

APPLY NOW for Hurricane Florence Agricultural Disaster Program!!!!

Farmers affected by Hurricane Florence, **NOW** is the time to sign up for the Hurricane Florence Agricultural Disaster Program of 2018. **The sign-up period will end on Dec. 10.** The program will directly assist farmers who suffered losses to commodities planted but not harvested before Sept. 13 and livestock. The N.C. Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services will administer the program, and assistance will be dependent upon funding from the General Assembly. For more information on how to apply and what you will need, visit www.ncagr.gov/agriculturaldisasterprogram or call 1-866-645-9403.

South Johnston HS Commodity Fair

On Tuesday, November 28th the NCSGGA participated in a Commodity Fair at South Johnston High School in Four Oaks. This event was for students in the IDEAL (Institute for the Development of Environmental and Agricultural Leadership) program at South Johnston. Students apply from all over the county and adjoining counties to come experience this unique program. Throughout a student's time in the IDEAL program they experience multiple areas of agriculture including presentations from guest speakers, field trips, and other unique experiences. This year they organized a "commodity fair" to allow students to see how diverse agriculture is in North Carolina and to hopefully spark some career interest. Featured at the event were representatives from: NC Small Grain Growers Association, NC Soybean Producers Association, NC Horse Council, NC Cattlemen's Association, and NC Sweet Potato Commission. Thank you to the South Johnston High School Ag Department for organizing this great event and promoting Agriculture Education! To see pictures please visit our photo gallery on our website at: <http://ncwheat.com/media-gallery/>

Glendale –Kenly Elementary School - Wheat Presentation

Today the NCSGGA will speak at Glendale – Kenly Elementary School's after school program on Wheat Production in North Carolina. Students from 2nd to 5th grade will attend the program, learning all about wheat production, management, statistics, products, and nutrition. Each student will also get a chance to make flour by grinding wheat and sample a wheat food product. Thank you to the afterschool program for inviting us to come and educate your students on North Carolina Agriculture! Pictures will be posted to our website after the event, please visit our photo gallery to view: <http://ncwheat.com/media-gallery/>

National Association of Wheat Growers: Weekly Update

PRESS RELEASE: NAWG Applauds Farm Bill Negotiators for Moving Process Forward

The leadership of the House and Senate Agriculture Committees have announced that they've reached a tentative agreement on a conference report for the 2018 Farm Bill, pending final scores from the Congressional Budget Office. While the bill still needs to be reported out of the conference committee, voted on by both Chambers and signed into law, NAWG is pleased the process is moving forward. NAWG President Jimmie Musick made the following statement in response:

"NAWG appreciates conferees diligently working together to reach an agreement to strengthen the agriculture industry. This past year our growers have dealt with the impact of the trade war between U.S. and China, extreme weather conditions, and a struggling rural economy and more. Farm Bill support programs provide them with some certainty during these volatile times.

"NAWG looks forward to reviewing the language within the bill."

NAWG to Attend and Participate in USWBSI and NWIC Meetings

NAWG Director of Research and Technology Steve Joehl will be attending the annual US Wheat and Barley Scab Initiative Forum from Dec. 2-4 in St. Louis, MO. The goal of the U.S. Wheat and Barley Scab Initiative is to develop as quickly as possible effective control measures that minimize the threat of Fusarium head blight (scab) to the producers, processors, and consumers of wheat and barley.

The USWBSI is guided by a Steering Committee that includes growers, farm organizations, food processors (e.g., millers, bakers, pasta manufacturers, and brewers), scientists (from Land Grant universities, USDA, and private companies), and consumer groups.

Shortly after, the National Wheat Improvement Committee (NWIC) will meet on Wednesday, Dec. 5., where Joehl will provide the group with an update on the 2018 Farm Bill and other NAWG activities. Steve serves in the role of Secretary for NWIC.

NRCS Action on CSP Contracts Expiring December 31, 2018

When the Farm Bill expired on September 30, 2018, USDA's Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) lost the ability to enroll and re-enroll growers in its Conservation Stewardship Program (CSP). Currently, growers who signed CSP contracts in fiscal year 2014 (2014-1 CSP) have contracts that will expire on December 31, 2018. Because CSP contracts are for 5 years, NRCS is taking action to extend those contracts for the full 5 years. For more information, read its USDA's notice here: <https://directives.sc.egov.usda.gov/viewerFS.aspx?hid=43063>

NWF Blog: 2018 National Wheat Yield Contest (NWYC) National and State Winners

The National Wheat Foundation (NWF) has announced the national and state winners of its annual National Wheat Yield Contest (NWYC). The Contest provides an opportunity for wheat growers across the nation to compete against one another by utilizing innovative techniques and improved production practices. Check out our most recent blog on the 2018 National Wheat Yield Contest and remember why wheat is the "Greater Grain" <http://bit.ly/2R21hWD>

Soil Health Partnership (SHP)'s Annual Soil Health Summit

As the pursuit of improved soil health as an on-farm business and environmental strategy continues to grow, the Soil Health Partnership is taking a new step to foster that interest. For the first time, the organization has opened to the public the annual Soil Health Summit, January 15 – 16 in St. Louis, and encourages growers and agronomists to attend. Registration is open from the Soil Health Summit website. The registration fee for the two-day event is just \$100 for farmers and educators. The cost for other attendees is \$250. This registration fee includes the event meals, all sessions, and a reception.

Housing and Registration Opens for 2019 Commodity Classic

Housing and registration has officially opened for the 2019 Commodity Classic, which is scheduled for February 28th – March 2nd in Orlando, Florida at the Orlando Convention Center. NAWG has been assigned to the Rosen Centre hotel (9840 International Drive, Orlando, Florida 32819) which is located right next to the Convention Center.

Apply for the Jerry Minore Memorial Scholarship! – Deadline is December 1, 2018!

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

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 12th – 15th, 2019
NAWG Winter Meeting
Washington D.C.

February 20th, 2019
Northeast Ag Expo
Small Grains Field Day
120 Selwin Rd.
Hobbsville, NC 27946

February 27th – March 2nd, 2019
Commodity Classic
Orlando, Florida

March 5th - 6th, 2019
Duplin Grows
Duplin County Events Center
Kenansville, NC

March 15th, 2019
AG Science Day
Bailey Elementary School
Bailey, NC

April 16th, 2019
AG By the Slice
Guilford County 4-H

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.