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Maple Hill Loopers record fifth straight win

The Maple Hill Loopers continued their winning streak in the N.C. State Fair's Tobacco Stringing Contest Friday, Oct. 17, notching the team's fifth straight win. The team is made up of husband and wife Sandy and Ken Jones of Maple Hill and Michael Sunday of Hendersonville. Over the contest's 21-year history, in addition to 11 first-place wins, the team has also notched three second-place finishes and a third-place win.

Sandy Jones looped the stick of tobacco in 1.10:67 seconds and earned 66 out of 70 points for quality. The team took home $250 in prize money.

From left: Pat Short, Ken Jones, Sandy Jones and Michael Sunday.

The Tie Masters made up of stringer James Lawson of Walkertown and handlers Matthew Lawson of Belews Creek and Thomas Clouer. Lawson posted a stringing time of 1.28:19 seconds and earned a 69 out of 70 points for quality.

The Barbour Stringers from Benson made up of stringer Debbie Barbour and handers Dean Barbour and Jeanette Barbour all of Benson won third place and $150. Debbie Barbour posted a stringing time of 1.20:72 and a 65 for stick quality.

Judging was based on a combination of stringing time and stick quality, including bundle size, evenness of leaf heads, 36 to 38 bundles on a stick, tightness, evenness, neatness and holding ability. All three teams were close in quality points and the winner was determined by time.

The finished sticks of tobacco from the competition, plus others tied that afternoon, went into the tobacco barn to be flue-cured during the fair.

The contest is sponsored by the John Deere Ice Cream Boys located in Heritage Circle.

Site-record giant pumpkin displayed at N.C. State Fair

A site record and big prizes were awarded at the giant pumpkin and watermelon competition at the N.C. State Fair on Oct. 14. The winning entries were on display in the Agri Supply Expo Center for fairgoers to see and photograph at the N.C. State Fair in October.

The weigh-in included the special competition sanctioned by The Great Pumpkin Commonwealth and hosted by the N.C. State Fair. The competition is open to competitors from other states.

"The giant pumpkin and watermelons are a must-visit on your trip to the Fair," said Kent Yelverton, fair director. "These giants will be photographed thousands of times during the fair's 11-day run. We appreciate the growers that put the time and effort into growing these giants and showcasing them at our fair."

This year, two pumpkins weighed more than 2,000 pounds each, with the third-place finisher not far behind. Albert Rodebaugh of Craigsville, WV, placed first with a 2,244.5-pound pumpkin – setting a state record for the largest pumpkin grown in West Virginia and a site record for the N.C. State Fair. Terry Nelson of Thomas, WV, came in second with a 2,114.5-pound pumpkin. Steve Hall of Convington, Va., placed third and won the Howard Dill Award for best-looking pumpkin for his 1,511.1-pound pumpkin.

In the North Carolina-only competition, the winning pumpkin was grown by the Donald Murphy family of Pink Hill and weighed 682.6 pounds. David Allen of Garysburg placed second with a 577.4-pound pumpkin and Mark Rollins of Clyde placed third with a 307.7-pound pumpkin.

The watermelon competition also saw many impressive entries including second- and third-place winners from North Carolina. Chris Kent of Sevierville, Tenn, placed first with his 288.6-pound watermelon.

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From the tractor

by Agriculture Commissioner Steve Troxler

Commissioner Troxler

As I write this, we are wrapping up the 2025 N.C. State Fair. It's been a great run, and we have been blessed with wonderful fair weather – sunny and just a little cool.

The State Fair has seen strong attendance, plus strong interest in the competitions with around 25,000 entries between the general competitions and livestock. Around 40 North Carolina food companies have been showcasing their products in the Got to Be NC Pavilion for fairgoers to sample and buy. We are recognizing 11 farm families throughout the state as our Farm Family of the Day and will induct four people into the N.C. State Fair Livestock Hall of Fame on the last day, recognizing their contributions to our livestock program at the State Fair. I am proud that we highlight agriculture in so many ways at the State Fair.

But one of the best parts is always seeing the many smiling faces, hearing the laughter and seeing people having a great time making memories at the State Fair. Throughout the fair, we hear so many stories of people who have been coming to the fair for generations, kids growing up in the show ring, multiple generations of families attending the fair together.

I had a story shared with me from a mom and dad who had seen their 12-year-old daughter gain confidence and learn responsibility through 4-H programs and showing animals at the fair. During the fair, she was even interviewed by one of the Raleigh TV stations to highlight what is involved in showing livestock. Personal growth is a common story with our 4-H and FFA youth and I am always encouraged to see so many young people participate in these shows and in these programs.

I know the rides and foods draw people to our fairs, but agriculture remains at the heart of why we put these events on each year. Read the story on page 8 of this paper to see all the ways agriculture is highlighted at the N.C. State Fair.

The N.C. Mountain State Fair and the N.C. State Fair are great celebrations of North Carolina agriculture and all things North Carolina.

I am so proud of all the hard work that goes on behind the scenes to put the N.C. State Fair and the N.C. Mountain State Fair on. Many employees of the department are involved with the State Fair from volunteering in Field of Dreams and Smithfield Foods Hunger Relief Day, to manning the N.C. Forest Service display, the Got to Be NC Pavilion, Germ City, the State Fair Ark, our Standards and Pesticides booths, and more.

They do this work in addition to their normal work responsibilities and our ongoing disaster relief efforts. I am proud of everything they accomplish and thank them for making sure our fairs are a success.

In this season of Thanksgiving, the fairs remind me of the many blessings I am grateful for – the blessing of family, the blessing of a dedicated work family and the blessing of agriculture's bounty in our state. I hope you and your families have a wonderful Thanksgiving enjoying the fruits of our farmers' labor. When you offer thanks, please take a moment to also give thanks for the farmers for providing the food we enjoy every day.

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NCDA&CS seeks ag research proposals

With $1 million in grant funding available, the N.C. Department of Agriculture and Consumer services requests proposals for research that advances agriculture and the agricultural economy in the state. Proposed research projects should be limited to $100,000 each and fit into any of the following programs:

- Innovations to Advance the Agricultural Economy – This program that the N.C. General Assembly approved in 2024 aims to address needs of the evolving agricultural economy with a broad range of innovative research.
- Bioenergy Research Initiative – Approved in 2013, this program supports the research and development of agricultural and forestry-based feedstocks for bioenergy production, agribusiness development and cooperative research for biofuels production within the state.
- New and Emerging Crops – The mission of this program is to identify potential new crops and value-added products and then provide the agricultural research, marketing support and grower education needed to make these crops commercially viable options for North Carolina growers. Funding for this program was first allocated by the General Assembly in 2018.

"Investing in ag research is an investment in the future of our ag industry, and for more than a decade now, we've invested $12.5 million in about 160 research projects," said Agriculture Commissioner Steve Troxler. "Research will help address the need to produce more with fewer resources and improve the bottom line."

The programs are organized under the NCDA&CS Research Stations Division. While not a requirement, research projects funded through these programs can be supported by one or more of the research stations and field laboratories strategically located across the state.

Additional details, the official request for proposals, grant applications and forms are online at www.ncagr.gov/divisions/research-stations/BRI/NECP/IAAE. Applications must be postmarked by Nov. 14. Questions about each program should be directed to Hunter Barrier at 910-592-7839. For more information on the application process, contact Allison Medlin, at allison.medlin@ncagr.gov or at 919-693-2483.

Giant pumpkins

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Albert and Chris Rodebaugh pose with the award-winning pumpkin.

H.C. Williams of Bailey placed second with his 245-pound pumpkin. Theron Ray of Bailey placed third with his 230.9-pound watermelon. The watermelon competition is sponsored by Agri Supply.

The Great Pumpkin Commonwealth is an international organization that promotes growing giant vegetables. The top three winners in pumpkins take home between $1.50 and $3 per pound. The top three winners in watermelons are awarded between $3 and $6 per pound.

Christoper Kent with his winning watermelon.

The Great Pumpkin Commonwealth weigh-off was held Oct. 14.

Summer Lanier tapped to lead N.C. Poultry Federation

The North Carolina Poultry Federation (NCPF) announced recently that Summer Lanier has been named as the new incoming executive director, replacing outgoing Robert Ford upon his retirement later this year.

"Everyone at NCPF is excited to welcome an industry veteran to its ranks in this forward-facing position. Summer is a dynamic, experienced leader who brings a lifetime of poultry industry knowledge, dedication and passion that we are confident will help advance our mission," said current NCPF Board President Cowan Johnson.

As executive director, Lanier will have operational oversight of the federation, ensuring its fiscal health and stability, promote the poultry industry, expand and provide value to the federation's membership, and drive advocacy efforts in line with the board's goals and strategic directives. Lanier will also be responsible for ensuring communication with stakeholders, regulatory bodies, and partners across agriculture and government sectors.

Summer Lanier

"I feel as if I have spent my life, up to this point, training for this position. Since the age of three, poultry has been the center of my home and professional life and coming to NCPF is a very natural progression in my career. I am thrilled for this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to take my passion for poultry to the next level and serve this great industry," said Lanier.

Raised on a family-owned and operated, contract turkey farm, Lanier holds bachelor's degrees in both Animal Science and Poultry Science as well as a master's degree in Poultry Science from North Carolina State University (NCSU). She also completed NCSU's Agricultural Leadership Development Program in 2014.

Prior to joining NCPF, Lanier spent 19 years working for Prestage Farms, Inc. in numerous roles, including public relations director, and most recently, antibiotic-free turkey production manager. With this range of experience, she brings a unique wealth and breadth of industry knowledge to NCPF. She currently lives in Wallace, N.C. with her husband, Matt, and their two children, Cade, 10, and Maesie, 6.

Research Stations employee retires after more than a decade

After more than a decade of service, Sam Brake retired from the N.C. Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services at the beginning of September. He helped lead a few of the many programs spread across the department, with his programs being based in the Research Stations Division.

His retirement is a bittesweet moment for the division, and to recognize him people gathered at a retirement celebration in late August. It was held at the Granville County Extension office, adjacent to the Oxford Tobacco Research Station where Brake was based.

"We are here today to celebrate Sam's retirement. I'm not celebrating though, Sam. I'm just telling you, I'm not celebrating this because it's really hard for me to see you leave," said division director Teresa Lambert. "I'm going to say when he retires I'm not just losing one of the greatest when it came to bioenergy research, but Sam my friend is retiring."

That sentiment was repeated over and over as people spoke about how Brake left a mark on them both professionally and personally.

Over 11.5 years, Brake led or helped lead the Bioenergy Research Initiative, the New and Emerging Crops Program and the relatively new initiative called Innovations to Advance the Agricultural Economy. He was also an integral part of the department's grant program called "Increasing Meat Production, Efficiency and Capacity," which came in the aftermath of COVID-19 supply disruptions.

Brake left a lasting impression on those programs and on colleagues, growers and the broader North Carolina agricultural community. Those who worked with him praised not only his expertise but also his mentorship, curiosity and genuine warmth.

"It's been great. It's been wonderful… life-changing, for sure," said Allison Medlin, Brake's assistant who worked with him daily. "I have mixed emotions, and I am so thrilled for him. I really am, but it's a world of knowledge leaving in the department. He's taught me so much. He's made a tremendous impact on my life."

Before coming to NCDA&CS, Brake worked for more than 27 years leading Open Grounds Farm in Carteret County. He then worked at the N.C. Biofuel Center, a government supported nonprofit that explored biomass and biofuels. It was based in the same building where his retirement celebration was held. When it dissolved, much of the work and the grant projects transferred to the NCDA&CS Bioenergy Research Initiative.

The initiative, funded by the General Assembly since 2013, supports research and development of agricultural and forestry-based feedstocks for bioenergy production. Under Sam's guidance, the program fostered agribusiness development and cooperative research, helping position the state as a leader in sustainable energy solutions.

When the New and Emerging Crops Program began in 2018, Brake was part of its oversight, helping the program identify potential new crops and value-added products while providing the research, marketing and grower education needed to make them viable.

Research Stations Division Director Teresa Lambert (left) recognizes Sam Brake.

"He's been like a mentor. One thing that I really respect about Sam is that his motivation is continuous learning," said Hunter Barrier, superintendent of the Horticulture Crops Research Station in Clinton and coordinator for the New and Emerging Crops Program. "He'll always say if you learn something new, you've had a great day."

The programs evolved further in 2024 with the addition of Innovations to Advance the Agricultural Economy. It supports research projects aimed at addressing the ever-changing needs of North Carolina agriculture. Brake's leadership in these programs helped the department support projects that pushed forward research, agri-business and grower opportunities.

Brake's contribution to the Increasing Meat Processing Efficiency and Capacity (IMPEC) program is also part of his legacy. He and the grant management team oversaw multiple rounds of grant applications and awards. Through the program, dozens of small meat processing facilities have received funding to expand and improve, which has decreased processing time and helped get local beef, pork, poultry and seafood to customers more quickly. For that work, Brake and the team were honored with a Governor's Award for Excellence in 2022.

John King and Brake examine some of the sycamore trees in the research plot.

People who spoke about Brake repeatedly highlighted not only those accomplishments, but his willingness to dive into the work, whether in the field or the lab. Lambert recalled some of her first impressions working with him at the Piedmont Research Station in Salisbury.

"He dresses out and he puts on his little hairnet; he comes in the poultry houses with us and picks up eggs, and he works with us. He puts out feed. He became very much part of our team," Lambert said.

Barrier echoed that sentiment, noting that Brake would tie up tomatoes, pick strawberries or do whatever was needed, modeling hands-on leadership that earned respect across the department. Thomas Cobb, superintendent of the Oxford Tobacco Research Station, also talked about Brake's ability to connect with people and share agriculture with them.

"It doesn't matter what room he's in; it doesn't matter who he's talking to; he can find a way to relate to anyone," Cobb said. "I've seen him do it with elementary school kids, and I've seen him do it with grown adults who have been doing this all their life."

Lambert also shared how Brake connected with people when he volunteered in the animal exhibits at the N.C. State Fair each year.

"Sam stood over by the pig section talking to all the moms and little kids and dads and teachers that would walk by, about anything and everything agriculture related," Lambert said. "I think, Sam, you probably stood in that corner 12 hours a day for the last four years or five years? And I heard so many compliments from just random strangers that would come up and say, that guy knows his stuff, and he is so kind to just stand there and tell us all that he knows – impart his wisdom on these young people."

The descriptions of Brake as a mentor, guide and friend were echoed many times as people spoke to honor his retirement. Barrier added that Brake was always like a grandfather – somebody he could call for advice even when he was frustrated or other times when a steady voice could help.

His generosity extended even outside work. Lambert said that after her home was hit by an tornado in 2017, Brake came to her house and helped clear debris and put on a roof — five hours from his own home — simply out of the goodness of his heart.

Colleagues also noted Brake's curiosity and willingness to learn. Dr. John King, researcher and professor at N.C. State University, reflected on his experiences with Brake too.

"He's very interested in all field aspects — planting the trees, managing the trees, seeing how they grow, learning about problems, but also solutions and then helping hopefully bring the products to market. So he has a genuine curiosity for the work," King said.

While Brake's retirement marks the end of a career, the programs he led continue to evolve and grow. His work laid a strong foundation for ongoing innovation in bioenergy, emerging crops and agricultural research, and his mentorship has shaped the next generation of leaders across North Carolina agriculture.

Reflecting on his career, Sam said he just thought it was time for the programs to have someone new with more modern leadership. He also thought back to all the lasting impacts of IMPEC and all the grant projects he was part of seeing into fruition. He mentioned research on grasses used for biofuels and North Carolina-grown hops, rice, sesame, Chinese medicinal herbs and seedless muscadines, just to name a few. He also looked to the future as the new innovations initiative includes some animal-related agriculture research.

"[Before coming to the department] I'd lost touch, but this put me back in touch. It got me a little bit more back in touch with what's going on in agriculture. And there's a lot of great things happening, and I've loved every minute of it," Brake said as he transitioned to say how much he enjoyed and appreciated the people he worked with. "No man's an island. We've got to work together."

From the fields of Oxford to classrooms, research labs and the State Fair, Sam Brake's impact on North Carolina agriculture — and on the people who work in it — will be felt for years to come because of the people he touched.

"This guy right here is the most genuine, caring, loving guy I have ever been around in my entire life, and we are absolutely going to miss him," Lambert said.

More results from 2025 Mountain State Fair livestock shows

Continued from the October 2025 issue of the Agricultural Review, here are more winners in the N.C. Mountain State Fair livestock shows:

Junior Market Lamb Show Champions

- Grand Champion -- Emma Britt, Edgecombe County
- Reserve Grand Champion -- Scarlett Denning, Johnston County
- Got to Be NC Grand and Reserve Grand Champions -- Kendall Ayscue, Nash County

Junior Meat Breed Ewe Show Champions

- Grand Champion Overall -- Zadock Jennings, Johnston County
- Reserve Grand Champion (Overall) -- Scarlett Denning, Johnston County
- Got to be NC Grand Champion (Overall) -- Scarlett Denning, Johnston County
- Got to be NC Reserve Grand Champion Overall -- Ceily Bledsoe, Surry County

Dorset Junior Meat Breed Ewe

- Champion -- Meredith Poole, Franklin County
- Reserve Grand Champion -- Annalise Watts, Rowan County
- Got to be NC Champion -- Annalise Watts, Rowan County
- Got to be NC Reserve Champion Jr. Meat Breed Ewe -- Valerie Poole, Franklin County

Hampshire Junior Meat Breed Ewe

- Champion -- Lydia Wilson, Rowan County
- Reserve Champion Jr. Meat Breed Ewe -- Charleigh Settle, Iredell County
- Got to Be NC Champion -- Lydia Wilson, Rowan County
- Got to Be NC Reserve Champion -- Charleigh Settle, Iredell County

Southdown Junior Meat Breed Ewe

- Champion -- McKinley Settle, Iredell County
- Southdown Reserve Champion Brylie Creel, Davie County
- Southdown Got to Be NC Champion -- McKinley Settle, Iredell County
- Southdown Got to Be NC Reserve Champion -- Brylie Creel, Davie County

Katahdin Junior Meat Breed Ewe

- Champion -- Guy Deal, Rowan County
- Reserve Champion -- Margaret Deal, Rowan County
- Got to Be NC Champion -- Margaret Deal, Rowan County
- Got to Be NC Reserve Champion -- Guy Deal, Rowan County

Dorper Junior Meat Breed Ewe

- Champion and Got to Be NC Champion -- Lydia Wilson, Rowan County
- Reserve Champion and Got to Be NC Reserve Champion -- Lyla Sapp, Davie County

Other Purebreds Jr. Meat Breed Ewe

Livestock shows are the heart of the N.C. Mountain State Fair.

- Champion -- McKinley Settle, Iredell County
- Reserve Champion and Got to Be NC Champion -- Emry Starnes, Rowan County
- Got to Be NC Reserve Champion -- Aubrey Harris, Davie County

Commercial Jr. Meat Breed Ewe

- Champion -- Zadock Jennings, Johnston County
- Reserve Champion and Got to Be NC Champion -- Scarlett Denning, Johnston County
- Got to Be NC Reserve Champion -- Ceily Bledsoe, Surry County

Commercial Hair Jr. Meat Breed Ewe

- Champion and Got to Be Champion -- Aubree Barnhardt, Davie County
- Reserve Champion and Got to Be Reserve Champion -- Kyndal Conard, Haywood County

Junior Beef Cattle Shows

Showmanship Champions

- Novice – 8 and under -- Audrey Bailey, Rutherford County
- Junior – 9 - 13 -- Ansley Gee, Lincoln County
- Senior – 14 - 18 -- Jordan Mitchem, Lincoln County
- WNC Dairy Steer Project – 8-13 -- Porter Mitchell, Henderson County
- WNC Dairy Steer Project – 14-18 -- Sarayd Dugan, Transylvania County

Open Feeder Steer

- Grand Champion, Got to Be NC Grand Champion and Got to Be NC Reserve Grand Champion -- Addison McLean, Catawba County
- Reserve Grand Champion -- Grace Starcher, Transylvania County

Open Market Steer

- Got to Be NC Grand Champion -- Gunner Crawford, Macon County
- Got to Be NC Reserve Grand Champion -- Stella Gash, Transylvania County

Open Junior Beef Heifer Show Champions

Angus

- Grand Champion and Got to Be NC Champion -- Macie Ledford, Macon County
- Reserve Grand Champion -- Ellie Shuping, Burke County
- Got to Be NC Reserve Champion -- Ashlyn Houston, Catawba County

Galloway

- Grand Champion -- David Corn, Transylvania County
- Reserve Grand Champion -- Isabella Honeycutt, Transylvania County

Hereford

- Grand Champion -- Jordan Mitchem, Lincoln County
- Reserve Grand Champion and Got to Be NC Grand Champion -- Ansley Gee, Lincoln County
- Got to Be NC Reserve Grand Champion -- Audrey Bailey, Rutherford County

Percentage Simmental

- Grand Champion and Got to Be NC Grand Champion -- Shelby Candler, Buncombe County
- Reserve Grand Champion and Got to Be NC Reserve Grand Champion -- Ellie Shuping, Burke County

Simmental

- Grand Champion -- Shelby Candler, Buncombe County
- Got to Be NC Grand Champion -- Georgia Turrentine, Stokes County

All Other Breeds

- Grand Champion -- Emma Vanhoy, Catawba County
- Reserve Grand Champion and Got to Be NC Grand Champion -- Hannah Smith, Macon County
- Got to Be NC Reserve Grand Champion -- Shelby Candler, Buncombe County

Commercial Junior Heifer

- Reserve Grand Champion -- Emma Vanhoy, Catawba County
- Got to Be NC Grand Champion -- Hannah Smith, Macon County
- Got to Be NC Reserve Grand Champion -- Ellie Shuping, Burke County

Supreme

- Champion and Got to Be NC Champion -- Shelby Candler, Buncombe County
- Reserve Supreme Champion -- Jordan Mitchem, Lincoln County
- Reserve Supreme Got to Be NC Champion -- Ansley Gee, Lincoln County

WNC District Junior Beef Feeder Steer Show

- Grand Champion -- Grace Starcher, Transylvania County
- Reserve Grand Champion and Got to Be NC Champion -- Gunner Crawford, Macon County
- WNC District Dairy Steer Project
- Grand Champion -- Honey Jo Chandler, Buncombe County
- Reserve Grand Champion -- Evangeline Plemmons, Haywood County

WNC District Junior Beef Market Steer

- Grand Champion -- Ben Holland, Macon County
- Reserve Champion and Got to Be NC Champion -- Gunner Crawford, Macon County

WNC District Junior Beef Heifer

- Supreme Champion -- Shelby Candler, Buncombe County

Angus

- Grand Champion -- Macie Ledford, Macon County
- Reserve Grand Champion -- Ellie Shuping, Burke County

Galloway

- Grand Champion -- David Corn, Transylvania County
- Reserve Grand Champion -- Isabella Honeycutt, Transylvania County

Hereford

- Grand Champion -- Audrey Bailey, Rutherford County
- Reserve Grand Champion -- Walker Bailey, Rutherford County

Percentage Simmental

- Grand Champion -- Shelby Candler, Buncombe County
- Reserve Grand Champion Heifer -- Ellie Shuping, Burke County

Simmental

- Grand Champion -- Shelby Candler, Buncombe County
- Reserve Grand Champion -- Barrett Freeman, Haywood County

All Other Breeds

- Grand Champion -- Hannah Smith, Macon County
- Reserve Grand Champion -- Shelby Candler, Buncombe County

Commercial

- Grand Champion -- Hannah Smith, Macon County
- Commercial Reserve Grand Champion -- Ellie Shuping, Burke County

Youth Poultry Shows

Showmanship Champions

- Junior Youth 8 and under -- Everitt Steiner, Henderson County
- Intermediate Youth 9 – 13 -- Wyatt Merrell, Henderson County
- Senior Youth 14-18 -- Hannah-Grace Tweedie, Buncombe County

Youth Laying Hen Shows

PeeWee Laying Hens

- Grand Champion -- Stella Rendon, Buncombe County
- Reserve Grand Champion -- Wyatt Gabriel, Catawba County

Youth Laying Hens

- Grand Champion -- Grant Rathbone, Haywood County
- Reserve Grand Champion -- Maggie Voncanon, Transylvania County
- Top 4-H Club -- Barnyard Bandits, Henderson County
- Runner Up Top 4-H Club -- Catawba County Livestock 4-H Club

Junior Wool Breed Sheep Showmanship Champions

- Junior Youth 8 and Under -- Aubree Coggins, Henderson County
- Intermediate Youth 9 – 13 -- Reagan Trantham, Buncombe County
- Senior Youth 14 – 19 -- Haley Hargus, Henderson County
- Junior Wool Breed Sheep Show Champions
- Overall Grand Champion Pair -- Haley Hargus,

We are so proud of all our competitors!

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Results

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Buncombe County
- Overall Grand Champion Fleece -- Miles Azelton, Henderson County
- Overall Grand Champion Ewe and Got to Be Grand Champion Ewe -- Jackson Trantham, Buncombe County
- Overall Reserve Grand Champion Ewe and Got to Be NC Reserve Grand Champion Ewe – Benjamin Gaddy, Buncombe County

Border Leicester Ewe
- Champion, Reserve Champion, Got to Be NC Champion and Got to Be NC Reserve Champion -- Haley Hargus, Henderson County
- Double Coated/Primitive Ewe
- Champion, Reserve Champion, Got to Be NC Champion and Got to Be NC Reserve Champion -- Benjamin Gaddy, Buncombe County

Shetland Ewe
- Champion and Reserve Champion -- Benjamin Gaddy, Buncombe County
- Got to Be NC Reserve Champion -- Miles Azelton, Henderson County

Fine Wool Ewe
- Champion -- Elizabeth Tankersley, Henderson County
- Reserve Champion and Got to Be NC Reserve Champion -- Maisyn Trantham, Buncombe County
- Got to Be NC Champion -- Elizabeth Tankersley, Henderson County

Long Wool Ewe
- Champion, Reserve Champion, Got to Be NC Champion and Got to Be NC Reserve Champion – Jackson Trantham, Buncombe County

Valais Blacknose Ewe
- Champion, Reserve Champion, Got to Be NC Champion and Got to Be NC Reserve Champion – Reagan Trantham, Buncombe County

Fleece Show
- White Fleece -- Champion Debbie Trantham, Buncombe County
- Mixed Color Fleece – Champion – Debbie Trantham, Buncombe County
- Colored Fleece -- Champion – Christina Dotson, Henderson County

Open Wool Breed Sheep Show
- Supreme Champion Pair Ewes -- Katie Gaddy, Buncombe County
- Supreme Champion Ewe -- Debborah Trantham, Buncombe County
- Supreme Champion Fleece -- Christine Dotson, Henderson County
- Supreme Champion Gift of Sire -- Fallon Newell, Transylvania Coun
- Supreme Champion Flock -- Katie Gaddy, Buncombe County
- Supreme Champion Young Breeder's Flock -- Elizabeth Tankersley, Henderson County
- Supreme Champion Dam & Daughters -- Deborah Trantham, Buncombe County
- Premier Exhibitor -- Deborah Trantham, Buncombe County

Border Leicester Ram
- Champion -- Haley Hargus, Henderson County
- Reserve Champion -- Haley Hargus, Henderson County

Cotswald Ram
- Champion – Christine Dotson, Henderson County
- Reserve Champion -- Katie Gaddy, Buncombe County

Fine Wool Ram
- Champion Elizabeth Tankersley, Henderson County

Long Wool Ram
- Champion Debbie Trantham, Buncombe County
- Reserve Champion -- Fallon Newell, Transylvania County

Valais Blacknose Ram
- Champion – Deborah Trantham, Buncombe County

Border Leicester Ewe
- Champion and Reserve Champion -- Haley Hargus, Henderson County

Cotswald Ewe

Double Coated/Primitive Ewe
- Champion and Reserve Champion -- Katie Gaddy, Buncombe County
- Shetland Ewe
- Champion -- Katie Gaddy, Buncombe County
- Reserve Champion – Christine Dotson, Henderson County

Fine Wool Ewe
- Champion and Reserve Champion -- Allison Rudisill, Buncombe County

Long Wool Ewe
- Champion – Deborah Trantham, Buncombe County
- Reserve Champion -- Haley Hargus, Henderson County

Valais Blacknose Ewe
- Champion – Deborah Trantham, Buncombe County
- Reserve Champion -- Debbie Trantham, Buncombe County

Border Leicester Flock
- Champion -- Haley Hargus, Henderson County

Shetland Flock
- Champion -- Katie Gaddy, Buncombe County
- Reserve Champion – Elizabeth Tankersley, Henderson County

Fine Wool Flock
- Champion -- Elizabeth Tankersley, Henderson County

Long Wool Flock
- Champion – Deborah Trantham, Buncombe County

Valais Blacknose Flock
- Champion – Deborah Trantham, Buncombe County

Shetland Young Breeder's Flock
- Champion -- Katie Gaddy, Buncombe County
- Reserve Champion – Christine Dotson, Henderson County

Fine Wool Young Breeder's Flock
- Champion -- Elizabeth Tankersley, Henderson County

Long Wool Young Breeder's Flock
- Champion -- Fallon Newell, Transylvania County

Border Leicester Dam & Daughters
- Champion -- Chaney Rae Leonard, Franklin County

Shetland Dam & Daughters
- Champion -- Katie Gaddy, Buncombe County

Long Wool Dam & Daughters
- Champion – Deborah Trantham, Buncombe County

Valais Blacknose Dam & Daughters
- Champion – Debbie Trantham, Buncombe County

Double Coated/Primitive Gift of Sire
- Champion -- Katie Gaddy, Buncombe County

Shetland Gift of Sire
- Champion – Christine Dotson, Henderson County
- Reserve Champion -- Katie Gaddy, Buncombe County

Fine Wool Gift of Sire
- Champion -- Elizabeth Tankersley, Henderson County
- Reserve Champion – Elizabeth Tankersley, Henderson County

Long Wool Gift of Sire
- Champion -- Fallon Newell, Transylvania County

Junior Meat Goat Champions

Showmanship Champions
- Novice Youth 8 and under -- Addie Gail Waters, Johnston County
- Junior Youth 9 – 13 -- Lila Britt, Wayne County
- Senior Youth 14 – 18 – Kennedy Lee, Johnston County

Junior Market Meat Goat Show
- Champion -- Olivia Sanner, Iredell County
- Reserve Champion and Got to be NC Champion -- Scarlett Denning, Johnston County
- Got to be NC Reserve Champion -- Addie Gail Waters, Johnston County

Junior Commercial Doe Meat Goats
- Champion and Got to be NC Champion -- Scarlett Denning, Johnston County
- Reserve Champion and Got to be NC Reserve Champion -- Olivia Sanner, Iredell County

Junior Commercial Does
- Champion and Got to be NC Champion -- Lydia Wilson, Rowan County
- Reserve Champion Junior Commercial Does – Addison Sprinkle, Buncombe County
- Got to be NC Reserve Champion -- Caroline Scarlett, Johnston County

Overall Champion Junior Commercial Does
- Grand Champion and Got to be NC Grand Champion – Scarlett Denning, Johnston County
- Reserve Grand Champion and Got to be NC Reserve Grand Champion -- Olivia Sanner, Iredell County

Junior Dairy Cattle Champions

Showmanship Champions
- Novice Youth 8 and under – Silas McMurry, Cleveland County
- Junior Youth 9 – 13 – Bryson Baldwin, Iredell County
- Senior Youth 14 – 18 – Shylee Brooks, Randolph County
- Senior Plus Youth 19 – 21 -- Hannah Loftin, Iredell County

Open Junior Dairy Cattle Show
- Overall Supreme Grand Champion – Saige Summersett, Pickens County, SC
- Overall Supreme Reserve Champion – Bryson Baldwin, Iredell County

Ayrshire – Junior Female
- Champion – Landon Oliver, Alamance County
- Reserve Champion – Colton Oliver, Alamance County
- Brown Swiss – Junior Female
- Champion -- Barrett Heizer, Alamance County
- Reserve Champion -- Job Sutton, Haywood County

Guernsey – Junior Female
- Champion – Soraya Gomez, Alamance County
- Reserve Champion -- Isaac Schmiesing, Davidson County

Holstein – Junior Female
- Champion – Ansleigh Gilbert, Hamblen County, Tenn.
- Reserve Champion – Merritt Redman, Washington County, Tenn.

Jersey – Junior Female
- Champion -- Barrett Heizer, Alamance County
- Reserve Champion – Shylee Brooks, Randolph County

Ayrshire – Senior Female
- Champion -- Hannah Loftin, Iredell County
- Reserve Champion – Carson Ward, Davidson County

Our young competitors have bright futures ahead!

Find the remaining results online at www.ncagr.gov under Press Releases..

Bucolic Briefs

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.

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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.

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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

Nov. 1 ..... Da Bomb Barrel Racing. Contact Josh Smith, 910-639-6387.
Nov. 3 ..... Horse and Tack Auction. Contact Brad Stephens, 828-390-0878.
Nov. 8 & 9 . Cowboy Mounted Shooting. Contact Pamela Lohery, 540-570-8785.
Nov. 15 ..... BBHA Open Show. Contact Jerry King, 910-237-4525.
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.

Nov. 13 ..... N.C. State NBHA State Finals. Contact WNC Ag Center, 828-687-1414.
Dec. 6 ..... Western North Carolina Open Show Championship presented by Davis Ranch. Contact WNC Ag Center, 828-687-1414.

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

Classified Advertising

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• Advertisements are limited to 30 words or less. This includes first & last name of advertiser (NOT farm name), complete address and phone number w/area code.
• Ads will be published in one issue only. Ads that are to be repeated must be submitted for each issue.
• Only two ads per family per issue will be accepted. Family refers to all individual sharing the same residence, mailing address or home telephone number. These ads must be under separate classifications.
• All "For Sale" and "For Rent" ads must have a price or price range. Stud service must also include a fee.
• The ad deadline is the first working day of the month prior to publication at noon.

Equipment For Sale

2017 Takeuchi TB240 mini excavator, 2,645 hrs., well maintained, $28,500 obo. Caroline Satterwhite, Graham 336-263-4039.

MF 245 tractor, 40 hrs., new eng, $8,500; MF 253 tractor, 1,200 hrs., $15,000; 14 pieces 3pt equip., $100-$2,500. William Fox, Taylorsville 828-312-9736.

Befco 212 fert spreader, 3pt, GC, $700. Rod Tomberlin, Oakboro 704-485-3954.

1954 AC-B tractor, GC, shed kept, good tires, plow, new-type cult, motor stuck, $800. Howard Cornelison, Trinity 336-688-5061.

Purina lick tank, $350; 3pt cult, $200; 6 ft., 3pt hd scrape blade, $450. Doug Stancil, Greensboro 336-402-8161.

1952 Farmall Super A, 90% restored, runs, has problems; w/plow, bush hog, disc, scrape blade, full cult set, spare points, $5,000/all nego. Delbert Sims, Greensboro 336-317-3323.

Gleaner K combine, 30 in., 3-row corn head, shed kept, $2,500; NH 268 sq baler, shed kept, GC, $1,600. Roger Poarch, Lenoir 828-850-1377.

FARM EQUIPMENT

Dearborn disc plow, model 11-141, $300-$350. Jerry Hopping, Pfafftown 336-671-6307.

1950s tricycle tractor, FC, been sitting, $2,000 or trade. Jeff Brittain, Hickory 828-327-4782.

2025 Bobcat ZT3000, 55 hrs., shed kept, buyer p/u, $6,900 cash or certified check. Owen Moore, High Point 336-848-0614.

AC-B110 lawn tractor w/ mower $2,000. Richard Burrage, Concord 704-791-3434.

Farm Pro 2430 tractor, 4wd, 3 cyl. diesel, 8-spd, 30hp, needs starter, $2,500. Denny Barney, Mocksville 336-909-5180.

(5) Gibson tractors, 1947 model, $5,000; Alamo hit & miss eng, 3 1/2 hp, $700. Bobby Harkey, Albemarle 704-982-2494.

Feed mill, inclds mix mill, holding tank & twin spiral mixer on digital scales, buyer removes, $20,000; feed tanks, $500/up; Hog Slat stainless steel feeders, $150/up. Joe Porter, Monroe 704-309-0056.

Soil pulverizer, 3pt, 60 in. wide, fair cond., $250. Henry Lambeth, Gibsonville 336-697-0510.

AC-B model & Economy tractors for parts, some implements; 1953 MF, running, $750/all. Sharon Diltz, Browns Summit 336-621-7731.

FARM EQUIPMENT

Cultipacker, 12 ft., w/lift cyl., $1,200; irrig. pump, 6 cyl. diesel Berkley high pressure belted pump, $7,800. Mark Hardy, Browns Summit 336-339-0626.

1979 Intl Farmall 140 tractor w/cults, $5,000. Jim Holt, Julian 336-601-6139.

Grain bin, 1,000 bu, 14' high x 8' diameter, raised perforated metal floor, underfloor unloading auger, buyer disassembles/removes, $2,500. Joel Henry Davis, Newport 252-241-7575.

Old seed spreader, metal wheels intact; McCormick No. 80 combine, $200 obo. Larry Clements, Winston-Salem 336-324-7110.

GT 1006 no-till seeder, year unknown, GC, stored inside, $7,000-$8,000. Tracie Gant, Pisgah Forest 828-507-3763.

1948 Ford 8N, new front tires, rebuilt eng, runs well, new battery, new PTO seal, orig. paint, $1,700-$1,900. William Smitherman, East Bend 336-699-8699.

1949 Farmall Cub tractor, right angle belt pto pulley, drawbar, $1,500. Jan Wilson, Hickory 828-244-6262.

MF 30b backhoe, Perkins diesel (4) rebuilt hyd cyl. & new hoses, $8,500; 165 MF tractor, needs eng work, $2,200. Brian Pool, Marion 828-442-7525.

FARM EQUIPMENT

New Woods DS 10.40 bush hog, pull type,10 ft. wide, $14,500. Billy Hardin, Liberty 336-202-9855 or billy@billyhardin.com.

JD 6620 combine, w/216 flex grain platform, 3,610 hrs., recently replaced belts, $10,000. Alex Lattimore, Shelby 704-473-5215.

2-row equip., sprayer, tandem, drain digger, (2) brush hogs, tiller, cult, box blade, lift boom, (2) fert hoppers, must take all, $4,500-$5,000. James Keech Jr., Pinetown 252-943-4949.

Bushmaster cutter blades, new, in box, fits various cutters, $200. David Miller, Millers Creek 336-306-2403.

Equipment Wanted

NH 57 hay rack for parts, 3pt. Larry Lyerly, Gold Hill 704-213-0590.

JD forage wagon, model 215, can be a salvage unit. Norris McConnell, Mount Ulla 704-663-3828 or 431-9321, before 8 p.m.

MF 1040, 1045, 1140, 1145, 1240, 1250; 2wd or 4wd, ps, GC, ag tires, loader not needed. D.G. Hill, Monroe 646-469-1327, call or text.

MF tractor, 20-70hp, running or not. C. Johnson, Burlington 336-212-5943.

EQUIPMENT WANTED

Farmall Cub tractor w/ belly mower, running or not. Arron Lamar, Snow Camp 336-214-4505.

Old tobacco tying machine, gas or electric. Steve Clark, N. Wilkesboro 336-984-1183.

Used landscape rake, 5 or 6 ft., 3pt, GC, $250-$400. Talmage Brown, Raleigh 919-302-0520.

Farm Labor For Sale

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.

Pastureland to rent for cattle in Chatham co. Shawn Petty, Siler City 919-542-8360.

FARMLAND

Land to lease in Stokes or Surry co; past NCWRC Hunter Safety instr. w/equip that could possibly be beneficial to landowners, $1,000. CT Walker, Salisbury 704-273-2685.

Hay & Grain For Sale

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

Fescue hay, barn stored, 4x5 rnd, $40/bale. Chris Wood, Sanford 919-842-2126, call/text.

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

Korean lespedeza hay, organically grown, sq bales, $15; 4x6 rnd, $100/bale. Murray Cohen, Pittsboro 919-742-4433.

Fescue, sq bales, $6 ea.; rnd bales, $50 ea. Thomas Berrier, Lexington 336-764-1051.

Fescue, horse quality, 4x5 rnd, $50/bale; mixed grass, 4x5 rnd, $40/bale; cow hay, 4x5 rnd, $30/bale. Ronnie Brogden, Creedmoor 919-528-1767.

Orchard grass/fescue, 4x5 rnd, net wrapped, horse quality, no rain/weeds, sheltered, $45/bale; cow/goat mixed grass, net wrapped, 4x5 rnd, sheltered, $35/bale. Jay Hohn, Archdale 336-289-3686.

Hay, 4x5 bales, deliv. w/in 30 mi, $45/bale. David Lomax, Denton 336-688-5313.

Fescue & mixed grass, in barn, no rain, 4x4, $30/bale; 10 or more, $25/bale. Don Bennett, Pinnacle 336-351-2893.

2025 fescue/orchard grass, 4x5, good quality, stored in barn, lrg qty avail., $35/bale. Larry York, Staley 336-824-2077.

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

Coastal bermuda horse hay, $7/bale; 4x5 rnd, sheltered, $45/bale; cow hay, $35/bale; rye straw, $5/bale or $25/rl. Jim Newton, Rockingham 910-995-1223.

2025 peanut hay, 4x5 rnd, net wrapped, can deliv. 42 bales/load anywhere, $30 field, $35 shelter. Larry Bullock, Greenville 252-883-4748.

Horse quality hay, deliv. avail., in barn, $40/rl; outside, $30/rl. H. Davis, Elon 336-260-7606.

Dry horse hay, lrg qty, 4x5, $35/bale or 4/$120. Virginia Rubino, Lincolnton 704-241-3734.

HAY & GRAIN

2025 fescue, 100 bales of 4x5 rnd, net wrapped, stored outside, excel. quality, $40/bale. Russell Hill, Pleasant Garden 336-669-2990.

Spring cut fescue & orchard grass, sq bales, $8; mixed grass, 4x4 rnd bales, $25. Dillon Pinnix, Reidsville 336-587-9042.

Horse quality fescue, no rain, $6.50/bale; goat/cow hay, $3/bale. Keith Moore, Elon 336-516-8189.

Fescue/orchard grass mix, rnd bales, net wrapped, horse & cow quality, dry storage, 1,300+ rls, $35-$50 depending on quality. William Moffitt, Asheboro 336-381-3875.

2025 horse quality hay, 4x5 rnd, 1st cutting, $35/bale; 2nd cutting sq bales, $7/bale. Joe Snow, Thurmond 336-648-5997.

2025 fescue mix, 4x5 rnd, no rain, net wrapped, stored in shelter on pallets, $50/bale. Richard Ingram, Greensboro 336-420-9253.

Hay, 4x4 rls, kept in barn, deliv. possible, $30/bale. Ben Venable, Siloam 336-710-5950, Farmsvenable@gmail.com.

Mixed grass hay, sq bales, good quality, no deliv., $8/bale cash. Ardie Peters, Vale 828-290-4560, call/text.

2025 orchard grass hay, 4x5 rls, for horses or cows, will deliv., $29/bale. Jim Graham, Linwood 336-382-3972.

Horses & Supplies For Sale

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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.

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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.

Livestock For Sale

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

LIVESTOCK

Polled Hereford heifers, $3.35/lb. Randy Davis, Elon 336-263-8163.

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

Reg Angus & SimAngus bulls, ready for service, bred for calving ease/efficiency, good feet, disposition, recent BSE, $4,200; reg heifers, (8) Angus, (4) SimAngus, $3,000. Steve McPherson, Snow Camp 919-444-5307.

Santa Gertrudis cattle, SGBI herd #7387, pb, C3 Chosen One calves, $2,000 & up; other Chosen One heifers, young bulls avail. Nov/Dec, by wgt. Charles O'Bryant III, Reidsville 336-908-0276.

Reg Brangus bulls, BSE tested & good disposition, (1) 18 m/o & (1) 3 y/o, $6,000. Joe Willoughby, Fairmont 910-740-5921.

Fainting goats, $150 & up. Joan Culberson, Snow Camp 919-259-6139.

(3) SCI bucklings, 6-7 m/o, reg SCIGBA, parent verified, CDT, microchipped, $400 ea.; SCI x Kiko/Boer, CDT, 8 m/o doeling, $175; 6 m/o Wether, $125. Marguerite Strand, Spring Lake 910-584-5025.

Poultry & Supplies For Sale

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

Chicken house sprayer, 200-gal. tank, (2) spray guns, on trailer, $3,000. William Fox, Taylorsville 828-312-9736.

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

Burch egg cooler, model 9000, $1,000. Scott Loflin, Yadkinville 336-480-4348, text.

Bobwhite quail, $6 ea.; Ringneck pheasants, $15 ea. Curtis Meissner, Bostic 609-273-2230.

Golden Comet pullets, August hatch, will start laying Feb. 2026, $15 ea. Joe Snow, Thurmond 336-648-5997, Saturday only.

Bantam Dark Cornish, from exhibition stock, hatched spring 2025, $40 for cockerels & $60 for pullets. Farrell Thornburg, Asheboro 336-302-5438.

Reminder

There has been an increase in reports of attempted scams off ads placed in the Ag Review. Remember, stay vigilent and cautious when dealing with interested buyers.

Poultry & Supplies Wanted

Female ducks, adult or teen, breed doesn't matter. $5-$11. Terry McLean, Lincolnton 704-530-4536.

Supplies For Sale

Myers shallow well pump, 1hp, w/regulator, EC, $175; old cast iron wash pot, 20-gal, EC, $125; custom metal dump utility box, 3pt, 4x4x2, EC, $150. Jack Matthews, Charlotte 704-846-1903.

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

Cedar bluebird houses, mite resistant, $12; circular tomato plant cages, 5 ft., woven wire, $5. Bob Whitaker, Mocksville 336-469-4822, do not text.

Fuel tank, 250-gal., w/filter & hand pump, $250; 1 pair alum. load ramps, 12 ft., $900; Yale chain hoist, $200; firewood, $350. N. Lee, Advance 336-998-8922, nights.

Logs for firewood, 16 ft. trailer load, deliv. w/in 30 mi, $125. David Lomax, Denton 336-688-5313.

Water totes, $100; burning barrels, $10; feed barrels, $20 ea. Jeff Brittain, Hickory 828-327-4782.

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.

Pecan trees, 6 in. tall, pretty & green, ready to plant, $15 ea. Michael Posey, Durham 919-621-4245.

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.

SEEDS & PLANTS

Potted muscadine plants, 5-6 ft., healthy, planting & fert instr incld, $25. Bob Whitaker, Mocksville 336-469-4822, do not text.

Sunflower seeds, old timey type w/huge 12-14 lb. flower, 15-18 in. diameter, SASE & $5 cash for 50 seeds. N. Smoot, 6227 Welborn Rd, Trinity, NC 27370, 336-823-5911.

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

Supplies Wanted

Used hog wire or fence. Arron Lamar, Snow Camp 336-214-4505 or 512-6682.

Trucks & Trailers For Sale

HD trailer, 5x7 ft., $500. Doug Stancil, Greensboro 336-402-8161.

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

1956 IH, 13 ft. metal bed & dump, $600; 1957 IH, 13 ft. dump bed, $600; 1958 IH, single axle, $600. John White, Mocksville 743-999-4244.

Stock trailer, 16 ft., $8,950. H. Davis, Elon 336-260-7606.

Calico stock trailer, 16 ft., bumper pull, $8,795. YD Saul, Elon 336-213-6292.

Flatbed trailer, 10x4 ft., hd, 12" sides, excel. rubber, spare & ramps, $1,000-$1,200. Taylor Clodfelter, Raleigh 919-418-6688.

Old cotton wagon, solid frame, wooden spoke wheels, $4,500. Wilma Stinnette, Bessemer City 704-435-2361.

1972 Chevy C30, 12 ft. dump bed, needs fuel tank, $2,000. Brian Pool, Marion 828-442-7525.

2021 JD HPX615E, 4wd, hyd lift bed, $6,500-$8,500. Lisa Graf, New Bern 252-876-1171.

Agriculture is still the foundation of the N.C. State Fair

Since the very first N.C. State Fair in 1853, agriculture has been a cornerstone in the foundation. From the livestock shows and display agriculture to the competition artwork and fair game prizes, agriculture continues to be an ever-present part of the fairgrounds. Let's explore some of the obvious, and the not so obvious, places you can find agriculture at the N.C. State Fair.

Livestock Shows

From pigs and cattle to turkeys and lambs, the livestock shows throughout the fair are a great way to learn about agriculture, especially the importance of our state's livestock industry. Most of these shows take place in the Agri Supply Expo Center or the Jim Graham Building. The Hunt Horse Complex also offers a variety of horse shows throughout the fair. As the fair ends, the Jim Graham Building hosts the Sale of Champions, where all the Grand and Reserve Champion winners from the livestock shows are auctioned off to farmers and agribusinesses across the state. The money earned from these animals supports the agricultural education of the individuals who showcased the winning animals.

Display Agriculture & FFA Children's Barnyard

The animals are always a huge hit for families during the N.C. State Fair! Whether at a visit to the FFA Children's Barnyard near the Village of Yesteryear or the display livestock in the Agri Supply Expo Building, there's so much to see up close and learn about the agriculture industry.

North Carolina apples on display at the fair.

Field of Dreams

The Field of Dreams, presented by North Carolina's Electric Cooperatives, is an interactive exhibit where children and adults alike can learn about crops grown in our state, how to harvest them and sell them at the market. Located behind Dorton Arena, the entrance to Field of Dreams beckons you to pick up a bucket and collect crops as you follow the path to the finish, including sweet potatoes and squash. At the end, sell your produce to the volunteers at the market to receive a special prize.

Commodity Booths in the Graham Building

There are many commodity association booths in the Jim Graham building near the Tractor Supply booth. A visit here allows you to learn all about N.C. Agriculture from the N.C. Pork Council, the N.C. Beef Assocation, N.C. Egg Association and N.C. Soybean Association.

Giant Pumpkins, Watermelons, and other produce

The Giant Pumpkins and Watermelons are an Instagram-worthy location at the fair, but did you know there are lots of other beautiful produce items on display as well? The Agri Supply Expo Center is full of impressive apples, sweet potatoes, squash, peppers, gourds and more, from farmers across our state and beyond! Additionally, the bees and honey area, located next to the produce, teaches about the importance of pollination in our state's agriculture industry, as well as provides delicious honey treats for fairgoers to enjoy.

Got to Be NC Pavilion

Over the years, the Got to Be NC Pavilion has been in many locations, including in front of the Kerr Scott Building. For the last few years, however, it has taken over the inside of Dorton Arena with a Chef's Stage, featuring local chefs and wines, as well as products from businesses across the state. All vendors located in the pavilion are members of the NCDA&CS's Got to Be NC Program, which showcases products grown, raised, caught and made in our state.

Smokey Bear and the N.C. State Fair Conservation Forest

Smokey Bear is an N.C. State Fair icon! Located in the N.C. State Fair Conservation Forest, Smokey Bear helps the N.C. Forest Service teach fairgoers about our state's forestry and its important role in agriculture.

Tobacco Barn and Entries in Heritage Circle

Heritage Circle allows fairgoers to take a step back in time with hit-and-miss engine ice cream, a general store and the tobacco barn. On the first Friday of the N.C. State Fair each year, a tobacco stringing competition is held where teams from across the state compete for the best time and stick. The tobacco strung during the competition is hung in the barn to cure until the final day of the fair. As one of our state's leading crops, tobacco deserves a spotlight during the fair and gets it's moment through the barn, these events, and the competition entries, which are showcased in the glass cases in the Heritage Circle Pavilion.

Southland Dairy Milking Demonstration

The Southland Dairy Milking Demonstration, located between the Agri Supply Expo Center and the Jim Graham Building, is one of the free entertainment shows guests can enjoy each year at the fair! Not only will you learn about our state's dairy industry, but also see a cow being milked. It's a great way for kids and adults alike to learn where their favorite dairy products come from.

The Southland Dairy Milking Demonstration is educational for all.

Game prizes

Everyone loves winning a prize at the N.C. State Fair, especially the younger kids! Each year, our game hosts have a variety of fun toys for people to win by playing a game, including many livestock stuffed animals. This year, the highland cow has been extremely popular across the grounds.

Flower and Garden Show & Butterfly Barn

The Flower and Garden Show might seem like an obvious showcase of N.C. agriculture and floriculture. The gardens often showcase specific parts of our state's agriculture industry, and the Butterfly Barn teaches on the importance of pollinators for agriculture.

The Tobacco Stringing Competition was held Oct. 17.

Food, food and more food!

Last but not least, the food across the fairgrounds is an incredible showcase of the hard work of farmers across our state and country. From deep-fried bacon to candy apples, farmers across our state are to be thanked for the ingredients that make up everyone's favorite fair foods. Be sure to thank a farmer this year when you visit the N.C. State Fair and keep supporting local agriculture!

Family makes caning chairs a tradition at N.C. State Fair

From left: Hadley, Gary and Heather Barker of Burlington.

The Barker family of Burlington all took home ribbons in the chair caning competition at the 2025 N.C. State Fair for their individual entries. Daughter Hadley won a first-place ribbon in the youth competition. Dad Gary was a second-place winner in the adult competition and mom Heather won third place.

The family's entries carry on a tradition for Gary Barker's family with the State Fair and caning competitions.

Gary Barker's dad and grandmother were both caners who passed on the skill that Gary has now shared with his daughter and his wife.

Barker's family also entered competitions at the State Fair, Gary said, recalling that one year "my mom, my dad, my niece and my nephew all entered the Fair, and they all won ribbons."

Gary has been entering fair competitions for six or seven years and earned a first-place ribbon a few years ago.

Last year Gary noticed there were no caned chairs entered, and he asked about it. Learning that the competition could go away if there continued to be no interest, Gary pledged to enter the contest and find some others to enter, too.

Gary followed through on the promise and got Heather and Hadley involved, too.

Heather said she wanted "to learn because it was such a big thing for his family."

"I really liked It. Once I got the process down, it was fun. When it got to the end, it was a little harder," Heather said.

"It was my first time entering anything at the fair," she added.

Hadley, who also has an art project entered at the fair, was excited about winning a ribbon for the chair and was proud to be the fourth generation of the family to do caning. The three were at the State Fair Sunday for a day of fun and to check on their entries.

"The first thing we did was have a hot apple cider, which is something we always start with. Then we took a picture with the mum tower," Heather said. "This is usually our last stop, but we were excited to see how we did, so we came to the competition building next."

Once they arrived and saw the ribbons, the first order of business was to call Gary's mom to tell her. "Grammy is the one who taught us," Gary said, adding, "my dad would have absolutely been proud."