

NC Cooperative Extension, Craven Center

Agricultural Update



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Important Note: Registration deadline for events listed below will vary from as few as 24 hours prior the event to as much as 3-4 days prior the event so please register as much in advance as possible. Also, while attendance is open to anyone, meals, when served, will only be provided for those that register in advance.

UPCOMING EVENTS

2024 NC OVT Soybean Data Webinar – Dr. Ryan Heiniger will host a soybean data webinar to review varietal performance and selection criteria on January 20th, 2025 at 9 am. Please register [HERE](#).

Raising Livestock on Small Acreage - On January 22, 2025 beginning at 6 pm at Jones County Civic Center, Trenton, NC, Kristi Welke and Melissa Huffman will present information regarding fencing, forage selection, stocking rates, and rotational grazing for various livestock species. Register [HERE](#) or download the flyer below for more information.

Area Corn & Soybean Production Updates – On January 27, 2025 from 9 am until 12:30 pm, we will host Dr. Ron Heinger, Dr. Ekrum Ozlu, Dr. Luke Gatiboni, Dr. Jeff Chandler and Daniel Simpson as they present topics on soil/tillage management, fertility management, soybean growth habits, and corn/soybean production. A meal will follow the presentation so advance registration is required for the meal. Register via Eventbrite [HERE](#). NCDA & CS pesticide credits for N, O, D & X have been applied. (If interested in obtaining all required Category V and X credits in one day, note the last article in this newsletter regarding Private Applicator Safety Classes)

NC Peach Growers' Society Annual Meeting – This meeting will be held January 28, from 8 am to 3:45 pm at the NC Cooperative Extension, Moore County Center, 707 Pinehurst Avenue, Carthage, NC. You will find additional details including cost, the agenda and online registration [HERE](#). Registration is \$30 if paid by January 15th, \$35 at the door. For questions, please call 910-947-3188.

Brushy Mountain Tree Fruit Meeting – This meeting will be February 13, 2025 9 am - 3 pm at the NC Cooperative Extension, Wilkes County Center, 416 Executive Drive, Wilkesboro, NC. The agenda and online registration is [HERE](#).

Peanut Production Updates - On February 17, 2025 beginning at 1 PM, NCSU faculty and guest speakers will present information regarding recent peanut research projects and production updates. Visit the [NC Extension, Pitt County Center website](#) for details or call 252-902-1700 for information.

Tri-County GrowHers - This initiative consists of four sessions, blending hands-on activities with informative lectures. Topics covered range from livestock management to navigating financial challenges on the farm. Designed as an annual program, GrowHERS is set to expand and evolve over time to meet the needs of women involved with agriculture.

Area Cotton Production Meeting – NCSU faculty will present cotton production updates on February 19, 2025 beginning with a noon meal at 832 Hwy 58 S. Trenton, NC. Registration and additional details will follow soon.

TRI-COUNTY GROWHERS PROGRAM

Join us for fellowship and a series of events related to all aspects of Agriculture. This 4-session program will be full of hands-on activities as well as lecture type events. We will discuss everything from livestock to financial situations that can arise on the farm.

- ✓ September 26, 2024 | 6PM-8PM
- ✓ December 10, 2024 | 6PM-8PM
- ✓ February 11, 2025 | 6PM-8PM
- ✓ June 10, 2025 | 6PM-8PM

at N.C. Cooperative Extension - Craven County Center (300 Industrial Drive, New Bern, NC 28562)

30 spots!

REGISTER ONLINE:

Be sure to register so we can make this the best GrowHERS program!

www.go.ncsu.edu/JCP-GrowHERS

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Raising Livestock on Small Acres Flyer

Workshops, Recertification and Schools

The information below provides an overview of upcoming workshops, training sessions and recertification events.

Flue-cured Tobacco GAP Recertification

US Flue Cured GAP recertification meetings are limited this year. Those closest to us are listed below. Visit the [NC Tobacco Web Portal](#) for specific meeting registration and details. (Advance registration required) If none of these meetings are convenient, then training is available online through [GAP Connections](#)

Date	NC Location
Jan 29	Williamston
Jan 30	Goldsboro

Regional Soybean Schools – Information pertaining to soybean agronomic decisions, research updates, new tools, trends, and pest management will be presented to optimize production. This event is sponsored by NC Soybean Association and NC Extension. Registration, starting times, details and agenda can be found at <https://ncsoy.org/regional-soybean-schools/>. Dates and locations of meeting are as follows:

Tuesday, January 28th in Kenansville
 Wednesday, January 29th in Rocky Mount
 Thursday, January 30th in Burlington
 Tuesday, February 11th in Edenton
 Tuesday, February 11th in Plymouth

Price Risk Management/Commodity Outlook Workshops

The Marketing Division of the NCDA&CS is planning a series of risk management workshops on "Managing Price Volatility/Identifying Macro Indicators". The following topics will be covered: Introduction to Commodity/Financial Hedging, Basis Trading, Cost of Carry, ICE Cotton Futures, Option Trading on Futures, Energy Derivatives, and macro forces impacting the market. There will be an emphasis on the principles of options, spreading strategies, and using options to manage agricultural price risk.

Workshop 4: Monday, January 27, 2025 – Cunningham Research Station, 200 Cunningham Rd., Kinston, NC 28501. 252-527-3579 10:00AM To 12:00PM

Workshop 5: Friday, January 31, 2025 – Pitt County Extension, 403 Government Circle, Greenville, NC

NCDA & CS Sample Access Policy Change

As noted in our last newsletter, the North Carolina Department of Agriculture has made changes to their sample database policy. Access to information is not available without a password protected account. In part, this is due to the added security measures we face in the

digital age to protect an individual's information. Expect this to simply increase as more AI efforts are integrated into other digital platforms.

For now, simply realize that information that Extension or others can access will be limited. If you need to create a NCDA & CS PALS account or update your information, visit [HERE](#).

Key points:

- Make sure you use the same email address on your sample report as you do to create your PALS account.
- After creating your account, you will need to go to your email and click the link in the email generated by NCDA to activate your account.
- You will need to use this email and a password to access your account and results.
- If you have a personal as well as professional account that you wish to maintain separately, you will need a different email for each account.



New Scanning Application for Pesticide Credits

A new program has been created to scan pesticide cards for those attending classes for pesticide credit. Unlike the older system, this new program does not provide a database of licensed individuals. Thus, we cannot look up anyone's license number. As such, if you do not have a current card, contact the NCDA & CS Pesticide Division to obtain one.

Should you have a letter with the exact number of your license, full name, and telephone number, then we have the ability to enter this data manually so that you receive credit. If not, be prepared to enter your full name as listed on your birth certificate, address, personal email (no business emails) and phone number into the Excel file. Failure to provide this data will result in delays of the credit posting.



Market Assistance for Specialty Crops (MASC)

Lisa Rayburn, Area Commercial Horticultural Agent for this area, provided a summary of this program. Rather than recreating a her great article, we just copied her verbatim below! (THANKS Lisa!)

The USDA is offering a new program - Marketing Assistance for Specialty Crops (MASC) - to support specialty crop producers and help defray the costs of entering new markets. This program is being administered through the local FSA offices. Here is a link to the [FSA/USDA program overview](#).

This [Farm Bureau article](#) gives a good overview of the program and how it will be administered. Growers must submit a [MASC Application](#) and supporting paperwork to their local FSA office by the January 8th deadline. The program appears to be a general financial assistance program and does not require that the grower direct the funds to marketing-specific activities.

Podcast - Greenstem

There is a new short video that outlines the potential causes of green stem in soybeans. View the 2 minute video by NCSU faculty, Dr. Rachel Vann [HERE](#)

Private Applicator Safety Classes????

Private Applicator Safety, Category V class scheduled for Craven County are listed below. All classes will be held at the Craven County Agricultural Building, New Bern, NC. If you miss the ones listed below, check the [NCDA & CS calendar for other classes](#).

- January 27, 2025 from 2 pm - 4 pm (Will follow immediately after the Corn/Soybean meeting)
- February 12, 2025 from 10 am - 12 noon
- February 24, 2025 from 3 pm - 5 pm.

Note. if you are unsure of your credit status, visit the [NCDA & CS Pesticide Divisions'](#)

[Private Applicator Credit Search webpage](#). Or, if preferred, download the Excel file below that contains the current list of those with a Private Applicator license. (If you do not find your name, please call the NCDA & CS Pesticide Division at 984-236-4575.

Download an Excel file of all Craven County Private Applicators & Credit Status

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