

ROWAN COUNTY CENTER

Rowan County Agriculture Newsletter

During this time there is tons of information being sent out everyday from multiple sources. It can be tricky to keep up with it all or find it again. Below Rowan Extension has compiled information that may interest you in the coming weeks. These range from grant information, production videos, to webinar information. If you have any questions about the information listed below please call our office at 704-216-8970 or email one of the agents listed below.

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Field Crops Videos and Webinar Recordings

- [Pre-plant Fertility in Soybeans](#)
- [Cereal Leaf Beetle in Wheat](#)
- [Planting Soybeans Into a Cereal Rye Cover Crop](#)
- [Value of Foliar Feeding NC Soybeans](#)
- [Fungicidal Seed Treatments in NC Soybeans](#)
- [Value of Cultural Practices for Managing Herbicide-Resistant Weeds](#)
- [Early Planted Soybean Webinar Recording](#)
- [Making Soybean Replanting Decisions?](#)

- **USDA Reminds Producers to Complete Crop Acreage Reports**
For full news release and deadlines, please [click here](#).

Livestock Information

- **Small Ruminant Webinar Series**

The Northeast District group will be taking up where the 2020 Piedmont Regional Goat & Sheep Series leaves off in providing you information on even more topics as we move our scheduled in person conference to a webinar series as well! The series will take place on Tuesday evenings starting at 6:30 p.m. You can choose to register for one or multiple sessions. This entire webinar series is FREE as well!

Webinar Schedule (Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m.):

- May 19: Shearing Your Sheep
- May 26: FAMACHA & Parasite Controls
- June 2: Breeding Protocols & Breeding Stock Selection

Register online: <https://go.ncsu.edu/smallruminantseries2020>
(Pre-registration requires at least 1 hour prior to each webinar!)

- **Livestock Webinar Series**

- Eventbrite: <https://go.ncsu.edu/livestockseries20>
- Facebook Event Page:
<https://www.facebook.com/events/149163886477610/>
- Website: <https://alamance.ces.ncsu.edu/.../04/livestock-webinar-series>

*Some of these have already passed but there is still three you can sign up for

- May 7: Small Ruminant Pasture Management Tips
 - May 14: Managing Fire Ants in Pastures - Guest Speaker, Dr. Wes Watson, NCSU
 - May 21: Parasite Control in Cattle (both internal and external parasite control)
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Upcoming Grants

Bread Riot Grant

The Bread Riot's mission is to link farms to tables by supporting our small farmers and providing access to locally produced foods throughout the community. We provide locally grown foods to all people including those who might not have access; we provide support to local farmers to expand their production and reach; and we provide educational opportunities to enhance understanding of local food options. The Bread Riot organization is pleased to announce that this year, thanks to the Robertson Foundation, we are able to provide a grant in the amount of \$500 to THREE selected local farmers or artisans in Rowan County. To apply, all you need to do is provide your information and a few words of what you would do with \$500 and how that supports our mission or serves our local community. We hope you will consider applying for this grant. Prior winners (2018, 2019) are not eligible to apply. Questions: contact Dottie Hoy at 704-603-8029 or email at

dotgeofhoy@gmail.com Submit no later than June 10 to Bread Riot, PO Box 296, Salisbury NC 28147 or email to CatherineDaltonWork@gmail.com. Applications will be reviewed and winners selected on Monday, June 15. If you are mailing your application, be sure to mail in time to reach us by June 12. Winners will be asked for documentation of use by December 31, 2020

Application

Local Food Resources

Meat Suite

MeatSuite is an online marketing tool to help customers easily find locally produced meat in bulk. Whether you normally sell in whole/halves/quarters or by the retail cut, we hope that you will join MeatSuite by creating a farm profile and listing bulk meat products for sale. Please keep in mind, a large purchase may not be in the budget for some customers, so consider putting together a few options for bulk boxes at various price points. By offering some bulk boxes at various price points (i.e. \$50, \$100, \$200) you can include a variety of cuts that helps you move more than just the prime cuts.

Rowan County Local Farm Products

* if you would like your farm added to the list please call our office at 704-216-8970 or email Morgan Watts Morgan_Watts@ncsu.edu

Updates and Openings

Pesticide Credit Options:

Live online classes are now eligible for pesticide credit. Attendance via webcam or smartphone camera is required to earn pesticide credit. These classes are open to all applicators and can be found by searching "online" in the Approved Continuing Education Courses calendar. Online classes will have "Online" listed as their address and city. See the course calendar listing for approved pesticide credits and fee information. Additional classes may be available through your local Cooperative Extension office.

If your certification date is 6/30/2020, 5 self-paced online training opportunities are available for a limited time. These online trainings are NOT an option and you will NOT receive credit if your certification date is anything other than 6/30/2020. These classes cannot be repeated for additional credit. Cost: \$15/each. Each class will earn 1 hour of pesticide credit in the following categories: A, B, D, G, H, K, I, L, M, O, N, T, and X. REMINDER: In order to recertify, your credits cannot all be earned in the same calendar year.

NCDA Agronomic Division Soil Testing Lab:

Although longer than normal sample turnaround times may be expected, we are accepting all routine client samples (soil, nematode, plant, waste, solution and soilless media) except waste samples covered by the NCDEQ waiver on liquid animal waste . Waste codes covered by the NCDEQ waiver are for lagoon liquid (ALS, ALF, ALP and ALO) and slurry (LSD, LSB, LSS and LSO). Diagnostic samples for all labs will continue to be prioritized

for fast turnaround time.

[Soil Test Forms and Information](#)

[NC State Plant Disease and Insect Clinic](#)

Open Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

Contact Amy-Lynn or Michael if you need to send plant samples in.

All samples must be sent by mail or other delivery services (UPS, FedEx, etc.). It is best to send samples that will arrive earlier in the week, as packages that arrive later may deteriorate before we can retrieve them. To help clinic personnel track incoming samples, it is beneficial to provide us with details about when packages are shipped, the method or carrier, and expected delivery date on the online sample submission form (provided in the comments section).

The clinic will not be accepting out-of-state samples. The clinic will not be accepting physical samples from home and commercial landscapes.

* Please limit physical sample submissions to situations where significant damage is occurring or is likely to occur. If the issue at hand is causing only minor damage, or if you have any doubt about potential damage, feel free to submit it as a digital image sample for clinic personnel to assess remotely. If possible, we encourage digital image samples be submitted in lieu of a physical sample. Furthermore, images are important to augment physical samples that are submitted.



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