

2018 North Carolina Small Grains Whistle Stop Tour

Join us this spring as we tour North Carolina Small Grains to talk about important production topics. There are a set of demonstration plots or a replicated test at each location coordinated by the local Agricultural Extension Agent and the Small Grains Extension Team at NC State University. Detailed coordinates and addresses are coming soon! Make sure to come out to the one nearest you! For more information on any of these events please contact Andrew Baucom: Phone (704) 320-4183 or Email andrew_baucom@ncsu.edu

April 17th / 8:30am – 10:30am
Beaufort County
Agent – Rod Gurganus
Crop Focus Topic: Wheat – OVT & N Rich

April 18th / 1:00pm – 3:00pm
Sampson County
Agent – Della King
Crop Focus Topic: Wheat – N Rich

April 20th / 8:00am – 10:00am
Cumberland County
Agent – Anthony Growe
Crop Focus Topic: Wheat – N Rich/ Weed Management/Fungicide

April 23rd / 8:30am – 11:00am
Granville County
Agent – Gary Cross
Crop Focus Topic: Malt Barley – Various

April 25th / 8:30am – 10:30am
Wake County
Agent – Emily Mueller
Crop Focus Topic: Wheat – N Rich

April 25th / 1:00pm – 3:00pm
Johnston County
Agent – Tim Britton
Crop Focus Topic: Wheat – N Rich & Variety

April 27th / 1:00pm – 3:00pm
Ashe County
Agent – Travis Birdsell
Crop Focus Topic: Winter Canola

May 8th / 11:00am – 1:00pm

Franklin County
Agent – Charles Mitchell
Crop Focus Topic: Malt Barley – Fungicide

May 9th / 8:30am – 10:30am
Duplin County
Agent – Blake Sandlin
Crop Focus Topic: Wheat Fungicide

May 10th / 8:30am – 10:30am
Robeson County
Agent – Mac Malloy
Crop Focus Topic: Fungicide & Pop x N

“Just a Growing”

On Thursday, April 5th, the NCSGGA participated in an event called “Just A Growing” held at Flint Rock Farms in Cameron. The event was designed to provide students, who are out of school on spring break, with a fun day of educational activities and farm learning experiences. Local second graders spent the day learning about the many aspects of agriculture and understanding where their food comes from. Thank you to Flint Rock Farms for planning and organizing this great event! To see pictures from the day please visit our photo gallery on our website at: <http://ncwheat.com/media-gallery/>

Spring 2018 Kernels E-Magazine

The latest edition of Kernels, the Wheat Foods Council’s e-magazine, is now available! To view the online magazine please visit: <http://wheatfoods.org/sites/default/files/atachments/kernels-22-spring-2018final.pdf>

In this issue of Kernels:

- Regroup. Reset. Resolve. Tips to Sticking with Those Healthy Lifestyle Resolutions
- Member Profile: North Dakota Wheat Commission
- Kids Don't Eat Enough Whole Grains
- FoodFit: Credible Nutrition Resources at your Fingertips
- Spring is in the Air! Recipes sure to put a Spring in your Step
- Fast Food for Athletes

Enjoy! And don’t forget to check out many other informational and educational resources available at the Wheat Food Council’s website: <http://wheatfoods.org/resources>.

National Association of Wheat Growers: Weekly Update

NAWG/NWF PRESS RELEASE: China's Response to New U.S. Tariffs Will Hurt U.S. Wheat Farmers

U.S. Wheat Associates (USW) and the National Association of Wheat Growers (NAWG) believe wheat farmers are going to get hurt by the 25 percent tariffs China quickly proposed after the United States government announced new tariffs on \$50 billion of imported Chinese goods on April 4, 2018. The proposed Chinese tariffs would further erode the incomes of farm families who strongly support addressing the real concerns about China's trade policies. USW and NAWG know that farmers still want our organizations to keep fighting for fair opportunities to compete in China and other countries.

Soil Health Partnership Seeks New Executive Director

As the Soil Health Partnership heads into its fourth year of long-term data collection on working farms, some changes are afoot among the staff due to promotions, and several positions are open. An initiative started by the National Corn Growers Association, the program's goal is to quantify the benefits of soil health-promoting practices from an economic as well as environmental standpoint, showing farmers how healthy soil benefits their bottom line. The National Wheat Foundation joined the Soil Health Partnership in November 2018 to expand the farmer network to wheat production sites.

Nick Goeser, who has served as the project's director since its launch in 2014, has been promoted to the position of NCGA Vice President of Production and Sustainability. Goeser said while the promotion offers a great new opportunity for professional impact, the decision to leave SHP was exceptionally difficult. However, in his new role at NCGA, he will serve as a member of the SHP Steering Committee and remain engaged with the Science Advisory Council. "The Soil Health Partnership is a project I have poured my heart and soul into for the last four years," Goeser said. "My hope is that this change will bring additional opportunity and support to the partnership. This program will continue to grow to scale impactful change across agricultural and non-agricultural communities – and our enrolled farmers and staff deserve credit for the success."

A search is on for the next Executive Director of the Soil Health Partnership. Details can be found on the SHP website: <http://soilhealthpartnership.org/careers.html>

National Wheat Foundation Outreach on the Soil Health Partnership

The National Wheat Foundation (NWF) is working to recruit wheat grower participants in the Soil Health Partnership, a farmer network researching soil health practices, production and profitability. NWF is interested in working with growers to expand the existing Soil Health Partnership network into wheat production. NWF was in Kansas last month participating in education events tied to Field to Market wheat supply chain sourcing projects. Events were held in Garden City and Hutchinson, Kansas, focusing on sourcing regions for General Mills. For more information on NWF's involvement in the Soil Health Partnership, visit the NWF website <https://wheatfoundation.org/projects-programs/national-wheat-foundation-receives-grant-from-general-mills/>

Treated Seed Stewardship – Cover Up

Used responsibly, seed treatments benefit the farmers without creating unacceptable risks to applicators, wildlife and the environment. Proper stewardship of treated seed is important and growers should always follow label directions and always know where and when spills are likely to occur. The greatest potential for seed spillage occurs at the loading site, at the point of entry to the field, and at the turn rows. When a spill occurs, remember immediately cover them up with soil to avoid potential risks to wildlife. For a complete guide to seed treatment stewardship visit <https://seed-treatment-guide.com/>

NWF National Wheat Yield Contest: Winter Wheat - Deadline May 15th

The National Wheat Foundation's (NWF) annual National Wheat Yield Contest continues to drive innovation in the industry by spotlighting the best practices among American wheat growers. In its third year, the contest added a quality requirement, raising the bar for what constitutes the greater grain among U.S. wheat growers. For more information on contest guidelines, deadlines and prizes, visit <https://wheatfoundation.org/rules-and-registration!>

Tuesday, May 15, 2018 will be the last day for growers to enter the winter wheat portion of the contest. Entering the contest will give members of your local organization the chance to be nationally recognized for their Greater Grain.

NCSGGA Upcoming Events

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

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

April 12th / 9:00am – 1:00pm
FFA Day
Heritage High School
Wake Forest, NC

April 19th / 8:30am – 2:30pm
AG Day
Southeastern Academy School

12251 NC Highway 41 N,
Lumberton, NC 28358

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

April 23rd / 9am – 11am
Malt Barley Field Tour
Oxford Research Station
125 Oxford Outer Loop
Oxford, NC 27565

May 1st - 3rd
Wake Up to Agriculture
Iredell County Fairgrounds
211 W Sharpe St
Troutman, NC 28166

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

June 8th / 7:00pm
Ag Appreciation Night
Kinston Wood Ducks Baseball Game
400 E Grainger Ave
Kinston, NC 28502

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

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

July 26th, 2018
Northeast Ag Expo
Field Day

August 1st, 2018
Blackland Farm Managers Tour

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

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

September 8th, 2018
CALs Tailgate
PNC Arena
Raleigh, NC

October 9th - 10th
Agriculture Awareness Days
Onslow County

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

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 / 910-736-8258 or Nikki Johnson for Outreach Events and Communications at nfjohnson0902@gmail.com / 919-809-8657.