

Flint Rock Farm – NC Agriculture Appreciation Day

The North Carolina Small Grain Growers Association was invited to Flint Rock Farm in Cameron, NC on Monday, October 29th to give a presentation to a local group on Wheat Production and Nutrition in North Carolina as well as information about our Association. The group also enjoyed a presentation from the NC Soybean Association, a hayride through the farm and learning about North Carolina Agriculture facts and statistics that make our state so unique. Everyone left with a better understanding and appreciation for where their food comes from and the people that grow it. Thank you to Flint Rock Farm for hosting and organizing this great event! To see a few pictures from the event please visit our photo gallery on our website at: <http://ncwheat.com/media-gallery/>

Stanly County Ag Awareness Week

This week the NC Small Grain Growers Association participated in Stanly County's 14th Annual Agriculture Awareness week, November 6th – 8th, held in Albemarle at the Stanly County Agri Civic Center. Approximately 700 third graders from various local schools attended the event. Each class rotated from 14 different agriculture related stations including: Wheat, Soybeans, Soil, Livestock, Nutrition, Popcorn, Cotton, Local Foods, Aquaponics, Forestry, Corn, Antique Power Club, Poultry, and Bees spending about 20 minutes at each learning station. Thank you to the Stanly 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/>

Fall Issue of Kernels Magazine Now Available

The latest edition of Kernels, the Wheat Foods Council's e-magazine is now available! Click here to view: <http://wheatfoods.org/sites/default/files/attachments/Kernels%2024%20Fall%202018.pdf>

In this issue you will find:

- Our Bigger Bolder Photoshoot
- Michele Tuttle's ITU World Triathlon Race Report
- Member Profile: Ohio Corn & Wheat
- Bigger Bolder Baking Recipes
- Three Facts You May Not Know About Holiday Desserts

Enjoy! And don't forget to check out our many informational and educational resources available here: <http://wheatfoods.org/resources>

National Association of Wheat Growers: Weekly Update

NAWG Calls on Congress to Make Farm Bill a Priority During Lame Duck

With the closing of the 2018 Midterm Elections, NAWG President and Oklahoma wheat grower Jimmie Musick has issued the following statement:

"While the 2018 midterm elections brought change to the political makeup of Congress, this should not impact the priority of passing the 2018 farm bill by the end of this session of Congress. With the farm bill having expired, growers are left with much uncertainty and are denied access to several beneficial programs within the bill.

“In particular, the outlook for foreign market development funding is in doubt until action is taken. Additionally, the USDA no longer has the authority to undertake new sign-ups for the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) which incentivizes growers to incorporate healthy soil, non-tillage, and other similar practices into their operations.

“NAWG congratulates those who were newly elected to the 116th Congress and commends you for pursuing a career in public service. The economy in Rural America is struggling and we need strong supporters of agriculture to bring it out of these difficult times. NAWG urges Congress to pass the 2018 farm bill during lame duck and is looking forward to working with the new congress on overseeing implementation of the bill and educating them on the value of the wheat industry.”

Trade and Farm Bill Take Front and Center at 2018 NAWG/USW Fall Conference

The National Association of Wheat Growers (NAWG) and U.S. Wheat Associates (USW) concluded their joint annual Fall Conference this week in Tampa, FL. More than 100 wheat growers from across the United States (Including NC Small Grain Growers Association) met in policy committees to discuss a wide variety of priorities including the farm bill, trade, the National Wheat Yield Contest, and the 2018 midterm elections.

“This past week wheat growers from across the United States came together to communicate about the policy issues that are impacting their operations and work with one another to find solutions to common problems,” stated NAWG President and Oklahoma wheat grower Jimmie Musick. “The 2018 Fall Conference couldn’t come at a better time as Congress works to pass the 2018 farm bill during lame duck, and mid-term elections may bring in a wave of Democrat legislators which will significantly alter the congressional agenda.”

NAWG and USW’s Joint International Trade Policy Committee had a heavy agenda which covered such topics as USMCA, bilateral trade agreement negotiations with Japan, and the current U.S. tariffs on Chinese goods. Additional topics discussed during the conference ranged from issues around pesticides, investment in wheat research, and funding for conservation programs.

“Additionally, NAWG’s and U.S. Wheat’s boards met during the conference and carried out a very robust program. I would like to thank Ambassador Gregg Doud, Chief Agriculture Negotiator of the U.S. Trade Representative, for taking the time to speak and meet our growers during the joint board meeting,” continued Musick. “NAWG and U.S. Wheat also heard from Ardent Mills and Bimbo Bakeries representatives on how consumer demand is molding the future of their companies and the impact this could have on wheat growers’ production practices.”

NAWG CEO Presents at the 2018 Bayer’s Cereal Experts Summit

On November 06, 2018, NAWG CEO Chandler Goule spoke at Bayer’s Cereal Experts Summit in Dallas, TX. Goule’s presentation focused on the “Future of Wheat” and focused on the past, present, and future of the wheat industry. His co-panelists included experts who touched on the agronomics, technology, trade and economics of cereal crops. The audience included around 40 Bayer representatives and around 120 ag retailers.

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) attended 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 hosted a booth as part of the Trade Talk on November 8th. USW Vice Chairman Doug Goyings and NAWG President Jimmie Musick will representing their Associations and plan on discussing several topics with broadcasters including the farm bill, trade, midterm elections, and other association-specific priorities.

Additionally, for 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 was recognized at the NAFB Foundation Luncheon on Wednesday, November 7th where NAWG President Jimmie Musick and USW's Amanda Spoo presented him the award.

BASF Guest Blog: Calling All Wheat Growers: Monarchs Need Your Help!

Tens of millions of farmland acres lie across the monarch's migration path. That's why BASF has initiated the #MonarchChallenge and is calling on farmers to play a key role in helping maintain and restore the monarch population. Read more in BASF's Guest blog, located on the National Wheat Foundation site: <https://wheatfoundation.org/guest-blog-calling-all-wheat-growers-monarchs-need-your-help/>

AgriPulse: Farmers' Mood Rebounds after USMCA Deal

A monthly survey of farmers finds that producer sentiment rose significantly in October in the wake of President Trump's trade deal with Canada and Mexico. The Purdue University-CME Group Ag Economy Barometer found that producer sentiment improved by 22 percent from September to October, putting the index at about the same level as a year ago. More than 60 percent said the U.S.-Mexico-Canada agreement had relieved their concerns about farm income to at least some extent

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

November 27th, 2018
Commodity Fair
South Johnston High School
Four Oaks, NC

November 30th, 2018
Ag Club Presentation
Glendale Kenly Elementary School
Kenly, 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
Academy of Moore County
Agriculture Field Day
Aberdeen Post Masters House
204 E South St.
Aberdeen, North Carolina 28315

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.