; 1981 (Reg. Sess., 1982), c. 1359, s. 2; 1987, c. 827, s. 34; 1991, c. 336, s. 2.)

§ 106-503.1. Board authorized to construct and finance facilities and improvements for fair.

(a) **Borrowing Money and Issuing Bonds.** – For the purpose of building, enlarging and improving the facilities on the properties of the State fair, the State Board of Agriculture is hereby empowered and authorized to borrow a sum of money not to exceed one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000), and to issue revenue bonds therefor, payable in series at such time or times and bearing such rate of interest as may be fixed by the Governor and Council of State: Provided, that no part of the payments of the principal or interest charges on said loan shall be made out of the general revenue of the State of North Carolina, and the credit of the State of North Carolina and the State Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services or the agricultural fund, other than the revenue of the State fair funds, shall not be pledged either directly or indirectly for the payment of said principal or interest charges. The receipts, funds, and any other State fair assets may be pledged as security for the payment of any bonds that may be issued.

(b) **Contracts and Leases; Pledge of Gate Receipts, etc.** – For the further purpose of acquiring, constructing, operating and financing said properties and facilities on the North Carolina State fairgrounds, the Board of Agriculture may enter into such agreements, contracts and

leases as may be necessary for the purpose of this section, and may pledge, appropriate, and pay such sums out of the gate receipts or other revenues coming to the State Board of Agriculture from the operation of any facilities of the State fair as may be required to secure, repay, or meet the principal and interest charges on the loan herein authorized. Prior to execution, the Board of Agriculture shall consult with the Joint Legislative Commission on Governmental Operations on all agreements, contracts, and leases authorized under this subsection. The preceding sentence applies only to agreements, contracts, and leases with an estimated revenue to the State of one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) or more.

(c) Gifts and Endowments. – The State Board of Agriculture may receive gifts and endowments, whether real estate, moneys, goods or chattels, given or bestowed upon or conveyed to them for the benefit of the State fair, and the same shall be administered in accordance with the requirements of the donors. (1945, c. 1009; 1959, c. 1186, s. 3; 1997-261, s. 109; 2001-487, s. 71.)

§ 106-503.2. Regulation of firearms at State Fair.

(a) Except as otherwise provided in this section, the Commissioner of Agriculture is authorized to prohibit the carrying of firearms in any manner on the State Fairgrounds during the period of time each year that the State Fair is conducted.

(b) Notwithstanding subsection (a) of this section, any prohibition under this section shall not apply to the following persons:

- (1) Any person exempted by G.S. 14-269(b)(1), (2), (3), (4), or (5).
- (2) Any person who has a concealed handgun permit that is valid under Article 54B of this Chapter [Chapter 14 of the General Statutes], or who is exempt from obtaining a permit pursuant to that Article, who has a handgun in a closed compartment or container within the person's locked vehicle or in a locked container securely affixed to the person's vehicle. A person may unlock the vehicle to enter or exit the vehicle provided the firearm remains in the closed compartment at all times and the vehicle is locked immediately following the entrance or exit. (2015-195, s. 4(a).)

§ 106-504. Lands dedicated by State may be repossessed at will of General Assembly.

Any lands which may be dedicated and set apart under the provisions of this Article may be taken possession of and repossessed by the State of North Carolina, at the will of the General Assembly. (1927, c. 209, s. 4(a).)

Part 2. County Societies.

§ 106-505. Incorporation; powers and term of existence.

Any number of resident persons, not less than 10, may associate together in any county, under written articles of association, subscribed by the members thereof, and specifying the object of the association to encourage and promote agriculture, domestic manufactures, and the mechanic arts, under such name and style as they may choose, subject to any other applicable provisions of law, and thereby become a body corporate with all the powers incident to such a body, and may take and hold such property, both real and personal, as may be needful to promote the objects of their association.

Whenever any such association is formed subsequent to April 1, 1949, a copy of the articles of incorporation shall be filed with the Secretary of State, together with any other information the Secretary of State may require. A fee of ten dollars (\$10.00) shall be paid to the Secretary of State

when such articles are filed. Upon receipt of such articles in proper form, and such other information as may be required, and the filing fee, the Secretary of State shall issue a charter of incorporation.

The corporate existence shall continue as long as there are 10 members, during the will and pleasure of the General Assembly. (1852, c. 2, ss. 1, 2, 3; R.C., c. 2, ss. 6, 7; Code, s. 2220; Rev., ss. 3868, 3869; C.S., s. 4941; 1949, c. 829, s. 2.)

§ 106-506. Organization; officers; new members.

Such society shall be organized by the appointment of a president, two vice-presidents, a secretary and treasurer, and such other officers as they may deem proper, who shall thereafter be chosen annually, and hold their places until others shall be appointed. And the society may from time to time, on such conditions as may be prescribed, receive other members of the corporation. (1852, c. 2, s. 3; R.C., c. 2, s. 7; Code, s. 2221; Rev., s. 3869; C.S., s. 4942.)

§ 106-507: Repealed by Session Laws 2013-316, s. 5(d), effective January 1, 2014, and applicable to admissions purchased on or after that date.

§ 106-508. Funds to be used in paying premiums.

All moneys so subscribed, as well as that received from the State treasury as herein provided, shall after paying the necessary incidental expenses of such society, be annually paid for premiums awarded by such societies, in such sums and in such way and manner as they severally, under their bylaws, rules and regulations, shall direct, on such live animals, articles of production, and agricultural implements and tools, domestic manufacturers, mechanical implements, tools and productions as are of the growth and manufacture of the county or region, and also such experiments, discoveries, or attainments in scientific or practical agriculture as are made within the county or region wherein such societies are respectively organized. (1852, c. 2, s. 7; R.C., c. 2, s. 9; Code, s. 2223; Rev., s. 3873; C.S., s. 4945; 1949, c. 829, s. 2.)

§ 106-509. Annual statements to State Treasurer.

Each agricultural society entitled to receive money from the State Treasurer shall, through its treasurer, transmit to the Treasurer of the State, in the month of December or before, a statement showing the money received from the State, the amount received from the members of the society for the preceding year, the expenditures of all such sums, and the number of the members of such society. (1852, c. 2, s. 8; R.C., c. 2, s. 10; Code, s. 2224; Rev., s. 3874; C.S., s. 4946.)

§ 106-510. Publication of statements required.

Each agricultural society receiving money from the State under this Chapter shall, in each year, publish at its own expense a full statement of its experiments and improvements, and reports of its committees, in at least one newspaper in the State; and evidence that the requirements of this Chapter have been complied with shall be furnished to the State Treasurer before he shall pay to such society the sum of fifty dollars (\$50.00) for the benefit of such society for the next year. (1852, c. 2, s. 9; R.C., c. 2, s. 11; Code, s. 2225; Rev., s. 3875; C.S., s. 4947.)

§ 106-511. Records to be kept; may be read in evidence.

The secretary of such society shall keep a fair record of its proceedings in a book provided for that purpose, which may be read in evidence in suits wherein the corporation may be a party. (1852, c. 2, s. 5; R.C., c. 2, s. 12; Code, s. 2226; Rev., s. 3876; C.S., s. 4948.)

Part 3. Protection and Regulation of Fairs.

§ 106-512. Lien against licensees' property to secure charge.

All agricultural fairs which shall grant any privilege, license, or concession to any person, persons, firm, or corporation for vending wares or merchandise within any fairgrounds, or which shall rent any ground space for carrying on any kind of business in such fairgrounds, either upon stipulated price or for a certain percent of the receipts taken in by such person, persons, firm, or corporation, shall have the right to retain possession of and shall have a lien upon any or all the goods, wares, fixtures, and merchandise or other property of such person, persons, firm, or corporation until all charges for privileges, licenses, or concessions are paid, or until their contract is fully complied with. (1915, c. 242, s. 1; C.S., s. 4950.)

§ 106-513. Notice of sale to owner.

Written notice of such sale shall be served on the owner of such goods, wares, merchandise, or fixtures or other property 10 days before such sale, if he or it be a resident of the State, but if a nonresident of the State, or his or its residence be unknown, the publication of such notice for 10 days at the courthouse door and three other public places in the county shall be sufficient service of the same. (1915, c. 242, s. 2; C.S., s. 4951.)

§ 106-514. Unlawful entry on grounds a misdemeanor.

If any person, after having been expelled from the fairgrounds of any agricultural or horticultural society, shall offer to enter the same again without permission from such society; or if any person shall break over [open] the enclosing structure of said fairgrounds and enter the same, or shall enter the enclosure of said fairgrounds by means of climbing over, under or through the enclosing structure surrounding the same, or shall enter the enclosure through the gates without the permission of its gatekeeper or the proper officer of said fair association, he shall be guilty of a Class 3 misdemeanor. (1870-1, c. 184, s. 3; Code, s. 2795; 1901, c. 291; Rev., s. 3669; C.S., s. 4952; 1993, c. 539, s. 793; 1994, Ex. Sess., c. 24, s. 14(c).)

§ 106-515. Assisting unlawful entry on grounds a misdemeanor.

It shall be unlawful for any person or persons to assist any other person or persons to enter upon the grounds of any fair association when an admission fee is charged, by assisting such other person or persons to climb over or go under the fence or by pulling off a plank or to enter the enclosed grounds by any trick or device or by passing out a ticket or a pass or in any other way. Any violation of this section shall be a Class 3 misdemeanor. (1915, c. 242, ss. 3, 4; C.S., s. 4953; 1993, c. 539, s. 794; 1994, Ex. Sess., c. 24, s. 14(c).)

§ 106-516: Repealed by Session Laws 2013-316, s. 5(d), effective January 1, 2014.

§ 106-516.1. Carnivals and similar amusements not to operate without permit.

Every person, firm, or corporation engaged in the business of a carnival company or a show of like kind, including menageries, merry-go-rounds, Ferris wheels, riding devices, circus and similar amusements and enterprises operated and conducted for profit, shall, prior to exhibiting in any

county annually staging an agricultural fair, apply to the sheriff of the county in which the exhibit is to be held for a permit to exhibit. The sheriff of the county shall issue a permit without charge; provided, however, that no permit shall be issued if he shall find the requested exhibition date is less than 60 days prior to a regularly advertised agricultural fair. Exhibition without a permit from the sheriff of the county in which the exhibition is to be held shall constitute a Class 1 misdemeanor: Provided, that nothing contained in this section shall prevent veterans' organizations and posts chartered by Congress or organized and operated on a statewide or nationwide basis from holding fairs or tobacco festivals on any dates which they may select if such fairs or festivals have heretofore been held as annual events. (1953, c. 854; 1963, c. 1127; 1991 (Reg. Sess., 1992), c. 1030, s. 26; 1993, c. 539, s. 795; 1994, Ex. Sess., c. 24, s. 14(c); 2005-435, s. 43; 2024-32, s. 21(a).)

§§ 106-517 through 106-520: Repealed by Session Laws 2013-316, s. 5(d), effective January 1, 2014, and applicable to admissions purchased on or after that date.

Part 4. Supervision of Fairs and Animal Exhibitions.

§ 106-520.1. Definition.

As used in this Article, the word "fair" means a bona fide exhibition designed, arranged and operated to promote, encourage and improve agriculture, horticulture, livestock, poultry, dairy products, mechanical fabrics, domestic economy, and 4-H Club and Future Farmers of America activities, by offering premiums and awards for the best exhibits thereof or with respect thereto. (1949, c. 829, s. 1.)

§ 106-520.2. Use of "fair" in name of exhibition.

It shall be unlawful for any person, firm, corporation, association, club, or other group of persons to use the word "fair" in connection with any exhibition, circus, show, or other variety of exhibition unless such exhibition is a fair within the meaning of G.S. 106-520.1. (1949, c. 829, s. 1.)

§ 106-520.3. Commissioner of Agriculture to regulate.

The Commissioner of Agriculture, with the advice and approval of the State Board of Agriculture, is hereby authorized, empowered and directed to make rules and regulations with respect to classification, operation and licensing of fairs, so as to insure that such fairs shall conform to the definition set out in G.S. 106-520.1, and shall best promote the purposes of fairs as set out in such definition. Every fair, and every exhibition using the word "fair" in its name, except fairs classified by the Commissioner of Agriculture as noncommercial community fairs, must comply with the standards, rules and regulations set up and promulgated by the Commissioner of Agriculture, and must secure a license from the Commissioner of Agriculture before such exhibition or fair is staged or operated. No license shall be issued for any such exhibition or fair unless it meets the standards and complies with the rules and regulations of the Commissioner of Agriculture with respect thereto. (1949, c. 829, s. 1.)

§ 106-520.3A. Animal exhibition regulation; permit required; civil penalties.

(a) Title. – This section may be referred to as "Aedin's Law". This section provides for the regulation of animal exhibitions as they may affect the public health and safety.

(b) Definitions. – As used in this section, unless the context clearly requires otherwise:

(1) "Animal" means only those animals that may transmit infectious diseases.

(2) "Animal exhibition" means any sanctioned agricultural fair where animals are displayed on the exhibition grounds for physical contact with humans.

(c) Permit Required. – No animal exhibition may be operated for use by the general public unless the owner or operator has obtained an operation permit issued by the Commissioner. The Commissioner may issue an operation permit only after physical inspection of the animal exhibition and a determination that the animal exhibition meets the requirements of this section and rules adopted pursuant to this section. The Commissioner may deny, suspend, or revoke a permit on the basis that the exhibition does not comply with this section or rules adopted pursuant to this section.

(d) Rules. – For the protection of the public health and safety, the Commissioner of Agriculture, with the advice and approval of the State Board of Agriculture, and in consultation with the Division of Public Health of the Department of Health and Human Services, shall adopt rules concerning the operation of and issuance of permits for animal exhibitions. The rules shall include requirements for:

- (1) Education and signage to inform the public of health and safety issues.
- (2) Animal areas.
- (3) Animal care and management.
- (4) Transition and nonanimal areas.
- (5) Hand-washing facilities.
- (6) Other requirements necessary for the protection of the public health and safety.

(e) Educational Outreach. – The Department shall continue its consultative and educational efforts to inform agricultural fair operators, exhibitors, agritourism business operators, and the general public about the health risks associated with diseases transmitted by physical contact with animals.

(f) Civil Penalty. – In addition to the denial, suspension, or revocation of an operation permit, the Commissioner may assess a civil penalty of not more than five thousand dollars (\$5,000) against any person who violates a provision of this section or a rule adopted pursuant to this section. In determining the amount of the penalty, the Commissioner shall consider the degree and extent of harm caused by the violation.

The clear proceeds of civil penalties assessed pursuant to this section shall be remitted to the Civil Penalty and Forfeiture Fund in accordance with G.S. 115C-457.2.

(g) Legal Representation by Attorney General. – It shall be the duty of the Attorney General to represent the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services or designate a member of the Attorney General's staff to represent the Department in all actions or proceedings in connection with this section. (2005-191, s. 1(b).)

§ 106-520.4. Local supervision of fairs.

No county or regional fairs shall be licensed to be held unless such fair is operated under supervision of a local board of directors who shall employ appropriate managers, who shall be responsible for the conduct of such fair, and otherwise comply with the standards, rules and regulations promulgated by the Commissioner of Agriculture. The Commissioner of Agriculture, with the advice and approval of the State Board of Agriculture, shall make rules and regulations requiring county and regional fairs to emphasize agricultural, educational, home and industrial exhibits by providing adequate premiums. (1949, c. 829, s. 1.)

§ 106-520.5. Reports.

Every fair shall make such reports to the Commissioner of Agriculture, as said Commissioner may require. (1949, c. 829, s. 1.)

§ 106-520.6. Premiums and premium lists supplemented.

The State Board of Agriculture may supplement premiums and premium lists for county and regional fairs and the North Carolina State Fair, and improve and expand the facilities for exhibits at the North Carolina State Fair, at any time or times, out of any funds which may be available for such purposes. (1949, c. 829, s. 1.)

§ 106-520.7. Violations made misdemeanor.

Any person who violates any provision of G.S. 106-520.1 through G.S. 106-520.6 is guilty of a Class 1 misdemeanor. (1949, c. 829, s. 1; 1993, c. 539, s. 797; 1994, Ex. Sess., c. 24, s. 14(c).)

SUBCHAPTER 43G - AGRICULTURAL FAIRS

02 NCAC 43G .0101 CLASSIFICATION OF FAIRS

Fairs shall be classified in two categories and shall be known as:

- (1) non-commercial community fairs; or
- (2) commercial agricultural fairs.

A non-commercial community fair is one at which no admission fee is charged and which is not operated for profit but is operated by a bona fide non-profit organization and at which no traveling shows, rides or games are conducted. All fairs which do not come within this definition are classified as commercial agricultural fairs.

*History Note: Authority G.S. 106-520.1;
Eff. August 1, 1982;
Pursuant to G.S. 150B-21.3A, rule is necessary without substantive public interest Eff. September 23, 2017.*

02 NCAC 43G .0102 COMMERCIAL AGRICULTURAL FAIRS REGULATED

All commercial agricultural fairs shall comply with the requirements set forth in this Section, but this Section shall not apply to non-commercial community fairs.

*History Note: Authority G.S. 106-520.3;
Eff. August 1, 1982;
Pursuant to G.S. 150B-21.3A, rule is necessary without substantive public interest Eff. September 23, 2017.*

02 NCAC 43G .0103 MINIMUM EXHIBITS

(a) All commercial agricultural fairs shall be required to have the following minimum entries, but this shall not be construed as a limitation on the number of the entries which such fairs may have:

- (1) three 4-H clubs, or Future Farmers (FFA) or Future Homemakers (FHA) of America, or other high school or college vocational displays;
- (2) three extension homemaker, or commodity group, or farm organization, or individual displays;
- (3) three displays of community, or educational or industrial, or civic, or volunteer group activities;
- (4) five items of farm, lawn, or garden machinery or equipment (new or antique) on display;
- (5) fifteen entries of field crops such as tobacco, corn, soybeans, peanuts, wheat, hay (or ensilage), cotton, sorghum, oats, barley, rye, etc.;
- (6) twenty entries of horticultural crops such as apples, peaches, pears, grapes, sweet potatoes, Irish potatoes, cucumbers, peppers, tomatoes, peas, beans, squash, okra, pumpkins, melons, tree nuts, etc.;
- (7) twenty entries of food conservation such as canned fruits, vegetables, pickles, jams, jellies, preserves, juices, etc.;
- (8) ten entries of baked goods such as cakes, pies, breads, cookies, candies, etc.;
- (9) twenty entries of handicrafts such as needlepointed, crocheted, knitted, crosstitched, or embroidered, etc.;
- (10) ten entries of clothing in women's, men's, youth, and infant apparel, etc.;
- (11) twenty entries in arts, crafts, photography, or hobbies, etc.;
- (12) ten entries of flowers, such as singles, arrangements, potted plants, hanging baskets or dried flowers; and
- (13) ten entries of live animals such as dairy cattle, beef cattle, swine, goats, sheep, horses, mules, poultry, rabbits, or wildlife.

(b) There shall be provided adequate facilities for housing the exhibits, eating places, drinking fountains and rest rooms, and these facilities shall meet health standards imposed by the State of North Carolina.

(c) There shall be a minimum of 50 exhibitors, but each exhibitor shall be eligible to enter as many categories as desired. The number of exhibits shall be at least 150 in agricultural or related classes.

*History Note: Authority G.S. 106-520.3;
Eff. August 1, 1982;
Amended Eff. July 1, 1983; May 1, 1983;*

Pursuant to G.S. 150B-21.3A, rule is necessary without substantive public interest Eff. September 23, 2017.

02 NCAC 43G .0104 PREMIUMS

*History Note: Authority G.S. 106-520.3;
Eff. August 1, 1982;
Amended Eff. May 1, 1983;
Expired Eff. October 1, 2017 pursuant to G.S. 150B-21.3A.*

02 NCAC 43G .0105 REPORTS

Each organization holding a fair shall furnish such financial statements and such other reports as the Commissioner of Agriculture deems necessary and on such forms as the Commissioner of Agriculture may furnish, not later than 90 days after the closing of the fair. Reports may be furnished later than 90 days after the closing of the fair upon written permission by the Commissioner of Agriculture or his authorized agent.

*History Note: Authority G.S. 106-520.5;
Eff. August 1, 1982;
Amended Eff. May 1, 1983;
Pursuant to G.S. 150B-21.3A, rule is necessary without substantive public interest Eff. September 23, 2017.*

02 NCAC 43G .0106 INSPECTION

The Commissioner of Agriculture or his agents shall have access to the premises upon which any fair is held and shall have the right to inspect all records of such fairs.

*History Note: Authority G.S. 106-520.3;
Eff. August 1, 1982;
Pursuant to G.S. 150B-21.3A, rule is necessary without substantive public interest Eff. September 23, 2017.*

10A NCAC 41A .0302 SALE OF TURTLES RESTRICTED

(a) To prevent the spread of salmonellosis from pet turtles to humans, no turtle with a carapace length of less than four inches shall be sold, offered for sale, or bartered by any retail or wholesale establishments except as follows:

- (1) the sale of turtles shall be allowed to institutions for scientific or educational purposes;
- (2) the sale of turtles shall be allowed for food purposes; and
- (3) wholesale establishments dealing in the sale of turtles shall be allowed to sell turtles to other wholesale or retail establishments outside of the State of North Carolina, subject to the applicable state and federal laws.

(b) For establishments selling turtles in accordance with Paragraph (a) of this Rule, the following information, or words having similar meaning, shall be posted at every display of turtles for retail sale, printed on the sales receipt issued by the seller at the time of the sale, or printed on an information sheet accompanying the sales receipt issued by the seller:

"CAUTION: Children under 5 years old and people with weak immune systems (such as chemotherapy patients or those with HIV/AIDS) should avoid contact with reptiles. These people can get very sick from a germ called Salmonella that reptiles carry. Reptiles include lizards, snakes, alligators, and turtles. Wash hands thoroughly after handling turtles or material that had contact with turtles. Do not allow water or any other substance that had contact with turtles to come in contact with food or areas where food is prepared. Do not bathe turtles or clean their tanks in your kitchen or bathroom and do not have close contact with turtles which could allow direct contamination of the mouth (e.g., kissing, etc.)."

(c) The seller shall keep a record of all purchases, losses, and other dispositions of turtles for at least one year.

History Note: Authority G.S. 130A-144;

Eff. February 1, 1976;

Readopted Eff. December 5, 1977;

Amended Eff. May 1, 2017; February 3, 1992;

Pursuant to G.S. 150B-21.3A, rule is necessary without substantive public interest Eff. January 9, 2018.

§ 14-363.1. Living baby chicks or other fowl, or rabbits under eight weeks of age; disposing of as pets or novelties forbidden.

If any person, firm or corporation shall sell, or offer for sale, barter or give away as premiums living baby chicks, ducklings, or other fowl or rabbits under eight weeks of age as pets or novelties, such person, firm or corporation shall be guilty of a Class 3 misdemeanor. Provided, that nothing contained in this section shall be construed to prohibit the sale of nondomesticated species of chicks, ducklings, or other fowl, or of other fowl from proper brooder facilities by hatcheries or stores engaged in the business of selling them for purposes other than for pets or novelties. (1973, c. 466, s. 1; 1985 (Reg. Sess., 1986), c. 967, s. 4; 1993, c. 539, s. 245; 1994, Ex. Sess., c. 24, s. 14(c).)

SUBCHAPTER 52K – ANIMAL EXHIBITIONS

SECTION .0100 – PURPOSE AND SCOPE

02 NCAC 52K .0101 PURPOSE

The purpose of this Subchapter is to establish standards for animal exhibitions at agricultural fairs to reduce the likelihood of the transmission of disease from animals to humans.

*History Note: Authority G.S. 106-520.3A;
Eff. September 1, 2006;
Pursuant to G.S. 150B-21.3A, rule is necessary without substantive public interest Eff. March 22, 2015.*

02 NCAC 52K .0102 SCOPE

The rules in this Subchapter apply to animal exhibitions at agricultural fairs where animals are displayed for the purpose of physical contact with humans.

*History Note: Authority G.S. 106-520.3A;
Eff. September 1, 2006;
Pursuant to G.S. 150B-21.3A, rule is necessary without substantive public interest Eff. March 22, 2015.*

SECTION .0200 - DEFINITIONS

02 NCAC 52K .0201 DEFINITIONS

As used in this Subchapter:

- (1) "Agricultural fair" or "fair" means a fair required to be licensed by the Commissioner of Agriculture pursuant to G.S. 106-520.3.
- (2) "Animal contact exhibit" means any exhibit at an agricultural fair where there are animals displayed for the purpose of petting, holding, feeding, or other physical contact by humans, including but not limited to, petting zoos, pony rides and poultry handling exhibits.
- (3) "Commissioner" means the Commissioner of Agriculture or the Commissioner's authorized representative.
- (4) "Department" means the North Carolina Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services.
- (5) "Transition area" means the area between an animal contact exhibit exit and the closest hand-washing station.

*History Note: Authority G.S. 106-520.3A;
Eff. September 1, 2006;
Pursuant to G.S. 150B-21.3A, rule is necessary without substantive public interest Eff. March 22, 2015.*

SECTION .0300 - SIGNAGE

02 NCAC 52K .0301 SIGNAGE

An animal contact exhibit shall provide visible signage at the entrance and exit of the exhibit to educate the public regarding:

- (1) the fact that animal contact may pose a health risk;
- (2) items that are prohibited in animal areas;
- (3) the identity of high risk populations, including:
 - (a) the elderly;
 - (b) children under the age of six;
 - (c) women who are pregnant;
 - (d) people with an existing health condition; and
- (4) the location of hand-washing stations.

History Note: Authority G.S. 106-520.3A;

Eff. September 1, 2006;
Amended Eff. September 1, 2014;
Pursuant to G.S. 150B-21.3A, rule is necessary without substantive public interest Eff. March 22, 2015.

02 NCAC 52K .0302 MINIMUM SIZE OF LETTERING ON SIGNAGE

All lettering on signs shall be at least 3/8 inch high.

History Note: Authority G.S. 106-520.3A;
Eff. September 1, 2006j;
Pursuant to G.S. 150B-21.3A, rule is necessary without substantive public interest Eff. March 22, 2015.

SECTION .0400 – OPERATIONS AND STAFFING

02 NCAC 52K .0401 FENCING

(a) Animals and bedding shall be separated from the public with fencing to minimize the public's contact with manure and bedding. This does not apply to:

- (1) animal rides (including pony, camel, and elephant rides);
- (2) milking booths; or
- (3) the petting of an animal held or restrained outside of its housing area by an exhibit operator or patron as part of an educational or photographic opportunity where there is limited possibility of contact with manure and bedding.

(b) Fencing shall be at least 29 inches high. On the side(s) of the exhibit intended for public contact, the fencing shall have a solid board or panel at the bottom at least eight inches high to contain manure and bedding.

(c) Fencing may allow children to reach through or over to pet and feed animals.

History Note: Authority G.S. 106-520.3A;
Eff. September 1, 2006;
Amended Eff. September 1, 2014;
Pursuant to G.S. 150B-21.3A, rule is necessary without substantive public interest Eff. March 22, 2015.

02 NCAC 52K .0402 PROHIBITED ITEMS

In order to minimize hand to mouth contact, no pacifiers, baby bottles, drink cups, food, drink or smoking shall be allowed in animal contact exhibits.

History Note: Authority G.S. 106-520.3A;
Eff. September 1, 2006;
Pursuant to G.S. 150B-21.3A, rule is necessary without substantive public interest Eff. March 22, 2015.

02 NCAC 52K .0403 AGE REQUIREMENTS

Unsupervised children less than six years old shall not be permitted in animal contact areas.

History Note: Authority G.S. 106-520.3A;
Eff. September 1, 2006;
Pursuant to G.S. 150B-21.3A, rule is necessary without substantive public interest Eff. March 22, 2015.

02 NCAC 52K .0404 FEEDING OF ANIMALS

Only food provided by the animal contact exhibit may be fed to the animals. Animal food shall not be provided in containers that are human food items, such as ice cream cones.

History Note: Authority G.S. 106-520.3A;
Eff. September 1, 2006;

Pursuant to G.S. 150B-21.3A, rule is necessary without substantive public interest Eff. March 22, 2015.

02 NCAC 52K .0405 STAFFING; COMPLIANCE

An animal contact exhibit shall be staffed at all times of operation by at least one person who has the authority to ensure that the exhibit complies with this Subchapter. The owner, operator or person in charge of an animal contact exhibit shall be responsible for compliance with this Subchapter, and shall not knowingly permit violations by its employees, agents or patrons.

*History Note: Authority G.S. 106-520.3A;
Eff. September 1, 2006;
Pursuant to G.S. 150B-21.3A, rule is necessary without substantive public interest Eff. March 22, 2015.*

02 NCAC 52K .0406 SURFACES; EXHIBIT AREAS

- (a) Surfaces in the animal contact exhibit that can be touched by both fair patrons and animals shall be made of impervious material, and shall be cleaned and disinfected daily and at any time visible contamination is present.
- (b) All animal fencing, feed troughs, and open watering systems shall be disinfected prior to and at the end of each fair.
- (c) Contact animal exhibits shall be held on impervious surfaces whenever feasible.
- (d) Impervious exhibit areas shall be cleaned and disinfected at the end of the fair.
- (e) Exhibit areas that are not impervious shall be cleaned of all manure at the end of the fair and shall not be used for human activities for at least six months after cleaning.
- (f) Paragraphs (c) and (e) of this Rule shall not apply to pony rides.

*History Note: Authority G.S. 106-520.3A;
Eff. September 1, 2006;
Amended Eff. November 1, 2008;
Pursuant to G.S. 150B-21.3A, rule is necessary without substantive public interest Eff. March 22, 2015.*

02 NCAC 52K .0407 WASTE DISPOSAL

The fair shall designate a manure disposal area and shall control wastewater runoff. The animal contact exhibit shall have a designated area for temporary storage of animal waste and shall not transport such waste through areas occupied by fair patrons. Manure disposal and storage areas shall be inaccessible to the public, unless waste is bagged and placed in a closeable dumpster.

*History Note: Authority G.S. 106-520.3A;
Eff. September 1, 2006;
Pursuant to G.S. 150B-21.3A, rule is necessary without substantive public interest Eff. March 22, 2015.*

SECTION .0500 – FOOD, DRINK AND HAND-WASHING

02 NCAC 52K .0501 HAND-WASHING STATIONS

- (a) Hand-washing stations with soap, running water, paper towels and disposal containers shall be located within 10 feet of the exit of an animal contact exhibit, wherever feasible.
- (b) Hand-washing stations suitable for small children shall be available in the same area as the stations in Paragraph (a) of this Rule.
- (c) Signage shall be provided to direct patrons to hand-washing stations.
- (d) In order to promote hand-washing with soap and water, dispensers for waterless hand sanitizing lotions, gels or hand wipes shall not be provided in the transition or exhibit area. Such dispensers may be placed at the entrance of milking booths to reduce the potential for introduction of disease to the exhibit animals.

*History Note: Authority G.S. 106-520.3A;
Eff. September 1, 2006;*

*Amended Eff. September 1, 2014; November 1, 2008;
Pursuant to G.S. 150B-21.3A, rule is necessary without substantive public interest Eff. March 22, 2015.*

02 NCAC 52K .0502 FOOD AND DRINK

Food and beverages for human consumption shall not be sold, prepared, served, or consumed in transition areas.

*History Note: Authority G.S. 106-520.3A;
Eff. September 1, 2006;
Pursuant to G.S. 150B-21.3A, rule is necessary without substantive public interest Eff. March 22, 2015.*

SECTION .0600 - ANIMAL KEEPING, CERTIFICATIONS AND EXHIBITION

02 NCAC 52K .0601 HEALTH CERTIFICATE; VACCINATIONS

(a) An official health certificate as defined in 02 NCAC 52B .0202, a rabies vaccination certificate (when applicable), and any other documentation required by 02 NCAC 52B for species or state of origin, shall accompany all animals contained in a public contact setting.

(b) An animal for which there is an approved rabies vaccine, but which is too young to receive rabies vaccination, is prohibited from animal contact exhibits unless proof of rabies vaccination, within the preceding 12 months, of the mother is provided.

(c) Initial rabies vaccination shall be administered at least 30 days prior to the event. Subsequent vaccinations for livestock shall be no more than one year prior to the event and may be within 30 days of the event if proof of previous vaccination is provided. Dogs and cats shall be in compliance with the North Carolina rabies law, G.S. 130A, Article 6, Part 6.

(d) If no licensed rabies vaccine exists for a particular species (such as rabbits, goats, llamas, and camels), no vaccination is required.

*History Note: Authority G.S. 106-520.3A;
Eff. September 1, 2006;
Amended Eff. November 1, 2008;
Pursuant to G.S. 150B-21.3A, rule is necessary without substantive public interest Eff. March 22, 2015.*

02 NCAC 52K .0602 DAILY MONITORING

Animals shall be monitored daily by exhibit personnel for signs of illness. Animals that exhibit signs of illness shall be removed from public contact immediately.

*History Note: Authority G.S. 106-520.3A;
Eff. September 1, 2006;
Pursuant to G.S. 150B-21.3A, rule is necessary without substantive public interest Eff. March 22, 2015.*

02 NCAC 52K .0603 HIGH RISK ANIMALS

Animals that pose a high disease risk to humans, as determined by the State Veterinarian or his representative, shall not be allowed in animal contact exhibits.

*History Note: Authority G.S. 106-520.3A;
Eff. September 1, 2006;
Pursuant to G.S. 150B-21.3A, rule is necessary without substantive public interest Eff. March 22, 2015.*

02 NCAC 52K .0604 BIRTHING ANIMALS

No near-birth or birthing sheep, cattle or goats and no sheep, cattle or goats that have given birth within the previous two weeks shall be allowed in animal contact exhibits.

History Note: Authority G.S. 106-520.3A;
Eff. September 1, 2006;
Pursuant to G.S. 150B-21.3A, rule is necessary without substantive public interest Eff. March 22, 2015.

SECTION .0700 - PERMITTING AND RECORD-KEEPING

02 NCAC 52K .0701 PERMITTING

- (a) Each animal contact exhibit shall be inspected and permitted by the Department prior to opening at a sanctioned agricultural fair.
- (b) Permitting applications for animal contact exhibits will be included in the annual County Fair Handbook distributed by the Department. Applications and other information shall be forwarded by the fair manager to all contracted animal contact exhibits or completed by fair staff for exhibits operated by the fair.
- (c) In order to be permitted when the fair opens, an animal contact exhibit shall be set up and ready for inspection at least two hours before the fair opens.
- (d) Permits shall be valid for exhibition at other fairs listed on the permit application, unless the permit has been suspended or revoked.
- (e) A permit may be suspended or revoked by the Commissioner or his authorized representative for any violation of this Subchapter or G.S. 106-520.3A, in accordance with the Administrative Procedure Act.

History Note: Authority G.S. 106-520.3A;
Eff. September 1, 2006;
Pursuant to G.S. 150B-21.3A, rule is necessary without substantive public interest Eff. March 22, 2015.

02 NCAC 52K .0702 RECORDS

Each contact animal exhibit shall keep a record of daily disinfection and animal monitoring during each fair. Records shall be maintained for a period of one year and shall be made available for inspection by the Commissioner of Agriculture or his designee.

History Note: Authority G.S. 106-520.3A;
Eff. September 1, 2006;
Pursuant to G.S. 150B-21.3A, rule is necessary without substantive public interest Eff. March 22, 2015.

Article 4.

Agritourism Activity Liability.

§ 99E-30. Definitions.

As used in this Article, the following terms mean:

- (1) **Agritourism activity.** – Any activity carried out on a farm or ranch that allows members of the general public, for recreational, entertainment, or educational purposes, to view or enjoy rural activities, including farming, ranching, historic, cultural, harvest-your-own activities, or natural activities and attractions. An activity is an agritourism activity whether or not the participant paid to participate in the activity. "Agritourism activity" includes an activity involving any animal exhibition at an agricultural fair licensed by the Commissioner of Agriculture pursuant to G.S. 106-520.3.
- (2) **Agritourism professional.** – Any person who is engaged in the business of providing one or more agritourism activities, whether or not for compensation.
- (3) **Inherent risks of agritourism activity.** – Those dangers or conditions that are an integral part of an agritourism activity including certain hazards, including surface and subsurface conditions, natural conditions of land, vegetation, and waters, the behavior of wild or domestic animals, and ordinary dangers of structures or equipment ordinarily used in farming and ranching operations. Inherent risks of agritourism activity also include the potential of a participant to act in a negligent manner that may contribute to injury to the participant or others, including failing to follow instructions given by the agritourism professional or failing to exercise reasonable caution while engaging in the agritourism activity.
- (4) **Participant.** – Any person, other than the agritourism professional, who engages in an agritourism activity.
- (5) **Person.** – An individual, fiduciary, firm, association, partnership, limited liability company, corporation, unit of government, or any other group acting as a unit. (2005-236, s. 1; 2007-171, s. 1.)

§ 99E-31. Liability.

(a) Except as provided in subsection (b) of this section, an agritourism professional is not liable for injury to or death of a participant resulting from the inherent risks of agritourism activities, so long as the warning contained in G.S. 99E-32 is posted as required and, except as provided in subsection (b) of this section, no participant or participant's representative can maintain an action against or recover from an agritourism professional for injury, loss, damage, or death of the participant resulting exclusively from any of the inherent risks of agritourism activities. In any action for damages against an agritourism professional for agritourism activity, the agritourism professional must plead the affirmative defense of assumption of the risk of agritourism activity by the participant.

(b) Nothing in subsection (a) of this section prevents or limits the liability of an agritourism professional if the agritourism professional does any one or more of the following:

- (1) Commits an act or omission that constitutes willful or wanton disregard for the safety of the participant, and that act or omission proximately causes injury, damage, or death to the participant.
- (2) Has actual knowledge or reasonably should have known of an existing dangerous condition on the land, facilities, or equipment used in the activity or the dangerous propensity of a particular animal used in such activity and does not make the danger known to the participant, and the danger proximately causes injury, damage, or death to the participant.

(c) Nothing in subsection (a) of this section prevents or limits the liability of an agritourism professional under liability provisions as set forth in Chapter 99B of the General Statutes.

(d) Any limitation on legal liability afforded by this section to an agritourism professional is in addition to any other limitations of legal liability otherwise provided by law. (2005-236, s. 1; 2013-265, s. 4.)

§ 99E-32. Warning required.

(a) Every agritourism professional must post and maintain signs that contain the warning notice specified in subsection (b) of this section. The sign must be placed in a clearly visible location at the entrance to the agritourism location and at the site of the agritourism activity. The warning notice must consist of a sign in black letters, with each letter to be a minimum of one inch in height. Every written contract entered into by an agritourism professional for the providing of professional services, instruction, or the rental of equipment to a participant, whether or not the contract involves agritourism activities on or off the location or at the site of the agritourism activity, must contain in clearly readable print the warning notice specified in subsection (b) of this section.

(b) The signs and contracts described in subsection (a) of this section must contain the following notice of warning:

"WARNING

Under North Carolina law, there is no liability for an injury to or death of a participant in an agritourism activity conducted at this agritourism location if such injury or death results from the inherent risks of the agritourism activity. Inherent risks of agritourism activities include, among others, risks of injury inherent to land, equipment, and animals, as well as the potential for you to act in a negligent manner that may contribute to your injury or death. You are assuming the risk of participating in this agritourism activity."

(c) Failure to comply with the requirements concerning warning signs and notices provided in this subsection will prevent an agritourism professional from invoking the privileges of immunity provided by this Article. (2005-236, s. 1.)

§ 99E-33: Reserved for future codification purposes.

§ 99E-34: Reserved for future codification purposes.

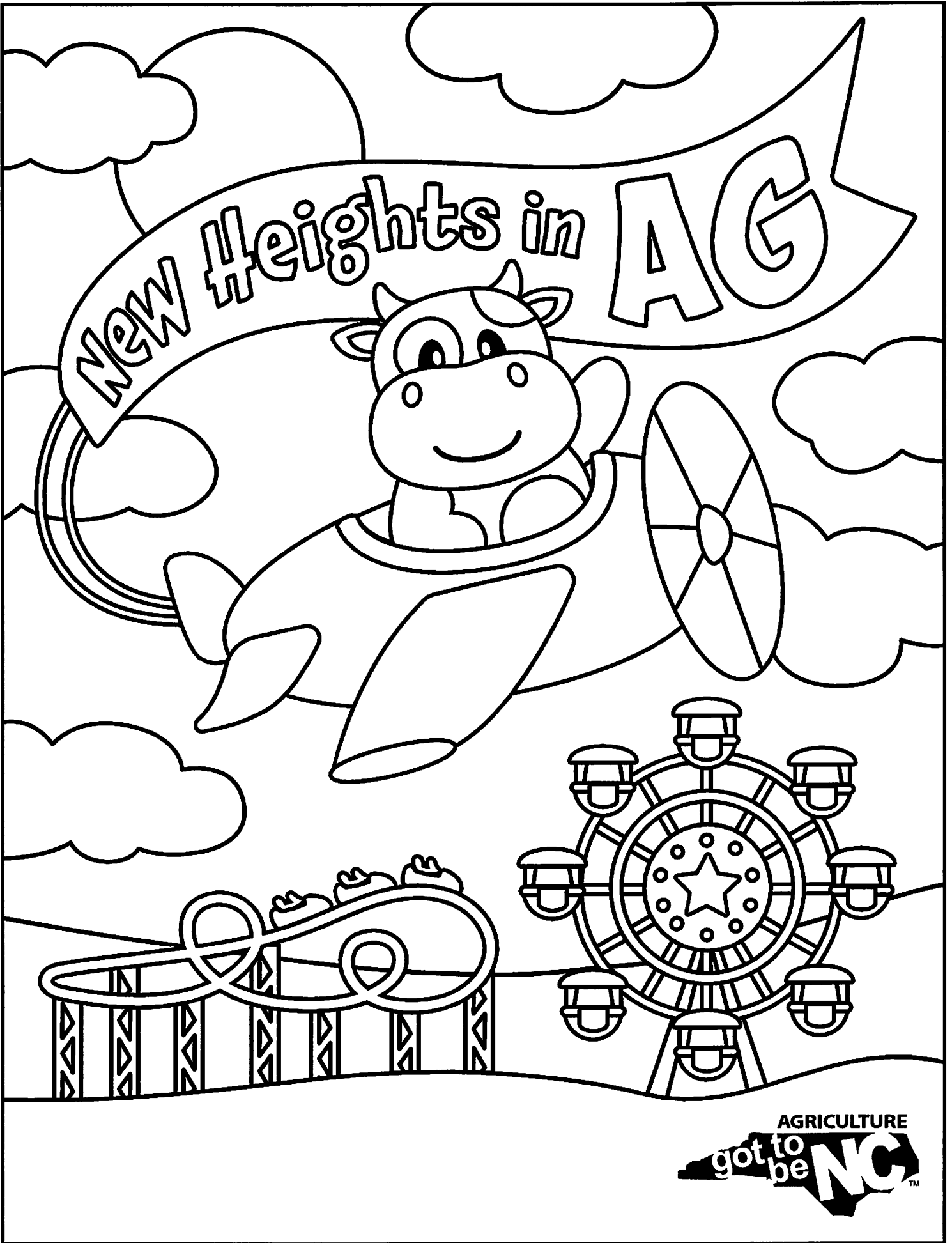
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§ 99E-37: Reserved for future codification purposes.

§ 99E-38: Reserved for future codification purposes.

§ 99E-39: Reserved for future codification purposes.





Got to Be NC Agriculture Secret Word Scavenger Hunt

Heaping Helping of Fun

DIRECTIONS: Explore the fairgrounds to find the secret words. When you have found them all, complete this form and return to the Got to Be NC booth.

Stop 1: North Carolina's official berries are the _____ and _____.

Stop 2: Horses can smell up to _____ miles away.

Stop 3: North Carolina has over _____ acres of Watermelons.

Stop 4: There are about _____ seeds on the average strawberry.

Stop 5: A group of geese on land is called a _____ and in flight a _____.

Stop 6: The Official State Freshwater Fish is the _____

Stop 7: Oysters can filter up to _____ gallons of water /day.

Stop 8: When it looks like a horse laughs it is actually called the _____.

Stop 9: North Carolina Horses have a 3.44 _____ dollar impact.

Stop 10: A newly hatched chicken is called a _____.



Kid's Club Entry Form

Name: _____

Age: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Email Address: _____

What is your favorite part of the Fair?



Got to be NC Agriculture Secret Word Scavenger Hunt Answer Sheet

Serving Up Locally Grown Goodness

1. Strawberry and Blueberry
2. Two
3. 7,700,000
4. 200
5. Gaggle, Wedge
6. Brook Trout
7. 50
8. Flehmen Response
9. Billion
10. Bidly



N.C. Dept. of Agriculture & Consumer Services Resources to help your Agricultural Fair

- County Fair dates, locations and links to Fair websites can be found here:
<https://www.ncagr.gov/divisions/marketing/fairs>
- Agricultural statistics about your region, which can be used in your Got to Be NC display, or for other signage and exhibits around your fairgrounds.
<https://www.ncagr.gov/divisions/agricultural-statistics>
- Stay up-to-date on NCDA&CS news and events through social media:
 - *In the Field* Blog: <http://blog.ncagr.gov>
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2025 North Carolina Association of Agricultural Fairs

Awards Program Submission

Please return to Becky Wilder, 252-340-3291, Becky@EdentonHomes.com within 30 days of the closing of your fair.

Please call , text or email with any questions.

Dates of Fair:

Name of Participating Fair:

Total Attendance for 2025:

Past 3-year average attendance:

Physical Address:

Fair Manager:

Name of Person Filling out form:

Phone:

(person who filled out form)

GENERAL EVALUATION

Is security on the premises at all times? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Please list what Safety Measures you always have on the fair premises
(Ex: Fire, Rescue, Police, Sheriff, etc)

How many Community, Education, Civic or Volunteer Group Activities & Displays
(includes churches, health screenings and etc) _____

How many Arts, Crafts, Photos, Hobbies & Collectible Competitive Exhibits: _____

How many Adults Participated: _____

List Participation in NCAOAF event (Ex: convention, workshops, committees, etc.)

List all Entertainment at the fair and (Ex: Shows, live music, strolling entertainers etc)

Insert Pictures of Your Fair

YOUTH EVALUATION

How many entries in Youth competitive exhibits: _____

How many Youth Organization displays and education Booths: _____

List all the contests for Youth (Ex: pageants, cooking competition etc.)

List all Junior Livestock Shows and Exhibits

Involvement (Ex: Youth as Workers, Directors, Junior Fair Boards, etc.)

(Number of Active Members): _____

List all special events and activities for youth.

Do you participate in Scholarships (Local and/or NCAOAF) ☐ Yes ☐ No

Insert Pictures of Youth Involvement

AGRICULTURE EVALUATION

List all Agricultural Commodity Group Displays (Ex: NC Corn Association, NC Vegetable Growers Association, Beekeepers etc.)

List all Farm Organization Displays (Ex: Farm Bureau, Farm Credit, NC Grange etc.)

How many Extension displays and exhibits **(Number):** _____

List all other Agricultural Agency Displays: (Ex: NC Forestry, Farm Service Agency, Ag Statistics etc.)

How many Farm, Lawn and/or Garden Machinery: _____

How many Field Crop Competitive Exhibits: _____

How many Horticultural Crop Competitive Exhibits: _____

How many Flower Competitive Exhibits: _____

How many Food Conservation Competitive Exhibits: _____

How many Baked Goods Competitive Exhibits: _____

How many Livestock Exhibits: _____

How many Livestock Shows: _____

How many Miscellaneous Exhibits (eggs, honey, meat, etc.): _____

List all Agricultural Related Competitions and Entertainment:

List all Farm Related Demonstrations:

List all Displays/Projects/Events Expressing Agriculture and/or Agricultural Heritage:

Insert Pictures for Agricultural

INNOVATION Award

(Must be First Year Event or Display)

For this award please describe what is new at your fair this past year. It could be a new way you laid out the fair, infrastructure improvements, game or activity that has increased your attendance, simplified your fair operations or benefited the value areas of the fair (safety, fun, entertainment, charity, etc).

PLEASE DESCRIBE... (Insert pictures at bottom of description)

Image Evaluation

Describe the landscaping and or decorations on the fairgrounds

What was the best and/or most unusual display or event at the fair?
(Please describe why it was the best/ most unusual)

Internet Activity

Please list the URL for your fairs profile on the following sites:

1. Website –
2. Facebook –
3. Instagram –
4. Tik Tok –
5. Snapchat -
6. Other -

Please provide lots of photos of your fair. We need to see how wonderful your fair is through your eyes.

Insert more Pictures here. Add additional pages as needed.