

Lenoir/Greene County in Need of Dump Trucks & Drivers

See the urgent request below from Lenoir/Greene County Extension Agent, Eve Honeycutt:

We are in desperate need of 25 ton dump trucks and drivers to haul rock to fix farm paths to reach stranded animals. If you know anyone that can send trucks and drivers (especially donate) we would be so grateful. We have the rock. Please call or email Eve Honeycutt for more information at (252) 527-2191 or eve_honeycutt@ncsu.edu.

2018 CALS Tailgate

NC State University held its largest alumni event, CALS (College of Agriculture & Life Sciences) Tailgate on Saturday, September 8th at PNC Arena before the noon football game. This event has been a proud tradition of providing a family-friendly atmosphere and highlighting the people, programs and partners that make the college great. Agriculture takes a front-row seat during CALS Tailgate providing exhibits, entertainment, games, food and music inside and outside PNC Arena. The NC Small Grain Growers Association was proud to exhibit in such a fun event that showcases the importance of the agriculture community within our state.

Tailgate 2018 was held in conjunction with the 6th annual Ag Day, which is hosted in partnership with the NC Agricultural Foundation, Inc., NC State Athletics, Wolfpack Sports Properties and the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences. Ag Day is an important opportunity to promote the connection between NC State and the agriculture, agribusiness and biotech industries in North Carolina in front of thousands of fans at Carter-Finley Stadium.

This year's tailgate program was especially exciting, promoting the message of "Farmer Strong" and having a united front within the AG community was definitely the theme of the event. Featured guest speakers included:

United States Secretary of Agriculture Sonny Perdue
North Carolina Commissioner of Agriculture Steve Troxler
North Carolina Senator Brent Jackson
North Carolina House of Representative Jimmy Dixon
NCSU Dean of CALS Dr. Richard Linton
NCSU Chancellor Dr. Randy Woodson

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

CEO Attends and Speaks During CLA's Government Policy Weekend

From September 20-23rd, NAWG CEO Chandler Goule will attend CropLife America's Government Policy Weekend in Amelia Island, Florida. During the meeting, Goule will sit on a two-hour "CEO panel" with Zippy Duvall, CEO for the American Farm Bureau Federation, and Tim Lust, CEO for the National Sorghum Producers. Goule will focus his remarks on NAWG's priorities for 2019 and the importance of working cohesively with fellow ag and commodity groups.

President Trump Slaps on Another \$200 Billion in Tariffs to the Chinese

On September 17th, President Trump announced that the U.S. would impose tariffs on \$200 billion worth of goods and was prepared to tax all imports. China has retaliated on \$60 billion worth of US goods. U.S. wheat

already has a 25% tariff placed on them. In his release, President Trump stated that the U.S. will “immediately place tariffs on another \$267 billion worth of imports if China takes retaliatory action against our farmers or other industries.” A large amount of the recent tariffs were directed at food products and consumer goods. The rate on these tariffs will sit at 10 percent until late December, when they will rise to 25 percent if no trade deal is reached.

Congressional Action on Appropriations

The Senate has voted to approve a minibus appropriations bill funding the Departments of Defense, Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, along with a continuing resolution funding other agencies, including the Department of Agriculture, at FY 2018 levels through December 7, 2018. The House has not yet voted on the minibus. Additionally, there is still a possibility that Congress could act next week on a separate minibus providing funding for USDA for the entire FY 2019 fiscal year.

Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS) Gives \$103 Million in Grants to States

On September 18, 2018, Under Secretary Greg Ibach announced that the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) is investing \$102.7 million to increase opportunities for farmers, ranchers and other growers across the country through five grant programs. The funding supports a variety of locally-led projects intended to expand markets for local food promotion and specialty crops. \$72.5 million will be given directly to state ag department in all states, and territories and just over \$13 million will be awarded to both the Farmers Market Production and Food Promotion programs. The remaining funds will be given to the Acer Access and Development and Federal State Marketing Improvement programs.

Jon Doggett Announced as New CEO for the National Corn Growers Association

On September 14, 2018, the National Corn Growers Association (NCGA) Corn Board named Jon Doggett as the organization’s new chief executive officer. Doggett had previously worked for the National Cattleman’s Beef Association, American Farm Bureau, and for Corn Growers as executive vice president, vice president of public policy, and interim CEO. Doggett is replacing the current CEO of CropLife America, Chris Novack.

NCSGGA Upcoming Events

October 5th, 2018
Ag Science Day
Red Oak Elementary School
Red Oak, NC

October 9th - 10th
Agriculture Awareness Days
Onslow County

October 23rd - 25th
Hoke County Ag Days
Hoke-Robeson Gin
Maxton, NC

Oct. 29th – Nov. 1st, 2018
Wheat Industry (NAWG)
Fall Conference

Grand Hyatt Tampa Bay
Tampa Bay, FL

Oct. 29th / 10:00am
Ladies Garden Club
Ag Education Day
Flint Rock Farms
Cameron, NC

November 2nd, 2018
Person County Ag Field Day
Huck Sansbury Park
425 Long Ave
Roxboro, NC 27573

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

December 6th - 7th, 2018
NCSGGA Board Meeting
Sheraton Imperial Hotel
4700 Emperor Blvd. Durham, NC

December 14th / 8am – 11:30am
Academy of Moore County
Agriculture Field Day
Aberdeen Post Masters House
204 E South St.
Aberdeen, North Carolina 28315

January 9th, 2019 / 1:00pm
NCSGGA Board Meeting
Sheraton Imperial Hotel
4700 Emperor Blvd. Durham, NC

January 10th – 11th, 2019
NC Commodities Conference
Sheraton Imperial Hotel
4700 Emperor Blvd. Durham, NC

January 30th – February 1st, 2019
Southern Farm Show
NC State Fairgrounds Raleigh, NC

February 28th – March 2nd, 2019
Commodity Classic

Orlando, Florida

March 8th, 2019 / 8am – 11:30am

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Aberdeen, North Carolina 28315

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.