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The N.C. Simmental Association's Fall Harvest Sale will be Sept. 5 at noon at the Shuffler Sale Facility in Union Grove. Bulls, bred cows and pairs, open and bred heifers and embryos will be for sale. Sale will also be online at [DPonlinesales.com](http://DPonlinesales.com). For information call 336-468-1679 or email at [ncsa@yadtel.net](mailto:ncsa@yadtel.net).

The Equestrian Exchange Tack Consignment Sale is scheduled for Sept 3-7 at the Holshouser Building at the N.C. State Fairgrounds, 1025 Blue Ridge Road Raleigh. Buy and consign anything related to the equestrian sport: Saddles, tack, driving equipment, show clothing for all disciplines of riding; barn supplies, carts, other animal items and more. Sell horse trailers to sell for representation fee only. Bar code tagging on website allows consignor to view sales from home. Consignors drop off priced, tagged items Sept. 1 from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. and Sept. 2 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sale dates and times are: Sept. 3 - special premier shopping night open to public from 5 to 10 p.m. Costs is \$10 cash only, age 12 and under are free. Open shopping with free admission, Sept. 4 to Sept. 6 from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. and Sept. 7 from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Last day some items are discounted half off. Consignors pick up unsold items Sept. 9 from 1:30 to 9:30 p.m. or they are donated. Refer to our donation page to see how we help our equestrian programs in our community. Consignors earn 70 percent, donate unsold items to NC non-profit equestrian organizations if desired. Volunteers shop before consignors, consignors shop before public. Cash, credit cards with fee/per card transaction accepted. Government regulations for COVID followed for everyone's safety. DROP and GO consigning with no wait available, see website. For more information go to [www.EquestrianExchange.com](http://www.EquestrianExchange.com), or contact Lynn Beeson 336-362-6248, Tanya Wright 540-977-1950.

Many skills are required to start a successful farm: passion, clear goals, production experience, financial and marketing know-how, and more. The Farm Beginnings® class is a 12-month training session that uses holistic management to help beginning farmers clarify their goals and strengths, establish a strong enterprise plan and start building their operation. This training series has been restructured from in-person workshops to an online class, which includes a mixture of live virtual sessions, recorded videos, resources and hopefully an in person meet up. Farm Beginnings® is designed for new and prospective farmers who want to plan a profitable farm business. Students do not need to currently own land, but some farming or production experience is helpful to get the most out of the class. Scholarships available. It is hosted by the Organic Growers School. For more information, go to <https://www.facebook.com/events/660235458039397/>

As a way to help farmers and agricultural workers stay safe at work, the N.C. Department of Labor offers safety videos on a variety of topics through its YouTube channel. Video topics include: preventing green tobacco sickness, hazard communication, tobacco harvester safety, heat stress, migrant housing requirements, forklift safety, and information about the NCDOL's Gold Star Growers program. The videos are in English and Spanish to increase understanding of safety hazards and preventing accidents. To learn more about the NCDOL and the Agricultural Safety and Health Bureau, go to [www.nclabor.com](http://www.nclabor.com) or call 1-800-NC-LABOR (800-625-2267). NCDOL is also on Facebook and Twitter (@NCDOL).

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Beekeepers with bees for rent and growers interested in bee pollination services can post their information on the BeeLinked website at [www.ncagr.com/beelinked](http://www.ncagr.com/beelinked). The site is hosted by the N.C. Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services and the N.C. State University Apiculture Program. Anyone interested in listing their information can do so by filling out an online Submit Your Ad form on the BeeLinked page or by contacting NCDA&CS at 919-233-8214 or by email at

NCHoneybee@ncagr.gov or call NCSU at 919-515-1660. The NCDA&CS Plant Industry Division regulates the movement of agricultural or related items capable of spreading harmful insects, diseases, and other pests. Beekeepers participating in this program will be required to comply with all honey and bee industry regulations.

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The N.C. Ag Finance Authority provides credit to agriculture in areas where financing is not available at reasonable rates and terms. The agency originates, services and finances farm loans, rural business loans, disaster loans and cotton gin loans. It also offers tax-exempt ag development bonds for agribusiness processing, ag-related manufacturing or ag waste disposal. For more about Ag Finance Authority programs or to request a loan application, call 919-790-3949 or email at RequestLoanInfo@ncagr.gov.

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