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October 2026

Caswell County Center

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Upcoming Trainings and Workshops



Caswell County Cattlemen's October 15th Meeting Announcement

Join us for our October Cattlemen's Meeting on the 15th at 6:30PM at the Caswell Senior Center located at 649 Firetower Road, Yanceyville, NC 27379.

Our Guest Speaker will be Johnny Rogers with NCSU Extension and the Amazing Grazing Team. Johnny Rogers will be discussing forage recovery and preparations.

Dinner will be \$20.

Please call or email Bailee by noon on October 14th. You can contact Bailee by phone or email at 336-694-4158 or bailee_sheffield@ncsu.edu

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**NC COOPERATIVE
EXTENSION**



Join the Caswell County Cattlemen's Association for our October Meeting!

Date & Time: October 15th at 6:30 PM

Location: Caswell Senior Center (649 Firetower Road, Yanceyville, NC 27379)

Guest Speaker: Johnny Rogers

Topic: Forage recovery and preparations

Dinner Cost: \$20

RSVP: Contact Bailee by **noon on October 14th** at 336-694-4158 or bailee_sheffield@ncsu.edu



Growing Value: Oak Management, Wildlife, and Wood Markets Field Day

CASWELL COUNTY COOPERATIVE EXTENSION
N.C. FOREST SERVICE OF CASWELL COUNTY



3296 Boy Scout Camp Rd.
Yanceyville, NC 27379



9AM-
4PM



Saturday,
October 24, 2026

You Will Learn:

This forestry event will highlight oak regeneration techniques, wildlife habitat management, and current trends in the forest industry.

Registration:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/growing-value-oak-management-wildlife-and-wood-markets-field-day-tickets-1999687596431?aff=oddtcreator>

Contact:

Anass Banna at 336-694-4158 or at
ambanna@ncsu.edu

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- Oak regeneration techniques
- Wildlife habitat management
- Current trends in the forest industry

Saturday, October 24, 2026

9:00 AM – 4:00 PM

3296 Boy Scout Camp Rd., Yanceyville, NC 27379

Lunch is provided! Registration:

[SIGN UP HERE](#)



NC COOPERATIVE EXTENSION NC A&T NC STATE

Celebrating
**LATIN AMERICAN
FOOD TRADITIONS**



**Virtual Session – Tuesday, October 13th
12:00 p.m. ET**

**REGISTER TODAY AT
[GO.NCSU.EDU/HISPANIC-COOKING](https://go.ncsu.edu/hispanic-cooking)**



Extension At Home
Virtual Sessions
NC COOPERATIVE EXTENSION Helping You Improve Your Life!

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Join **NC Cooperative Extension** for an online **Extension At Home Virtual Session: Celebrating Latin American Food Traditions**. Learn about cultural heritage, culinary history, and delicious traditional recipes from the comfort of your home!

Tuesday, October 13th

12:00 p.m.

Virtual Session

Scan the QR code on the flyer OR CLICK HERE TO REGISTER



Orange/Durham Fall Poultry Processing Workshop

Date: October 9th, 2026

Time: 9:00AM to 3:00 PM

Location: 4909 Walnut Grove Church Rd
Hurdle Mills, NC 27541

Cost: \$20

Come Learn how to use our Mobile Poultry Processing Unit!

Contact Alex Kissinger at akissin@ncsu.edu to register or follow the QR Code



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Alternative: Scan the QR code on the flyer



register here or
visit bit.ly/4y8TY3t

URBAN AGRICULTURE SHOWCASE

Thursday, Oct. 15 | 9 a.m.
University Farm Pavillion

Come learn about raised-bed gardening at this free hands-on workshop.



N.C. A&T
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EXTENSION

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Accommodation requests related to a disability or limited English proficiency should be made by Oct. 5 to lesha.Quiller@ncat.edu.

Join us for the **Urban Agriculture Showcase!** Come learn all about raised-bed gardening at this free, hands-on workshop presented by N.C. A&T State University Cooperative Extension.

Thursday, Oct. 15

9:00 a.m.

University Farm Pavilion

FREE

Registration closes October 5th **[Please Register Here](#)**

Contact our Digital Agent Tyler Cobb if you would like to attend a digital class or have any general tech questions 336-694-4158 ext 8

YOUTH EVENTS

October Cavalier 4-H Club Meetings

Monday, October 5th

Agriculture Building

6:00 pm - 7:30 pm

Please contact Melissa Herke cavaliers4hclub@gmail.com for any questions and/or to sign up for the club meeting.

Upcoming Youth Livestock Workshops



BQA

9:00am-1:00pm

This is for any youth planning to show cattle in 2027 through Caswell 4-H

YQCA

9am-11:30

This is for any youth planning to show sheep, goats, or hogs in 2027 through Caswell 4-H



Showmanship Clinic Update: Caswell will not host a showmanship clinic this fall/winter. Once winter/spring clinics are posted- those will be shared. We will take youth to one NC Cooperative Extension affiliated clinic we send out. Youth will be encouraged to 1 of the clinics this spring.



NC COOPERATIVE EXTENSION

NC 4-H

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Beef Quality Assurance (BQA)

November 25th

9:00 AM – 1:00 PM

Any youth planning to show cattle in 2027 through Caswell 4-H.

Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA)

December 22nd

9:00 AM – 11:30 AM

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4-H Animal Opportunities



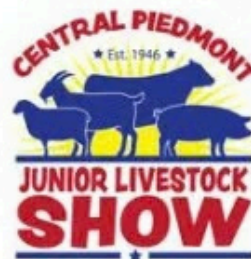
Pittsylvania - Caswell Youth Livestock Show & Sale

Show:

April 23-24, Chatham, VA

Youth are able to show
Lambs
Meat Goats
Hogs
Beef Cattle

Exhibitors learn leadership,
responsibility, teamwork, and
financial skills.



Central Piedmont Jr. Livestock Show & Sale

Show:

April 6-7, Hillsborough

Youth are able to show
Lambs
Meat Goats
Hogs
Beef Cattle

Exhibitors learn leadership,
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financial skills.

Are you interested in showing livestock? Have you ever wondered what it would be like? Or do you know how awesome it is and want to complete another livestock animal project?

No matter what the answer is, we want to hear from you! Youth ages 5 - 18 (by January 1, 2027) are eligible to show in our 2027 shows!

We are asking all Caswell County 4-H youth interested in showing livestock in 2027 to fill out this google drive or call/email Brandi or Bailee to sign up.

<https://forms.gle/3Ae1nGEWht5DmQkA6>

Filling out the form does not commit you to showing; however, you will receive information and decide if this is the 4-H project that suits you.



2026 N.C. State Fair

Oct. 15-25th, 2026

Everyone wants to go to the fair and EVERYONE wants to save money! You can purchase your admission and ride tickets early now through Oct. 15th!

[Click here to buy tickets](#)

Free Contest
& Clinic

SAVE THE DATE! Poultry Judging Contest

Calling all **8-18 year old students** wanting to hone their poultry skills. Lunch will be provided. Prizes will be given for top teams and individuals for 4-H, FFA, Juniors, Seniors, overall and divisions (meat, egg, live birds). *Registration info coming soon!*

Join us on
November 10, 9 AM - 4 PM
NC A&T University Farm Pavilion
3020 McConnell Road, Greensboro, NC

Contact for more info: Mark Paylor - mpaylor@ncat.edu or
Yewande Fasina - yfasina@ncat.edu

Sponsored By:



NC 4-H & FFA Poultry Judging

Calling all 8 - 18 year old youth wanting to hone their poultry skills. Want to learn more than just the basics. We want to help!

This is a free event with lunch provided.
Prizes for top teams & individual 4-H & FFA will be given!

Look for registration coming soon.

For more information contact Mrs. Brandi or Mrs. Bailee

Upcoming Events



JOIN OUR COMMUNITY!

VOLUNTARY AG. DIST. OUTREACH OUTREACH MEETING



LEARN ABOUT THE VAD PROGRAM



What It Is:

Preserving farmland, supporting local agriculture and recognizing farmland heritage

Benefits for Landowners:

Nuisance protection, Condemnation reviews, Public Notification and waiver of fees.

When: November 17, 2026

Time: 6:00 pm - 8:00pm

Where: Caswell Extension Office

Dinner Provided

RSVP Information:

Matt Solomon

336-694-4158

https://go.ncsu.edu/vadoutreach_meeting

Join our community and help protect local agriculture! 🌱🚜
Are you a landowner interested in preserving farmland and protecting your agricultural heritage? Attend our upcoming **Voluntary Agricultural District (VAD) Outreach Meeting** to learn how the VAD Program supports local farmers and agricultural land.

What is the VAD Program? A initiative focused on preserving farmland, supporting local agriculture, and recognizing farmland heritage.

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November 17, 2026

6:00 PM – 8:00 PM

Caswell Extension Office

Dinner will be provided!

Contact: **Matt Solomon** at **336-694-4158**

[OR click here to sign up](#)



Candy Trail

Please join us for the Candy Trail

Friday, October 30th

4:00 - 6:30 pm

Yanceyville downtown

You can pick your candy trail map up at Gunn Memorial Library or any of the candy stops, on the 30th.

We can't wait to see everyone!

THINGS TO KNOW ...

Caswell County 4-H Wreath & Garland Fundraiser

Support **Caswell County 4-H** by purchasing a beautiful Fraser Fir or Boxwood Wreath, Garland or specialty items.

Please contact the Caswell Extension Office at 336-694-4158 to order!
Additional sizes available by contacting Brandi Boaz

 Fraser Fir Wreath 8" - \$17 12" - \$22 14" - \$27 16" - \$30 20" - \$40 24" - \$45	 White Pine Fraser Fir Mix 12" - \$30 14" - \$32 16" - \$35 24" - \$50	 Boxwood Fraser Fir Mix 8" - \$22 12" - \$27 16" - \$35
 25' White Pine Garland \$30	 50' White Pine Garland \$40	
 Christmas Star 32" - 35" \$60 (Fraser & Boxwood mix only)	 Fraser Cross 30" \$35 (undecorated)	 Square Fraser Wreath 12" - \$27 16" - \$32



Deadline to order and pay: October 30th
**Greenery will be available for pick-up at
the Agriculture Building on:
November 24th 8am- 5pm**



Support Your Local 4-H & NC Mountain Famers!

The cool weather is giving sweater weather vibes! We know what comes with sweater weather, the holidays! The smell of fresh pine will be filling the air when you pick up your holiday greenery and wreaths from the Caswell 4-H annual fundraiser. The fundraiser offers local residents a festive way to support the 4-H youth development programs. The popular sale features an array of holiday décor, including fresh, hand-crafted wreaths, garlands, and specialty items sourced directly from North Carolina's mountains. Where can you get a wonderful piece of décor for the same price as last year.

Funds raised from the sale will directly benefit local 4-H activities, provide supplies for hands-on projects, and help cover expenses for educational camps. These programs empower young people in areas ranging from agriculture and STEM to healthy living and civic engagement. Orders are being collected through **Friday, October 30th**. With pick-up in time for Thanksgiving scheduled for Tuesday, November 24th. Two holidays for one price! What a deal! Residents can view product options and place an order by contacting the Extension office at 336-694-4158 or visiting our Caswell 4-H Facebook page or just stopping by the office at 126 Court Square. Support your local 4-H and bring home a piece of the North Carolina mountains this holiday season.



2026 Brightleaf Hoedown



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2026 Hoedown Contest Winners

4-H Categories

Cloverbud Flowers- Jotie Bowen, 1st Place

Cloverbud Eggs, Med/Large- Nolan Popp, 1st Place

Cloverbud Eggs, Green- Jotie Bowen, 1st Place
XL/Jumbo Brown Eggs- Abigail Harris, 1st Place
Peewee/small Brown Eggs- Caleb Bolton, 1st Place
Med/Large Brown Eggs- Caleb Bolton, 1st Place
Photo Contest- Madelyn Boaz, 1st Place
Peach Preserves- Emmie Spivey, 1st Place
Peach Preserves- Caleb Bolton, 2nd Place
Carved Pumpkin- Sam Singleton, 1st Place

Adult Categories

Apple Preserves- Tony Bolton, 1st Place
Blueberry Jam, Fig Preserves, Peach Jam, Pear Preserves, Strawberry Preserves:
-Carolyn Aldridge, 1st place

Standard Poundcake- Carolyn Aldridge, 1st Place
Standard Poundcake- Robbie Jean Yarbrough, 2nd Place

Honey- Sam Gibson, 1st place
Honey- Laura Webb, 2nd Place
Honey- Phil Barfield, 3rd Place
Honey- George Williamson, 4th Place
Honey- Joe Cobb, 5th Place

Tomato, by weight- Past Gen Farm, 1st Place
Tomato, by weight- Graham Broadwell, 2nd & 3rd
Tomato, plate of 3- Robert Neal, 1st Place

Flowers- Kelly Chapman, 1st Place

Heifers, 2 & under/open- Oakview Cattle, 1st place
Heifers, 2 & under/open- Julie Muhlberger, 2nd place
Heifers, 2 & Over/Bred- Oakview Cattle, 1st Place
Heifers, 2 & Over/Bred- Julie Muhlberger, 2nd Place

Bulls, 2 & Over- Cheryl & Bernie Pryor, 1st Place
Bulls, 2 & Over- W&A Herefords, 2nd Place
Bulls, 2 & Over- Perkins Farm, 3rd Place
Bulls, 2 & Under- W&A Herefords, 1st Place Bulls,
2 & Under- W&A Herefords, 2nd Place Bulls, 2 &
Under- Cheryl & Bernie Pryor, 3rd Place Bulls, 2 &
Under- Cheryl & Bernie Pryor, 4th Place Bulls, 2 &
Under- W&A Herefords, 5th Place

Eggs Med/Large, brown- Chrissy Perkins, 1st Place
Eggs Med/Large, green- Jessica Smith, 1st Place
Eggs XL/Jumbo, brown- Jamie Boaz, 1st Place
Eggs XL/Jumbo, brown- Jessica Smith, 2nd place
Eggs XL/Jumbo, brown- Rebecca Redding, 3rd place

Livestock Photo- Nancy Bradsher, 1st Place
Livestock Photo- Mandi Dolan, 2nd Place
Livestock Photo- Chrissy Perkins, 3rd Place
Landscape Photo- Taylor Bradsher, 1st Place
Landscape Photo- Graham Broadwell, 2nd Place
Landscape Photo- Jamie Boaz, 3rd Place
Crops Photo- Graham Broadwell, 1st Place
Crops Photo- Chrissy Perkins, 2nd Place
Crops Photo- Jamie Boaz, 3rd Place

Flue Cured Tobacco- Fowlkes, 1st Place
Flue Cured Tobacco- Terry Walker, 2nd Place
Flue Cured Tobacco- Randy Whitt, 3rd Place

Air Cured Tobacco- Jamey Walker, 1st Place

Hay- 1st Place- Stewart Turner
Hay- 2nd Place- Steven Perkins
Hay- 3rd Place- Josh Manning
Hay- 4th Place- Cheryl Pryor
Hay- 5th Place- Jamie Boaz
Hay-6th Place- Josh Manning



Winners of the First Annual Watermelon Spitting Contest 🍉

Thank you to everyone who participated!

8-11: Finely Nines: 15' 5"

12-16: Emmanuel: 22' 11"

17 & up: Bryan Singleton: 30' 2"

We would also like to thank the "Flying Disk Club" for sponsoring the event.



FALL LIVESTOCK WORKSHOPS

Help Us Plan Our Next Livestock Workshops!

We want to hear the livestock areas you are most interested in, what specific topics/ challenges you want covered and when it can work for you!

Please use the link below to tell us what upcoming livestock events you would like to see!

<https://forms.gle/a6WqjPdZbMu9ukHy7>



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ATTENTION

ALL PESTICIDE LICENSE HOLDERS

- If you passed your pesticide exam **PRIOR** to **July 1, 2025**, you **ARE** at risk of losing your pesticide certification and license.
- You **MUST** complete the C&T Standards Update Training by your **next recertification date**.
- **Failure** to complete the required training will result in the **loss** of your pesticide certification!
- Scan the QR code to access the training or visit the website below for more information!

For questions, please contact:
NCD&CS
**Structural Pest Control &
Pesticides Division**
(984) 236-4575



<https://www.ncagr.gov/divisions/structural-pest-control-and-pesticides/pesticides/new-candt-rules/lic-cert-training>

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VOLUNTARY AGRICULTURAL DISTRICT (VAD)

WHY BE IN AN VOLUNTARY AGRICULTURAL DISTRICT IN CASWELL COUNTY



- **Preservation of Farmland:** VADs help preserve prime farmland by restricting non-agricultural activities, ensuring that land remains available for agricultural use.
- **Protection from Legal Disputes:** By joining a VAD, landowners can reduce the likelihood of legal disputes, such as nuisance actions between farm owners and their neighbors.
- **Enhanced Community Pride:** VADs increase the identity and pride in the agricultural community and its way of life, fostering a sense of belonging and support among farmers.
- **Economic Well-being:** VADs encourage the economic and financial well-being of farming areas, contributing to the overall health of the agricultural sector.
- **Access to Resources:** Landowners in VADs have access to resources and support from the Agricultural Advisory Board, which helps in the administration and management of the district. Joining a VAD is a strategic decision for landowners looking to protect their farmland, support local agriculture, and contribute to the economic and social well-being of their community.
- **YOU GET AS MANY SIGNS AS YOU WANT TO SHOW OFF YOUR PRIDE IN FARMING**

Caswell County has recently received a grant from the **NC Grange** to replace the old Voluntary Agricultural District signs throughout the county. Over the years you may have had one that has faded or simply never received a sign. The Grange is asking for a 1-year membership at a cost of \$20 and in return you may receive as many signs as you need. After your 1 year is complete you can cancel your membership or continue your membership and help support the NC Grange and what they do for North Carolina farming communities.



HOW TO SIGN UP FOR MEMBERSHIP TO THE NC GRANGE

Go to <http://www.ncgrange.com>

In the upper right-hand box, click the yellow highlighted "BECOME A MEMBER"

Click the green box "Join Today" under Associate Membership

PLEASE SEND me a copy of your receipt scan bring you your signs @ jwatlington@caswellcountync.gov

Benefits of Joining the VAD

- **Land Preservation:** Restricts non-agricultural activities to keep land available for farming.
- **Legal Protection:** Reduces the likelihood of nuisance legal actions from neighbors.
- **Advisory Support:** Direct access to resources from the Agricultural Advisory Board.
- **Community Identity:** Increases local pride and supports the agricultural economy.

New Sign Opportunity

Caswell County has a grant from the NC Grange to replace old or faded VAD signs.

- **Cost:** \$20 (for a 1-year NC Grange Associate Membership).
- **Benefit:** Receive as many new VAD signs as you need for your property.
- **Commitment:** You can cancel or renew the membership after the first year.

How to Get Your Signs

1. **[CLICK HERE TO REGISTER](#)**
2. **Join:** Click "**BECOME A MEMBER**" (yellow box) then "**Join Today**" (green box) under **Associate Membership**.
3. **Confirm:** Email a copy of your receipt to jwatlington@caswellcountync.gov to arrange getting your signs.



NCDA&CS

Plant Industry Division

Plant Protection Section

PEST WATCH

Spotted Lanternfly

Lycorma delicatula (White)
(Hemiptera: Fulgoridae)



Spotted lanternfly, *Lycorma delicatula* (White), is an invasive planthopper that was first detected in the United States in Berks County, Pennsylvania, in 2014. The pest is native to northern China and was introduced to Korea in 2004 where it has become a major pest. This pest is not known to occur in North Carolina but early detection is critical for protecting North Carolina businesses and agriculture.






a) Spotted lanternfly adult (photo by Lawrence Barringer, Pennsylvania Dept. of Agriculture); b) Spotted lanternfly egg mass (photo by Pennsylvania Dept. of Agriculture); c) Spotted lanternfly eggs after hatching (photo by Kenneth R. Law, USDA-APHIS-PPQ); d) Late stage spotted lanternfly nymph with early stage nymph in inset (photos by Lawrence Barringer, Pennsylvania Dept. of Agriculture); e) Spotted lanternfly adults on *Ailanthus* with damage to tree evident in weeping wounds (photo by Emele Swackhamer, PennState Extension)

HOSTS:

This insect is a known pest of grapes, stone fruits, apples, pine trees, willows (*Salix* sp.), and tree of heaven (*Ailanthus altissima*).

IDENTIFICATION:

Adults of spotted lanternfly are approximately 1" long and 0.5" wide at rest. Their forewings are light gray with black spots with wing tips patterned with lines of small black blocks. The hindwings are red and black with a white band. Their bodies are yellow with black bands down the middle. The immature stages are black with white spots which develop into red and black with white spots in the later stages.

SIGNS AND SYMPTOMS:

This pest damages trees causing them to develop weeping wounds that leave a gray or black trail of sap down the trunk. This sap attracts other insects, such as wasps and ants, and can lead to the formation of fungal mats at the base of trees. In late fall, adults will lay egg masses on host trees and other smooth surfaces like outdoor furniture and equipment. These egg masses have a gray, mud-like appearance.

WHAT TO DO:

Collect a specimen: If you suspect you have found spotted lanternfly please collect a specimen and contact your local plant pest specialist (see contact information on back) who will assist you with specimen submission.

Take a picture: If you aren't sure if what you're looking at is spotted lanternfly you can submit a photograph of any life stage to newpest@ncagr.gov with the subject "Suspected Spotted Lanternfly".

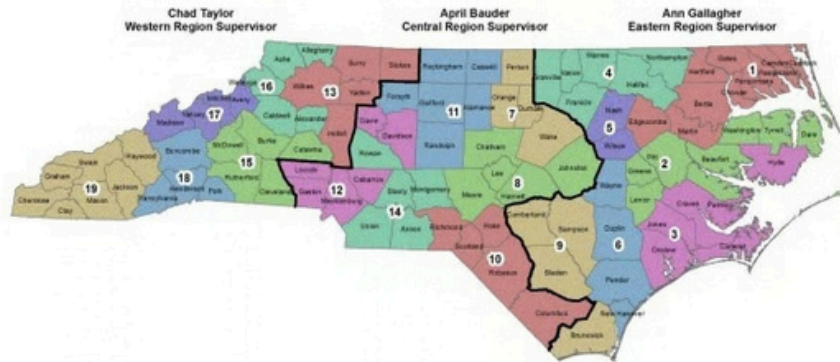
Report a find: Contact your local plant pest specialist (contact information on back) or report your find to 800-206-9333 or newpest@ncagr.gov.

Note: Most of the information gathered for this Pest Watch was obtained from the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture. As of the publication of this Pest Watch, 13 counties in Pennsylvania have been placed under quarantine for spotted lanternfly and as of February 2018 the pest has been intercepted in Delaware, New Jersey, New York, and Virginia.

Steve Troxler, Commissioner of Agriculture
Phil Wilson, Plant Industry Division Director
NC Department of Agriculture & Consumer Services

For up to date information please visit:
www.ncagr.gov/plantindustry

NC Department of Agriculture & Consumer Services
Plant Industry Division – Plant Protection Section
Plant Pest Specialist Work Areas



Specialist's Names, Contact Information and Assigned Areas

Area 1:	Bertie, Camden, Chowan, Currituck, Edgecombe, Gates, Hertford, Martin, Pasquotank, Perquimans	Vacant	(919) 218-1765
Area 2:	Beaufort, Dare, Lenoir, Greene, Pitt, Tyrrell, Washington	Bonnie Faulkner	(252) 521-3180
Area 3:	Carteret, Craven, Hyde, Jones, Onslow, Pamlico	David Pearce	(252) 670-1742
Area 4:	Franklin, Granville, Halifax, Northampton, Vance, Warren	Derreck Long	(252) 567-1247
Area 5:	Nash, Wilson	Ann Gallagher	(919) 218-1765
Area 6:	Duplin, New Hanover, Pender, Wayne	Scott Cannady	(919) 270-4910
Area 7:	Durham, Orange, Person, Wake	April Bauder	(919) 777-3251
Area 8:	Chatham, Harnett, Johnston, Lee, Moore	Mike Massey	(919) 218-8654
Area 9:	Bladen, Brunswick, Cumberland, Sampson	Jensen McLamb	(910) 638-4943
Area 10:	Columbus, Hoke, Richmond, Robeson, Scotland	Michelle Shooter	(910) 734-3477
Area 11:	Alamance, Caswell, Forsyth, Guilford, Randolph, Rockingham	Andrew Allen	(336) 404-5873
Area 12:	Cabarrus, Davidson, Davie, Gaston, Mecklenburg, Lincoln	Heidi Humlicek	(406) 750-6432
Area 13:	Iredell, Stokes, Surry, Wilkes, Yadkin	Ginger Hemmings	(336) 314-9334
Area 14:	Anson, Montgomery, Rowan, Stanly, Union	Samuel Harris	(919) 604-3896
Area 15:	Burke, Catawba, Cleveland, McDowell, Rutherford	Amanda Cook	(828) 443-1289
Area 16:	Alexander, Alleghany, Ashe, Caldwell, Watauga	Chad Taylor	(336) 466-0478
Area 17:	Avery, Madison, Mitchell, Yancey	Tim Hartley	(828) 260-0588
Area 18:	Buncombe, Henderson, Polk, Transylvania	Sue Dial	(828) 577-0915
Area 19:	Cherokee, Clay, Graham, Haywood, Jackson, Macon, Swain	Vacant	(336) 466-0478

Mailing Address: 1060 Mail Service Center, Raleigh NC 27699-1060

Physical Address: 216 West Jones Street, Raleigh NC 27603

Phone: (919) 707-3730 | Fax: (919) 733-1041

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Please visit our website at www.ncagr.gov/plantindustry for more information!

SPOTTED LANTERNFLY

Non-native, invasive insect | Agricultural, ornamental, and nuisance pest
Report photos of suspected spotted lanternfly at [NCAGR.GOV/SLF](https://www.ncagr.gov/slf)



**adult
spotted
lanternfly**
*Lycorma
delicatula*



Lawrence Barringer, Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture, Bugwood.org

Kelly Oten, NC State University

LANTERNFLY LOOK-ALIKES

The insects below are native to North Carolina and do not need to be reported.



**giant
leopard
moth**
*Hypercompe
scribonia*

Clemson University - USDA Cooperative Extension Slide Series, Bugwood.org



Rebekah D. Wallace,
University of Georgia,
Bugwood.org



tiger moth
Apantesis spp.

Jessica Louque, Smithers Viscient, Bugwood.org



Rebekah D. Wallace,
University of Georgia,
Bugwood.org

tiger bee fly
Xenox tigrinus



Ansel Oommen,
Bugwood.org

squash vine borer moth
Melittia cucurbitae



Ansel Oommen,
Bugwood.org

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HOST	NYMPHS			ADULTS		
	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUGUST	SEPTEMBER	OCTOBER
Rose (cultivated, multiflora, etc.)						
Perennials						
Grape (wild and cultivated)						
Tree-of-heaven						
Black walnut, butternut						
River birch						
Willow						
Sumac						
Red/silver maple						

Pest Watch: Spotted Lanternfly

The Spotted Lanternfly is an **invasive planthopper** native to China, first detected in the U.S. in 2014. While not yet found in North Carolina, early detection is vital to protecting the state's agriculture.

Key Details

Target Hosts: Grapes, apples, stone fruits, pine trees, and the "tree of heaven".

Identification: Adults are ~1" long with gray, black-spotted forewings and **bright red** hindwings. Immature nymphs are black or red with white spots.

Signs of Infestation: Trees may show "weeping wounds" of sap, gray mud-like egg masses, and fungal growth at the base.

What to Do

If you suspect a sighting:

Collect a specimen for identification.

Take a picture and email it to newpest@ncagr.gov.

Report the find by calling **800-206-9333** or contacting a local plant pest specialist.

**Drought Resources from Dr. Matt Poore with
NC State Extension & Amazing Grazing
Please use the link here to access the folder:**

[https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1d9p4hSc2DJHScpR3jPzy7BPllVLLpyED?
usp=share_link](https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1d9p4hSc2DJHScpR3jPzy7BPllVLLpyED?usp=share_link)

If you have any questions please let Bailee know!

The Livestock Forage Disaster Program (LFP), administered by the Farm Service Agency (FSA), provides financial support to livestock producers who experience grazing losses due to qualifying drought conditions or fire on federally managed rangelands during the normal grazing period. The program helps producers recover from significant forage losses and address increased feed costs resulting from disasters.

Who Is Eligible

Eligible applicants include livestock producers who own or lease eligible grazing land or pastureland affected by qualifying drought or fire. Producers must provide verifiable documentation of grazing losses and meet all program eligibility requirements.

How To Apply

To apply, producers must submit the following to their local FSA office.

- [Form CCC-853](#), Livestock Forage Disaster Program Application
- FSA-578, Report of Acreage
- [Form AD-2047](#), Customer Data Worksheet
- [Form CCC-901](#), Member Information for Legal Entities (if applicable)
- [Form CCC-902I](#) (if applicable), Farm Operating Plan for an Individual
- [Form CCC-902E](#) (if applicable), Farm Operating Plan for an entity
- [Form CCC-941](#), Average Adjusted Gross Income (AGI) Certification and Consent to Disclosure of Tax Information
- [AD-1026](#), Highly Erodible Land Conservation (HELC) and Wetland Conservation (WC) Certification
- [SF-3881](#), ACH Vendor/ Miscellaneous Payment Enrollment Form (Direct Deposit)

Additional supporting documentation is required including proof of grazing losses as of the date of designated drought, grazing leases or permits, proof of land ownership, and livestock inventory information. All enrollment instructions and deadlines are available through the local FSA office.

Find Your FSA Location

****FSA Offices request that you please make an appointment with the FSA Office in the county that you have land in! See some county Contacts at the bottom of this. The earlier you start this the better!**

Program Features

- Eligible Livestock: Includes beef cattle, dairy cattle, buffalo, beefalo, water buffalo, equine, goats, sheep, alpacas, ostriches, emus, deer, elk, reindeer, and llamas maintained for commercial use as part of a farming operation.
- Grazing Losses due to:
 - Drought: Compensation is available for livestock producers with privately owned or cash-leased land in counties designated as experiencing qualifying drought conditions.
 - Fire: Compensation is available for livestock producers unable to graze normal permitted livestock on federally managed rangeland due to fire.
 - Payment Rates: Payments are based on the severity of the drought (as determined by the U.S. Drought Monitor) and the number of livestock units. For fire losses, payments are based on the number of eligible livestock and the number of grazing days lost.
 - For More information please visit: <https://www.fsa.usda.gov/resources/disaster-recovery/livestock-forage-disaster-program-lfp>

Possible County Contacts:

- **Caswell Office** (Yanceyville): 336-694-4162
 - 126 Court Square, Yanceyville NC 27379
- **Alamance Office** (Burlington): 336-228-1753
 - 209 N Graham Hopedale Road, Burlington NC 27217
- **Guilford Office** (Greensboro): 336-375-5401
 - 3309 Burlington Road, Greensboro NC 27405
- **Orange Office** (Hillsborough): 919-732-4301
 - 1020 US 70 West, Hillsborough NC 27278
- **Person Office** (Roxboro): 336-599-0284
 - 304 S Morgan Street, Roxboro NC 27573
- **Rockingham Office** (Reidsville): 336-342-0460
 - 525 NC 65, Reidsville NC 27320

Hay Needs? Hay Sales?
NC Hay finder knows!

www.NCHAYFINDER.com

Have hay to sell?
List your hay for free!

Need hay?
Search for hay near you!

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NORTH CAROLINA

****For any producer looking for hay check out the NC Hay Finder site through Cooperative Extension. If you have hay available to sell, you can also sign up to be found through the site!**

[CLICK HERE to go to NC HayFinder!!](http://www.NCHAYFINDER.com)

If you have any questions please let Bailee know!

Screwworm Update (June 2026)

On June 3, 2026, the USDA confirmed a New World screwworm case in Zavala County, Texas, in the umbilical lesion of a calf. Authorities set up a 12-mile quarantine zone, halted local livestock transport, and launched fly releases. Due to livestock, vehicle, and pet movement, distance is no guarantee of safety for North Carolina herds.

This is an economic threat to food production, not a meat safety issue—commercial meat remains completely safe. Feeder cattle futures dropped over \$5/cwt following the news.

Female flies lay 200–300 eggs in open wounds on live animals. Within 12–24 hours, larvae hatch and use mouth-hooks to burrow into living flesh, eating the host alive. Untreated cases are often fatal.

Why It's Dangerous

How to Identify

1. **Adult Fly:** Size of a housefly with a metallic blue-green or gray-green body, bright reddish-orange eyes, and three dark stripes down its back.
2. **Larvae:** Tapered with dark, stiff spines giving them a wood-screw appearance. They feed tightly packed inside deep wounds with a foul, bloody discharge.

Farm Plan

- **Treat Navels:** Apply iodine to newborns immediately.
- **Protect Wounds:** Treat cuts and surgical sites with fly sprays/dressings.
- **Daily Checks:** Inspect herds daily for wounds, tick bites, and newborn navels.
- **External Parasites:** Maintain strict tick/fly control.
- **Isolate New Animals:** Quarantine and inspect out-of-state arrivals thoroughly.

Getting a Sample

Do not clean or spray the wound first, as this destroys laboratory evidence.

1. **Isolate:** Move the animal to a secure, fly-proof pen.
2. **Protect:** Keep the wound untouched.
3. **Contact:** Call your veterinarian or state authority.
4. **Lab Submission:** Preserve larvae in alcohol for the state veterinary lab.
5. **Post-Sample Care:** Clean the wound and apply larvicides immediately after sampling.

Please reach out to Bailee at the if you notice any unusual wounds, have questions about preventative wound care, or need an on-farm evaluation. Just a reminder this is not in NC yet. Please check your animals and be aware. You can contact Bailee by phone or email at 336-694-4158 ext. 5 or bailee_sheffield@ncsu.edu

Links for information

- **Official USDA-APHIS Press Release:** [USDA Confirms Presence of New World Screwworm in the United States](#)
- **National Outbreak Situation & Human Health Information:** [CDC New World Screwworm Situation Summary](#)
- **Texas Animal Health Commission Hub (Quarantine & Best Practices):** [Texas Animal Health Commission New World Screwworm Emergency Page](#)
- **Agricultural Industry News Coverage:** [Hoosier Ag Today Case Confirmation Report](#)



Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE- Screwworm Fly



Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE- Larvae

Exciting news! We are bringing our weekly "Ag Chat" from the Caswell Messenger (local newspaper) straight to your screen. Each week we'll be sharing the **news, achievements, and helpful resources** from Caswell Extension! Make sure to follow us on facebook **[CLICK HERE TO FOLLOW OUR FACEBOOK](#)** or tune into our website **[CLICK HERE TO SEE OUR WEBSITE](#)** !!



**CASWELL COOPERATIVE
EXTENSION'S**

Local Producer Update

**COOPERATIVE EXTENSION WILL BE
UPDATING THEIR LOCAL
PRODUCER'S PAGE. PLEASE FILL
OUT THE FORM BELOW IF YOU
WOULD LIKE YOUR FARM TO BE
ADDED TO THE MAP.**

[HTTPS://FORMS.GLE/LTKTNAYOR6WQ94PK9](https://forms.gle/LTKTNAYOR6WQ94PK9)



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Caswell Cooperative Extension's: Local Producer Update

Cooperativeextension will beupdating their local producers page.Pleasefillouttheform below if you would like your form to be added to the map.

<https://forms.gle/LTKTnayor6wq94pk9>

CASWELL CONNECTIONS

Caswell County Agriculture Agents are creating a new database housed in to offer our clients a place to find the following Caswell Connections!

- Feed
- Seed
- Fertilizer
- Livestock Hauling
- Fencing
- & More!

Be sure to use the google link below if you are a business to get your name added to our map!

To access the database contact one of our Ag Agents by calling the office at: 336-694-4158

Link to the Google Form:

<https://forms.gle/NsBAhna5ThfBuf2M6>

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Pressure canners with dial gauges need to be tested annually for safe processing. All you need to do is bring the lid of your pressure canner in with the gauge attached. The testing process takes approximately 10 minutes per lid.

Brands that can be tested:-Presto-Maid of Honor-National Magic Seal

Other brands cannot be tested since we do not have specific information on the gauges and their calibration. Please contact the manufacturer for assistance with all brands not mentioned above. You may schedule an appointment with our Family and Consumer Sciences Agent Sonya Patterson by email at sonya_patterson@ncsu.edu, or you may call her at 336-694-4158. Leave a message if she is not available.

Caswell Extension Equipment Rentals



Cattle Handling Facilities

\$100 rental for initial 3 day period, \$25 each day after



Sheep Handling Facilities

\$50 for initial 3 day period, \$25 each day after



No-Till Drill

\$75 minimum upfront plus \$10/acre over 7 acres
Out-of-County \$100 upfront plus \$12/acre over 7 acres



Water Wheel Planter

\$40 per day, max. rental of 1 week unless otherwise agreed upon by agents. Only OMRI-approved products in tank.



No Till Transplanter

\$40 per day, max. rental of 1 week unless otherwise agreed upon by agents. Only OMRI-approved products in tank.



Plasticulture

1day-\$50 deposit, half deposit returned if the equipment is undamaged and clean.
2day- \$100 deposit, half deposit returned if the equipment is undamaged and clean



[Rental Request](#)

126 Court Square Yanceyville NC 336-694-4158 caswell.ces.ncsu.edu

We are excited to have new and additional equipment for our Caswell residents and neighboring counties to rent for your planting and farming needs. Please see the attached flyer about rental cost and scan the QR code for rental agreement.

Additional information will be available soon call our office at 336-694-4158 if you have questions or would like to inquire about equipment rental.

To submit rental request click here: <https://forms.gle/UrJ79xxHgTu2MQVT7>

Caswell Mobile Poultry Unit Rental



The Caswell Mobile Poultry Processing unit is available for rent! The cost to rent is \$50 for 3 days and you must have previously taken an extension processing workshop to be eligible to rent. If you have any questions please reach out to Bailee Sheffield by phone or email at 336-694-4158 ext. 5 or bailee_sheffield@ncsu.edu.

To view rental policies scan the QR Code or use the link: <https://go.ncsu.edu/caswellprocessing>



Exciting news for poultry processors!

If you have taken an Extension based/hosted/related processing workshop you WILL NOT have to take a new one to rent the Caswell Processing Equipment. You will have to take an Extension based workshop before using the Caswell MPU. SO.....

If you are needing a processing workshop to take before renting our equipment please let Bailee know so that she can either help you find one, or get it set up in

county!

You will need a quick review of the processing equipment before you leave out with it the first time!

If anyone has any questions or concerns please reach out to Bailee at 336-694-4158 ext. 5 or bailee_perkins@ncsu.edu

To sign up to rent the Poultry Processing trailer or check availability visit the Caswell Extension Page: [CLICK HERE](#)

The graphic has a dark green background. At the top, the title "POULTRY PROCESSING INTEREST FORM" is written in large, bold, yellow capital letters. Below the title are two circular images: the left one shows two turkeys' heads in profile, and the right one shows a group of white chickens in a coop with a hanging feeder. In the background, there are faint green silhouettes of a turkey and a chicken. Below the images, the text "Do you raise poultry for meat? Are you interested in starting to raise poultry for meat? Do you need a better way to process your birds?" is written in white. This is followed by a paragraph in white text explaining the purpose of the form and providing contact information for Bailee Perkins. The contact details include an email address and a phone number. At the bottom, a URL for the form is provided. A small disclaimer line is present above the logos at the very bottom. The logos for NC Cooperative Extension, N.C. A&T State University, and NC State University are displayed in the bottom right corner.

**POULTRY PROCESSING
INTEREST FORM**

Do you raise poultry for meat? Are you interested in starting to raise poultry for meat? Do you need a better way to process your birds?

If any of these or something different applies to you, fill out our poultry processing equipment form below. We want to hear from you to determine the need for poultry processing equipment here in the county. If you are currently raising birds for meat, or would like to start, fill the form out! If you have any questions contact Bailee Perkins, Livestock Agent, in Caswell County by phone or email for more information.

Email: bailee_perkins@ncsu.edu
Phone: 336-694-4158

Fill the form out at: <https://forms.gle/7jsVYJArDzYbW88N6>

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NCDA&CS Agronomic Division Soil Testing

SOIL SAMPLING KITS

Want to manage or safeguard your garden or field for plants and crops this season? Come by our office to speak with an agent about soil testing. From Dec 1-Mar 31st soil sampling cost \$4/box. Starting April 1st all samples are free. For any questions or additional information contact our office at 336-694-4158

www.ncagr.gov/agronomi



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