

Still Time to Plant Wheat

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Weather has kept us out of the field for summer harvests much of the past month, which has delayed fall planting for many North Carolina producers hoping to get wheat in the ground. But there is still ample time to get wheat planted and well-established before winter is upon us. The central, southern and eastern areas of the state still have open planting windows for wheat, while it is getting a bit too late to plant in the western portions of North Carolina. As we move into the last parts of the planting season for our state, seeding rates can be increased slightly to between 1.7 and 1.9 million seeds per acre in most areas. Seed treatments are a cheap insurance for getting winter wheat established especially as we move into a cooler, wetter weather pattern.

Insecticide seed treatments are not necessary at this time since much of our fall Hessian fly risk has passed; however, fungicide seed treatments can be a benefit from now through the final few weeks of the planting season. If you still need variety selection assistance visit <https://officialvarietytesting.ces.ncsu.edu/small-grains-2018/> . To see some of our most consistent performers for the last few years choose the statewide and multi-year tables and take a look at the variety characteristics sheet for disease resistance levels. If you still have trouble choosing contact your local agricultural agent. There are still seed available from most retailers.

Make sure to give your new wheat crop a good foundation with part of your nitrogen up front. At least 30 units are recommended at or near planting to promote even germination and emergence and establish early tillering. This can be in the form of a synthetic fertilizer or as animal manures. If you are using animal waste as your main early nitrogen source, be sure to get an analysis of the material to determine the appropriate application rate. Early applications can mean the difference between a mediocre crop and an excellent crop. Pay attention to winter weather conditions to determine if more nitrogen will be needed in late winter or if you can wait a bit longer to topdress. Next week we will hear from NC State graduate student Kaitlyn Moody on how to establish a reference strip in the field to assess nitrogen needs throughout the season.

Wheat will be our first cash flow of 2019 and there will likely be opportunities to lock in a better price between now and June. Stay tuned for updates as the season progresses and follow us on Twitter @NCGrainTalk.

Hoke County Agriculture Awareness Week

This week the NC Small Grain Growers Association participated in Hoke County's annual Agriculture Awareness week, October 23rd – 25th, held in Maxton at the Hoke Robeson Cotton Gin. Approximately 620 third graders from various local schools attended the event. Each class rotated from 10 different agriculture related stations including: Wheat, Soybeans, Chickens, Dairy, Nutrition, Cotton, and Bees spending about 10 minutes at each learning station. Thank you to the Hoke County Cooperative Extension Team for organizing this great event and making agriculture education a top priority! 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

NAWG and USW to Attend 75th NAFB Convention, November 7-9, 2018

From November 7-9, 2018, the National Association of Wheat Growers (NAWG) and U.S. Wheat Associates (USW) will be attending the 75th annual National Association of Farm Broadcasters (NAFB) Convention held at the Westin Crown Center in Kansas City, MO. During the convention, NAWG and U.S. Wheat will host a booth

as part of the Trade Talk on November 8th. USW Chairman Chris Kolstad and NAWG President Jimmie Musick will representing their Associations and plan on discussing several topics with broadcasters including the farm bill, trade, mid-term elections, and other association-specific priorities.

Additionally, first the first time, the National Wheat Foundation (NWF) and the U.S. Wheat Associates are co-sponsoring a NAFB Foundation scholarship. The scholarship will be given to Matthew Winterholler, a senior at Texas Tech University who is majoring in Agricultural Communications. Matthew will be recognized at the NAFB Foundation Luncheon on Wednesday, November 7th where NAWG President Jimmie Musick and USW's Amanda Spoo will be presenting him the award. For more information, visit <https://nafb.com/foundation> .

USDA Accepts Nominations for the Advisory Committee on Beginning Farmers and Ranchers

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) is soliciting nominations and applications to serve on the Advisory Committee on Beginning Farmers and Ranchers (the "Committee"). The Committee will meet and discuss beginning farmer and rancher policy and program issues and collaborate to make recommendations to the Secretary on matters broadly affecting new farmers and ranchers. The membership term shall not exceed 2 years from the date of appointment. Applications and nomination packages can be downloaded at the link below: <https://www.ocio.usda.gov/document/ad-755> . Consideration will be given to nominations received on or before November 1, 2018.

Agribusinesses Seek to Modernize Global Agricultural Commodity Trade Operations

Driven by opportunities to increase transparency and efficiency for customers, global agribusinesses are turning to emerging digital technologies – including blockchain and artificial intelligence options – to reduce resource- and time-intensive processes associated with the global agricultural commodity value chain.

Archer Daniels Midland Company (NYSE: ADM) ("ADM"), Bunge Limited (NYSE: BG) ("Bunge"), Cargill, Incorporated ("Cargill"), and Louis Dreyfus Company ("LDC") are investigating ways to standardize and digitize global agricultural shipping transactions for the benefit of the entire industry. The companies also seek broad-based industry participation to promote global access and adoption.

USDA Announces Update to National Road Map for Integrated Pest Management (IPM)

On October 24, 2018, The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) announced the first update since 2013 of the National Road Map for Integrated Pest Management (IPM) here: <https://www.ars.usda.gov/ARUserFiles/OPMP/IPM%20Road%20Map%20FINAL.pdf> . The update culminates a yearlong review by the Federal Integrated Pest Management (IPM) Coordinating Committee (FIPMCC), a joint effort that is coordinated by the Office of Pest Management Policy in the Office of USDA's Chief Economist with representatives of all federal agencies with responsibilities in IPM research, implementation, or education programs. These agencies include Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), Department of the Interior (DOI), and Department of Defense (DoD).

NASS to Collect Additional Harvested Acreage Information

Many crops have been significantly impacted by Hurricane Michael and the subsequent flooding. USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) will collect harvested acreage information for a number of crops in affected states in preparation for the November Crop Production report. These additional data will help to better assess the full impact. If the newly collected data justifies any changes, NASS will publish updated harvested acreage estimates in the November 8 report.

USDA Approves New Crop Insurance Provider

USDA's Risk Management Agency (RMA) approved Church Mutual Insurance Company (CMIC) as a Standard Reinsurance Agreement holder, combined with Precision Risk Management, LLC (PRM) as its managing

general agency (MGA) for the 2019 crop season. To be approved, Church and PRM were required to demonstrate the necessary financial, organizational resources including technical skills, leadership and experience in the field of crop insurance. Precision Risk Management is licensed in 16 Midwestern states and is headquartered in Sioux Falls, S.D.

The National Wheat Foundation is Officially Accepting Applications for Scholarship Honoring Ag Students

The National Wheat Foundation is officially accepting applications for the Jerry Minore Scholarship, honoring a student pursuing a career in agriculture. The scholarship is available to both high school and college students for the 2019-2020 academic year with an application deadline of December 01, 2018. For more information on how to apply, read the Foundation's release here: <https://wheatfoundation.org/jerry-minore-memorial-scholarship-hear-from-last-years-winners/>

NCSGGA Upcoming Events

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 20th, 2019

Northeast Ag Expo

Small Grains Field Day

120 Selwin Rd.

Hobbsville, NC 27946

February 28th – March 2nd, 2019

Commodity Classic

Orlando, Florida

March 8th, 2019 / 8am – 11:30am

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April 16th, 2019

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