

2018 North Carolina Wheat Yield Contest Winners

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In 2018, there were 21 entries in the North Carolina Wheat Yield Contest: five from Region I and eight each from Regions II and III. The NC Wheat Yield contest was designed to identify production practices for producing the highest wheat yields for a given environment and to give recognition to those growers who do an outstanding job of producing wheat and to their Cooperative Extension agents. The North Carolina wheat yield contest is conducted by the Cooperative Extension Service through the Small Grain Extension program at North Carolina State University. Awards are sponsored by the North Carolina Small Grain Growers Association. At the county level, the county Extension director or agent with small grain responsibilities is responsible for overseeing all contest entries. Any person who produces wheat in North Carolina is eligible to enter the contest as long as three contiguous acres are harvested for yield measurements.

In 2018, five varieties made the 100 bushel wheat club including: USG 3316, Croplan 9606, USG 3404, DG Shirley and P26R10. ***Winners are reported in the attached Yield Contest Winners Document.*** Join us for the awards ceremony at the NC Commodities Conference January 9-11th, 2019 where we will recognize our outstanding wheat producers.

National Association of Wheat Growers: Weekly Update

Housing and Registration Opens for the 2019 NAWG/USW Fall Conference

NAWG and U.S. Wheat will be holding their 2019 Fall Conference at the Grand Hyatt Tampa Bay in Tampa Bay, Florida from October 30th to November 2nd. NAWG's schedule of events, registration, and information on housing can be found here: <https://www.wheatworld.org/newsroom/meetings-events/fall-wheat-conference/>. Visit this link: <https://www.uswheat.org/meeting/2018-usw-nawg-joint-fall-meeting/> to go to straight to the registration page.

NAWG Holds Fly-In, September 11-13, 2018

NAWG will be holding a policy fly-in next week to speak with Members of Congress and the Administration on the Farm Bill Conference process and trade. NAWG Officers and more than 20 other NAWG wheat farmers from across the country will arrive on Tuesday and hit the USDA first on Wednesday, September 12th, where they will be meeting with key USDA staff from the Farm Service Agency (FSA), Risk Management Agency (RMA), and the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS). Follow @wheatworld and #WheatinDC for live updates from the event.

USDA Trade Aid Program for Application Opens

On September 4, 2018, USDA launched the trade mitigation package aimed at assisting farmers suffering from damage due to unjustified trade retaliation by foreign nations. Producers of certain commodities can now sign up for the Market Facilitation Program (MFP), while USDA will also begin to purchase identified commodities under a food purchase and distribution program. Additionally, the Agency has begun accepting proposals for the Agricultural Trade Promotion Program (ATP), which will help American farmers find and access new markets for their products. In total, USDA will authorize up to \$12 billion in programs, consistent with World Trade Organization obligations.

NWF Blog: Celebrating Whole Grain Month!

The month of September is dedicated to celebrating whole grains. Wheat is the most widely grown crop in the world and serves as an excellent source of nutrition. Benefits of eating whole wheat food products include increased fiber intake, decreased risk for heart disease, lowered cholesterol and much more.

Roberts, Stabenow Announce Ag Trade Hearing

The Senate Agriculture Committee will hold a hearing on agricultural trade on Thursday, September 13, Senate Agriculture Committee Chairman Pat Roberts, R-Kan., and ranking member Debbie Stabenow, D-Mich., have announced. The hearing will be held at 10 a.m. in Room 328A of the Russell Senate Office Building.

Witnesses will be Chief Agricultural Negotiator Gregg Doud of the Office of the U.S. Trade Representative; Agriculture Undersecretary for Trade and Foreign Agricultural Affairs Ted McKinney; and USDA Chief Economist Rob Johansson.

Trump Appoints Angle to Be NIFA Director for Six Years

On Thursday President Donald Trump appointed J. Scott Angle to be director of the National Institute of Food and Agriculture, a division of the Agriculture Department, for a term of six years. Angle was the president and CEO of the International Fertilizer Development Center, an organization based in Muscle Shoals, Ala., that helps agriculture in developing countries use fertilizer and other technologies. Angle assumes the position of NIFA director, which does not require Senate confirmation, just as Agriculture Secretary Sonny Perdue has announced controversial plans to move most of the NIFA staff to a location outside the Washington area.

ICYMI: NCIS To Launch State-By-State Crop Insurance Website in September

National Crop Insurance Services has established a new website: <https://cropinsuranceinmystate.org/> providing information on the role of crop insurance in each state, just as the House and Senate conference on the farm bill is scheduled to begin in September.

NWF Seeking for WILOT Applicants

The National Wheat Foundation's Wheat Industry Leaders of Tomorrow (WILOT) program will be taking place in St. Louis, MO, from November 11-16th, 2018 and seeks applicants to participate. This week-long training program that is sponsored by Monsanto is geared towards current leaders and those who soon could take on leadership positions at the state and national levels for wheat organizations. The program will focus on personal leadership, communicating to earn the public's trust, agricultural policy, advocacy skills, and media and messaging training. Thanks to Monsanto, this program will not cost state associations or farmers any money to participate. Please contact Craig Berning, if you are interested or would like to nominate someone to participate by ASAP.

NCSGGA Upcoming Events

September 8th, 2018

CALS Tailgate

PNC Arena

Raleigh, NC

September 21st / 8am – 11:30am

Academy of Moore County

Agriculture Field Day

Aberdeen Post Masters House

204 E South St.

Aberdeen, North Carolina 28315

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
Academy of Moore County
Agriculture Field Day
Aberdeen Post Masters House
204 E South St.
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.