

Malt Barley Production Field Tour

A field tour of the malt barley research sites at the Mountain Horticulture Crops Research and Extension Center was held on Wednesday, May 31st in Mills River. Approximately 50 people attended the event to hear presentations on malt barley varieties for the Southeast, and fertility and disease management in malt barley. Attendees also heard from owners of a local malting facility, Riverbend Malt House, about how barley is used and what the future may be for barley production, malt and breweries in NC. To see pictures from the event please visit our photo gallery on our website at: <http://ncwheat.com/media-gallery/>

National Association of Wheat Growers: Weekly Update

House Committee on Agriculture Holds Next Farm Bill Hearing

On Wednesday, June 7, 2017 at 10:00 a.m., the House Agriculture Committee will hold a Full Committee hearing titled "The Next Farm Bill: The Future of International Food Aid and Agricultural Development."

National Academies Sets Committee to Study Ag Future, AgriPulse Reports

Scientists at Kansas State University and the University of California-Riverside will chair a panel that's charged with coming up with a strategy for the future of agriculture research. The committee, being formed by the National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine, will have 11 other members, including scientists from Carnegie Mellon, Columbia, Dartmouth, IBM, Iowa State University and UC-Davis. Thomas Grumbly, president of the Supporters of Agricultural Research Foundation, which is helping fund the year-long study, said the committee members are the "perfect set of leaders to produce a research agenda to address the challenges of today and tomorrow."

Gluten-Free Food Product Surveillance Sampling Results

On August 2, 2013, the FDA issued a final rule defining "gluten-free" for food labeling to help consumers, especially those living with celiac disease, be confident that items labeled "gluten-free" meet a defined standard for gluten content. The final rule's compliance date was August 5, 2014. To gauge compliance with one of the major requirements of the rule, the agency conducted a sampling assignment of products labeled "gluten free" from July 2015 to August 2016.

In all, the agency tested 702 individual samples from three commodity groups (cereals, grain bars and flours) and found only one of the products out of compliance. More than 250 types of products were analyzed as part of the assignment. FDA found that more than 99.5 percent of sampled food products labeled "gluten-free" are in compliance with a requirement that such foods contain no more than 20 parts per million of gluten.

NCSGGA Upcoming Events

June 20th - 22nd / 9:00a - 3:00p
NC FFA State Convention
Convention Center Raleigh, NC

July 12th / 8:30am - 3:00pm

Research & Education Mtg.
NCSGGA Office
3822 Bland Road
Raleigh, NC

August 1st / 10:00am – 12:00pm
Touch a Tractor Event
4020 Market At North Hills St,
Raleigh, NC 27609

August 2nd, 2017
Blacklands Farm Managers Tour
Green Valley Farms
7014 NC-94
Columbia, NC 27925

August 10th - 11th
NCSGGA Board Meeting
Sheraton Imperial Hotel
Durham, NC

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