

The Marketing Division of The N.C. Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services Marketing Division is planning a series of free risk management workshops on “Managing Price Volatility/Identifying Macro Indicators.”

Topics to be covered include: Introduction to Grain Hedging, Basis Trading, Cost of Carry, ICE Cotton Futures, Option Trading on Futures, Energy Derivatives, and macro forces impacting the hedger. There will be an emphasis on the principles of options, spreading strategies, and using options to manage agricultural price risk.

Following are dates and locations:

- Tuesday Feb. 7, 10 a.m. to noon - Person County Extension Office, 304 S. Morgan St., Roxboro, 336-599-1195.
- Thursday, Feb. 9, 10 a.m. to noon - Granville County Extension Office, 125 Oxford Outer Loop Oxford, 919-603-1350.
- Tuesday, Feb. 21, 10 a.m. to noon - Northampton Cooperative Extension Center, 9495 N.C. Hwy. 305 N, Jackson, 252-534-2831.
- Tuesday, Feb. 28, 10 a.m. to noon - Rowan County Extension Office 2727 Old Concord Road, Salisbury, 704-216-8970.
- Thursday, March 2, 10 a.m. to noon - Stanly County Extension Office, 26032-E Newt Road, Albemarle, 704-983-3987.