

## **2018 Northeast Ag Expo Field Day**

The 2018 Small Grain Field Days officially kicked off on Wednesday, February 21<sup>st</sup> starting with the NE Ag Expo Field Day held at Cherry Hill Farms in Camden. The day began at 9:00am with registration, pesticide credits, and a time for attendees to visit with exhibitors in the tradeshow. After opening remarks at 10:00am presentations began starting with Dr. Wes Everman, NCSU, who spoke on weed management, Dr. Christina Cowger, USDA, gave a presentation on disease management, Ryan Heiniger, NCSU, gave an overview on the Official Variety Test Program, Dr. Angela Post spoke on the wheat crop, problems that may arise and new research projects underway, last but not least Dr. Ron Heiniger, NCSU, wrapped up the presentations with some encouraging words on the wheat crop and best management practices to apply on the farm. The event concluded with a catered lunch, homemade ice cream, chocolate chip WHEAT cookies and door prize drawings. Approximately 200 people attended the field day; a big THANK YOU to the NE Ag Expo Team and NC State University for planning and organizing this great event and of course Cherry Hill Farms for Hosting. To see pictures from the day please visit our photo gallery on our website at: <http://ncwheat.com/media-gallery/>

## **National Association of Wheat Growers: Weekly Update**

### **National Ag Coalition Takes California to Court Tuesday Over Unjustified, False Prop 65 Listing**

On Monday, February 19, 2018, NAWG and a national agriculture coalition went to court on Tuesday, February 20, 2018 requesting that California halt its unjustified and false Prop 65 listing of glyphosate. Despite scientific findings from hundreds of studies and conclusions by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), the National Institutes of Health (NIH), and regulatory agencies around the world that glyphosate is safe for use, California ignored facts, data and science, when it added glyphosate to the state's Prop 65 list.

### **House Members Call for Fix to 199A Tax Code**

As the mandatory spending bill Congress must pass in March approaches, 86 house members signed a letter urging Congress to find a compromise for the 199A tax code. Led by Iowa Representative David Young, the group says the changes "are necessary to restore the equity in grain marketing and set co-ops and other independent businesses on a more level playing field." The Tax Cuts and Jobs Act unintentionally created a tax advantage for producers who sell to cooperatives instead of private and independent businesses..

### **White House Proposes Releases Report Addressing Waterways and Trade**

As reported by AgriPulse, the White House's annual 586-page economic report that addresses trade and other issues, includes recommendations to raise fuel taxes and impose new lockage and congestion fees to maintain and improve the inland waterways. With implementation of the barge fuel tax, the report suggests that revenue will go towards Operations and Management, stating that waterway managers sometimes delay making repairs, so that they can be funded through the capital budget rather than O&M...Additionally, the report addressed the importance of free trade agreements for U.S. farmers and identified agriculture as making significant and outsized contributions to the GDP. The White House identified restrictions to

poultry, beef and biotech crops as major foreign trade barriers. Trump has expressed interest in rejoining the Trans-Pacific Partnership, but it did not appear in the report.

### **Commodity Classic: BASF to Showcase Beneficial Fungicide Portfolio**

BASF plans to showcase its wheat fungicide portfolio next week at 2018 Commodity Classic in Anaheim, California. Wheat plants final yield potential begins at planting. When treated with beneficial fungicides as stages throughout production, wheat producers can continuously produce a high-quality harvest. Paula Halabicki, BASF Technical Marketing Manager, shared some of the most useful BASF products throughout production stages with National Wheat Foundation. BASF fungicides protect wheat crop from even the most destructive disease producers face, Scab Disease. To learn more about the BASF fungicide portfolio, visit their Commodity Classic Trade Show Booth #1509 and stop by NAWG/NWF's booth #1721.

### **Examining the IARC Working Group Glyphosate Ruling: In Defense of Scientific Integrity**

Recently, the House Committee on Science and Technology held a hearing to examine the U.S. taxpayer-funded, European agency IARC Monograph Programme and its assessment of the herbicide glyphosate, more commonly known as Roundup. The February 6, 2018 hearing investigated whether or not IARC is using sound science when suggesting policy. IARC has categorized glyphosate, commonly known as RoundUp, as Category 2A. This March 2015 ruling has received backlash from several credible scientific agencies in the United States, Europe, Canada, Japan, New Zealand and Australia. All have publicly reaffirmed that glyphosate is a safe herbicide.

## **NCSGGA Upcoming Events**

Feb. 26th - March 2nd, 2018

Commodity Classic  
Anaheim, California

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March 6th / 12:00 noon – 3:00pm

Central Piedmont  
Small Grains Field Day  
Piedmont Research Station  
8350 Sherrills Ford Rd.  
Salisbury, NC 28147

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March 13th / 8:00am

Union County Small Grains Field Day  
Cox Brothers Farm  
6409 Rape Rd,  
Monroe, NC 28112

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March 15th / 9:00am - 2:00pm

Harnett County Ag Day  
Lillington, NC

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March 20th / 8:30am  
Duplin Grows  
Duplin County Events Center  
195 Fairgrounds Dr,  
Kenansville, NC 28349

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March 21st-22nd / 9:00am – 2:00pm  
NCSU Farm Animal Days  
Beef Educational Unit  
4505 Mid Pines Rd.  
Raleigh, NC

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March 28th / 8:30am  
Ag Science Day  
Mattamuskeet Elementary School  
60 Juniper Bay Rd,  
Swanquarter, NC 27885

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April 5th / 9:30am - 11:30am  
"Just A Growing"  
Flint Rock Farms  
6510 S. Plank Rd.  
Cameron, NC

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April 10th/ 8:30am - 9:45am  
Small Grains Presentation  
Wilkes Community College  
1328 South Collegiate Dr.  
Wilkesboro, NC 28697

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April 11th / 9:00am - 1:30pm  
Ag Day  
University of Mount Olive  
634 Henderson Street  
Mount Olive, NC 28365

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April 19th / 8:30am – 2:30pm  
AG Day  
Southeastern Academy School  
12251 NC Highway 41 N,  
Lumberton, NC 28358

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April 20th / 9:00am – 2:15pm  
AG Science Day  
Bailey Elementary School  
6288 Pine St,  
Bailey, NC 27807

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May 18th - 20th  
Got to Be NC Festival  
NC State Fairgrounds  
Raleigh, NC

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June 19th-20th / 10:00am – 4:00pm  
NC State FFA Convention  
Career Show  
Raleigh Convention Center

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July 12th / 9:00am – 3:00pm  
NCSGGA Research & Education  
Committee Meeting  
NCSGGA Office  
3822 Bland Road  
Raleigh, NC 27609

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July 26th, 2018  
Northeast Ag Expo  
Field Day

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August 1st, 2018  
Blackland Farm Managers Tour

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August 7th / 10:00am – 12:00pm  
North Hills Kids Series:  
Touch a Tractor  
4020 Market At North Hills St.  
Raleigh, NC 27609

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August 8th – 10th, 2018  
NCSGGA Summer Board Mtg.  
Hampton Inn  
1956 13th Avenue Drive SE  
Hickory, NC 28602

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September 8th, 2018

CALS Tailgate  
PNC Arena  
Raleigh, NC

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November 6th - 8th, 2018  
9:00am - 2:15pm  
Stanly County Ag Days  
Stanly Co. Agri Civic Center  
Albemarle, NC

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*The North Carolina Small Grain Growers Association, Inc. is a nonprofit corporation formed to encourage, promote and develop more efficient and effective small grain marketing and production practices and to participate in all matters relative to the interests of small grain producers. For more information please contact Dan Weathington, Executive Director of NCSGGA at [danweathington@gmail.com](mailto:danweathington@gmail.com) / 910-736-8258 or Nikki Johnson for Outreach Events and Communications at [nfjohnson0902@gmail.com](mailto:nfjohnson0902@gmail.com) / 919-809-8657.*