

NC Wheat Yield Contest Entries DEADLINE: July 15th

The DEADLINE for 2018-19 Wheat Yield Contest Entry Forms is this coming Monday July 15th, 2019 at MIDNIGHT. All entries must be submitted using one of the methods below or postmarked by July 15th, 2019 There will be NO EXCEPTIONS.

Up to date 2018-19 wheat yield contest forms are available in three formats:

1. An electronically fillable PDF form
2. A printable .pdf form which you can take with you to the farm or the field to capture info
3. A jotform for direct electronic submission:

<https://form.jotform.com/arpost/2019WheatYieldContest>

I know many of you have already measured some plots this year. If you are able to capture the few extra items we have added, they would be helpful in continuing to inform growers about the common practices used to produce contest-worthy wheat. Outside of capturing some additional application information, the form and the rules remain the same as in the past. For anyone willing, I would appreciate use of the electronic submission form as it will cut the data processing time down significantly. But all formats will be accepted.

If you have questions or concerns as you cut plots or use the new forms, please contact Dr. Angela Post at: 919-625-9850.

Any mailed forms must be postmarked by July 15th 2019. The jotform will close on Midnight July 15th 2019.

2019 NC OVT Small Grains Data Now Available!

The 2019 NC OVT Small Grains data is now available on the OVT website at: <https://officialvarietytesting.ces.ncsu.edu/small-grains-2019/>. Yield data is currently available, and background data (weather, soil, and cultural practices for each site) will be added over the next week. This small grains season was challenging given the later planting dates and amount of rainfall we received after planting. As a result of these conditions, we were only able to report 3 of our 6 locations in wheat, and 1 of our 3 locations for Oats.

Wheat Test Lab – Open for Testing!

Below is the address for the new wheat test lab for you to send in wheat samples. The lab will perform quality tests for milling wheat and test weight. Samples need to be in a quart size ziplock bag to do the testing.

Dr. Angela Post
3709 Hillsboro St
Raleigh, N.C. 27607

NCSGGA Announces Assessment Referendum Voting Date

The North Carolina Small Grain Growers Association (NCSGGA) has announced that an Assessment Referendum will take place on **August 7, 2019**. Polling places will be located throughout the state in each county extension office. This assessment is for a six year period on all small grain (wheat, rye, oats, barley, rape seed/canola and grain sorghum). The North Carolina Board of Agriculture approved the request for this

referendum at their meeting in Raleigh, NC on February 26th, 2019. The assessment will be ½ of 1 % on wheat, rye, oats, barley, rape seed/canola and grain sorghum for a six year period. This assessment period will begin on January 1, 2020 and will continue until December 31st, 2025.

NCSGGA President Timmy Thomas of Timberlake NC, said, “This assessment is important to the small grain growers of North Carolina to continue the work of the association in Grower Education, Research, Marketing, Promotion, Administration and enhancing ways to grow small grain more profitable for farmers in North Carolina”.

All North Carolina Farmers who grow small grain over the age of 18, as of August 7, 2019 are eligible to vote during regular business hours of their local county office of the North Carolina Cooperative Extension Service. Voting will also be available at the Blacklands Farm Mangers Field Day this year which will be held at the Coastal Carolina Cotton Gin in Fairfield on August 7th. For more details, contact Dan Weathington, NCSGGA Executive Director: 910-736-8258, Nikki Johnson, NCSGGA Communications & Outreach Education: 919-809-8657, North Carolina Department of Agriculture & Consumer Services, or your local county office of the North Carolina Cooperative Extension Service.

National Association of Wheat Growers: Weekly Update

NAWG Treasurer Nicole Berg Hosts FFT Event

On Wednesday, July 3rd, Farmers for Free Trade (FFT) joined the National Association of Wheat Growers (NAWG) and the Washington Association of Wheat Growers (WAWG) in bringing together Washington farmers and local farm leaders to discuss the need for Congress to quickly consider and pass the United States-Mexico-Canada Agreement (USMCA). NAWG Treasurer Nicole Berg hosted the Rally for Trade event on her family farm in Paterson, WA which included Washington State Senator Sharon Brown, Benton County Port Commissioner Roy Keck, Randy Ward with TriCity Grain, Dave Johnson from Jacklin Seed/Simplot, and Brian Dandel with USDA FPAC. At the event, Washington agriculture representatives discussed the difficulties they are facing in the current international trade environment and the need for new trade deals like USMCA.

Sen. Cramer and Colleagues Urge USTR to Address Grain Article in USMCA

On Tuesday, July 9, 2019, a bipartisan letter written by U.S. Senators Kevin Cramer (R-N.D.), John Hoeven (R-N.D.), Tina Smith (D-M.N.), and Steve Daines (R-M.T.) was sent to the Chief Agricultural Negotiator Gregg Doud of the U.S. Trade Representative’s (USTR) regarding the grain article within the United States-Mexico-Canada (USMCA) trade agreement. The letter specifically addressed issues regarding Canada’s Variety Registration System (VRS) and what limitations it imposes on U.S. wheat producers to access the Canadian market due to their strict limits on what wheat varieties qualify for premium classes. The group of senators urged that if a revised USMCA is approved by Congress, for the administration to work with Canada to address the concerns of the group.

Senate Ag Committee to Hold Hearing on Ag Research

On Thursday, July 18, 2019, the Senate Committee on Agriculture will hold a hearing on USDA’s agricultural research programs focusing on recent concerns around the relocation of two research agencies and the department’s handling of climate change research. Scott Hutchins, USDA’s deputy undersecretary for research, education and economics, will be the lone witness.

USDA Extends Deadline to Report Spring-Seeded Crops for Twelve States

On Wednesday, July 10, 2019, the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) announced that it will be extending the deadline for agricultural producers in states impacted by flooding and heavy moisture. The new July 22

deadline applies to producers in Arkansas, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kentucky, Michigan, Missouri, Minnesota, North Dakota, Ohio, Tennessee and Wisconsin for reporting spring-seeded crops to USDA's Farm Service Agency (FSA) county offices and crop insurance agents.

Agri-Pulse: Australia Seen Boosting Wheat Exports

Drought is still plaguing much of Australia, but the situation is improving for wheat farmers. Increased planting and better weather will increase production and exports for the 2019-20 marketing year, allowing the country to maintain its market share in high-valued countries like Japan, according to USDA's Foreign Agricultural Service. FAS expects Australian wheat exports to reach 12.5 million metric tons for the 2019-2020 marketing year, up from 9.1 million metric tons in 2018-19. Prices are expected to be higher than normal, but not too high to discourage Japanese buying. Japan has lifted tariffs on Australian, Canadian and European wheat because of trade pacts the U.S. is not part of.

Ag Output Growth Expected to Keep Food Prices Low, but Uncertainties Remain

On Monday, July 8, 2019, the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) and the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) issued its 2019 edition of the OECD-FAO Agriculture Outlook. The report states that although food prices should remain low due to technological innovation for the next decade, uncertainties in food production remain. "Trade disruptions, growing antimicrobial resistance, regulatory responses to new plant-breeding techniques, spread of crop and animal diseases, and a general increase in extreme climatic events provide many uncertainties for food production. Additionally, evolving dietary preferences in light of health, sustainability issues, and policy responses toward obesity will have an effect on food production."

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 Spring Wheat at this website: <https://yieldcontest.wheatfoundation.org/> . The Spring wheat entry deadline is August 1st with an early registration deadline of June 15th.

NCSGGA Upcoming Events

July 21st - 23rd, 2019
NC Seedsmen's Convention
Marriott Grande Dunes
Myrtle Beach, SC

July 25th, 2019
Northeast Ag Expo
Summer Field Day
Roberts Brothers Inc.
169 N Gregory Rd.
Shawboro, NC 27973

August 1st/ 9:00am
Research & Education Mtg.
NCSGGA Office

3822 Bland Road
Raleigh, NC 27609

August 7th, 2019
NCSGGA Assessment Referendum Voting Day
All NC County Cooperative Extension Services Offices

August 7th, 2019
Blacklands Farm Managers Tour
Coastal Carolina Cotton Gin
1100 N Lake Rd.
Fairfield, NC 27826

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 2nd - 6th, 2019
NAWG Fall Mtg.
Santa Fe, New Mexico

November 6th, 2019
Northeast Regional Ag Expo
Bob Martin Eastern Agricultural Center
Williamston, NC

November 8th, 2019
Person Co. Ag Field Day
Huck Sansbury Park
Roxboro, NC

December 5th – 6th, 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.