

Come See Us At The Southern Farm Show Next Week!!

Come see us at the Southern Farm Show next week, Wednesday, January 30th – Friday, February 1st, at the State Fairgrounds in Raleigh!! Over 400 exhibiting companies make the Southern Farm Show the largest agricultural exposition in the Carolinas and Virginia. The show hosts key industry events, and is known as the region's annual meeting place for farmers and agricultural leaders. Show hours are Wednesday, Thursday and Friday from 9:00am to 4:00pm and admission and parking are free!! The NCSGGA Booth will be in its normal spot located in the big white tent in front of the Expo Building. Be sure to stop by our booth for a warm cookie and to say hello! For more information check out the Southern Farm Show website for a complete schedule of events: <https://southernshows.com/sfs>

National Association of Wheat Growers: Weekly Update

Ranking Member Conway Announces House Ag Republicans

On January 23, 2019 House Agriculture Committee Ranking Member K. Michael Conaway (TX-11) announced that the Steering Committee has made its recommendations of the Republican members to serve on the House Agriculture Committee for the 116th Congress. The new House Agriculture Committee members are Rep. Dusty Johnson (SD-AL), Rep. Jim Baird (IN-4), and Rep. Jim Hagedorn.

USDA to Reopen FSA Offices for Additional Services During Government Shutdown

On January 22, 2019, USDA Secretary Perdue announced that all Farm Service Agency (FSA) offices nationwide will reopen to provide administrative services to farmers and ranchers amidst the lapse in federal funding. Beginning January 24, FSA offices will open and offer a longer list of services beyond assisting with existing loans and tax documents. For the first two weeks (January 28 through February 1 and February 4 through February 8), FSA offices will be open Monday through Friday. In subsequent weeks, offices will be open three days a week, on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays, if needed to provide additional services.

NWF Officially Opens 2019 National Wheat Yield Contest

The National Wheat Foundation (NWF) has officially announced that it is accepting grower enrollment for the 2019 National Wheat Yield Contest! The deadline for Winter Wheat entries is May 15th with an early registration deadline of April 1st. The Spring wheat entry deadline is August 1st, with an early registration deadline of June 15th. To register for the contest, visit here: <https://yieldcontest.wheatfoundation.org/>

The 2019 National Wheat Yield Contest sponsors include AgriMaxx, Ardent Mills, BASF, Corteva Agriscience, Indigo Ag, Grain Craft, John Deere, LimaGrain Cereals, Syngenta, and WestBred.

Gene Editing Campaign “Innovature” Launched

For the past two years NAWG has been a part of an informal coalition led by the American Seed Trade Association (ASTA) and Biotechnology Innovation Organization (BIO) regarding gene editing and the regulatory and consumer perceptions around gene editing. Last week, BIO and ASTA launched Innovature, “a new platform to engage people in an important and thoughtful dialogue around innovation in food and agriculture. Innovature, through Innovature.com and parallel social media channels, aims to cultivate broad-based partnerships and fully realize the potential that innovation, such as gene editing, has to address society's most urgent challenges that affect our planet, our health and our food.”

NAWG is scheduled to have staff from BIO present to the Joint Wheat Breeding Innovation Committee at the upcoming Joint 2019 NAWG/U.S. Wheat Winter Conference and overview this campaign they just launched.

NCSGGA Upcoming Events

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 / 9:00am
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 11th / 8:00am
Surry County Ag Day
Veterans Memorial Park
691 W Lebanon St,
Mt Airy, NC 27030

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

April 17th, 2019
Small Grains Field Day
Piedmont Research Station
Salisbury, NC

April 24th - 26th, 2019

Farm Animal Days
NCSU Beef Unit
4505 Mid Pines Rd.
Raleigh, NC

May 17th – 19th, 2019
Got to be NC Festival
State Fairgrounds Raleigh, NC

June 18-19, 2019
NC State FFA Convention & Career Show
Raleigh Convention Center

June 25th, 2019
Touch A Tractor Kids Series
4020 Market At North Hills St,
Raleigh, NC 27609

August 7th, 2019
NCSGGA Assessment Referendum Voting Day

August 15th – 16th, 2019
NCSGGA Board Meeting
Sheraton Imperial Hotel
Durham, NC

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.