

Wheat Stunting, Root Rot, & Sulfur Deficiency

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In the past two weeks, the NCSU Plant Disease & Insect Clinic has received samples of stunted wheat from Beaufort, Sampson, and Wilson counties. There is also some patchy stunting or wheat “going backward” in other counties, including Duplin and Bladen. Please see the attachment in this email for a detailed report on what factors are causing these issues. Pictures are also included in the report as well as symptoms and treatments.

University of Mount Olive Ag Day

The NCSGGA will participate in the University of Mount Olive’s Annual Agriculture Day tomorrow, April 5th, in Mount Olive. The event is hosted every year by UMO’s Collegiate FFA and is a fun filled day of learning and celebrating the importance of Agriculture. Different ag related stations will be set up in the gymnasium as classes rotate to each one, spending about 12 minutes learning at each station. Approximately 250 third graders are scheduled to attend the event. Thank you to UMO for inviting us to participate once again in this great event as we educate our future generation on the importance of agriculture, we appreciate all your hard work that goes into planning and organizing Ag Day. Pictures from the event will be posted to our photo gallery: <http://ncwheat.com/media-gallery/>

Fuller Elementary Science Enrichment Day

The NCSGGA will participate in Fuller Elementary School’s Annual Science Enrichment Day tomorrow, April 5th, from 9am to 3pm located near downtown Raleigh. This event is offered in the spring every academic year to educate students about their environment, expose them to the different scientific fields, introduce them to possible career choices and encourage everyone to have fun with science! The Wake County Public Schools has judged Science Enrichment Day as the most Outstanding Ongoing Program at the elementary school level so we are proud to be a part of such a great program and educate the younger generation on where their food comes from! Pictures from the event will be posted to our photo gallery: <http://ncwheat.com/media-gallery/>

National Association of Wheat Growers: Weekly Update

Farmers for Free Trade to Launch 11 State, 3,500 Mile RV Tour Across the Midwest in Support of USMCA

On April 3, 2019, Farmers for Free Trade announced that it will be executing a Motorcade for Trade tour. This tour is an 11 state, 3,500 mile RV tour across the country in support of the US-Mexico-Canada Agreement. The initial two-week tour will take place during the April Congressional recess, will include stops across the Midwest at family farms, coffee shops, ag equipment dealers, small businesses, and more. The tour will begin at Kreider Farms in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania on Friday, April 12 and end in Billings, MT on Friday, April 26th. NAWG Vice President Dave Milligan’s farm will be a location on the tour and former Board of Director Michelle Erickson-Jones’ farm will conclude the tour. Additionally, a grower of Minnesota Wheat is also being considered to host a farm event during the tour, and a farmer from Ohio Corn and Wheat will be hosting an event.

Politico: Trump Backs Off Threat to Close the U.S.-Mexico Border

As reported in Politico, “President Donald Trump eased off his threat to shut down the U.S.-Mexico border, instead giving Mexico a ‘one-year warning’ and threatening to first impose auto tariffs before closing the border.

‘The only thing frankly better, but less drastic than closing the border, is to tariff the cars coming in,’ he told reporters at the White House on Thursday. ‘We’re going to give them a one-year warning and if the drugs don’t stop or largely stop, we’ll put tariffs on Mexico and products, in particular cars.’”

Videos on How to Use Census Data are Now Available

The United States Department of Agriculture’s (USDA) National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) will release the 2017 Census of Agriculture results on Thursday, April 11, at noon ET. The full Census report will include millions of data points, including number of farms, land in farms, total value of production, demographics, and more at the national, state, and county levels. The report, along with a number of related publications, video presentations, and searchable data query interfaces, will be available on the NASS website at www.nass.usda.gov. Available now in preparation for data release are three videos featuring NASS subject matter experts explaining the importance of the Census, what’s new in this Census, and how to find Census data.

NWF Accepting Entries for 2019 National Wheat Yield Contest

The National Wheat Foundation (NWF) is currently accepting grower enrollment for the 2019 National Wheat Yield Contest! The Contest is divided into two primary competition categories: winter wheat and spring wheat, and two subcategories: dryland and irrigated. The Foundation is accepting entries for Winter and Spring Wheat at this website: <https://yieldcontest.wheatfoundation.org/> . 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.

NCSGGA Upcoming Events

April 9th / 9:00am – 2:15pm

Onslow County Ag Day

Richlands Farm

420 Francktown Rd.,

Richlands, 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 / 10:00am – 1:00pm

Small Grains Field Day

Piedmont Research Station

Salisbury, NC

April 18th / 8:30am

Environmental Field Day

Bob Martin Eastern Agricultural Center
Williamston, NC

April 24th - 26th / 9:00am-2:00pm
Farm Animal Days
NCSU Beef Unit
4505 Mid Pines Rd.
Raleigh, NC

May 8th, 2019
NC Ag Products Dinner
State Fairgrounds
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 1st / 9:00am
Research & Education Mtg.
NCSGGA Office
3822 Bland Road
Raleigh, NC 27609

August 7th, 2019
NCSGGA Assessment Referendum Voting Day
Blacklands Farm Managers Tour

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

September 7th, 2019
CALs Tailgate
PNC Arena
Raleigh, NC

October 15th – 17th, 2019
Hoke Co. Ag Awareness Week

Hoke-Robeson Cotton Gin
Maxton, NC

October 22nd - 24th, 2019
Stanly County Ag Awareness Week
Stanly County Agri-Civic Center
Albemarle, NC

November 6th, 2019
Northeast Regional AG Expo
Bob Martin Eastern Agricultural Center
Williamston, 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.