

## **Assessment Referendum Unanimously Passes**

The NC Small Grain Growers Association Assessment Referendum was held last week August 7<sup>th</sup>, eligible farmers from across the state voted in their county extension offices whether or not they wanted to continue the assessment program which is \$.005 of total money collected on Wheat, Oats, Rye, Barley, Canola and Grain Sorghum. The referendum passed by 96% which means the assessment program will stay in place for another 6 years. Thank you to everyone that voted in support of the Assessment Referendum, with these funds we will continue to provide positive change for small grain farmers through Research, Education, Marketing, Promotion, and Enhancing ways to make small grains more profitable for farmers in North Carolina.

## **NCSGGA Board Meeting**

The NC Small Grain Growers Association Board of Directors Meeting was held this week Thursday, August 15<sup>th</sup> & Friday, August 16<sup>th</sup> at the Sheraton Imperial Hotel in Durham. Directors started the meeting with a field trip to see Dr. David Marshall's USDA-ARS Wheat Research Lab and Dr. Paul Murphy's Double Haploid Wheat Lab at NCSU Campus. This was a great opportunity for the Directors to see how association funds are being spent on beneficial research projects that will help small grain farmers. After the field trip Directors made their way back to the hotel to begin the Board Meeting where they heard presentations and updates from various industry partners. Committee meetings were held afterwards to wrap up the day on Thursday. On Friday morning the board meeting concluded with additional industry updates and Committee Reports. To see a complete list of approved Funding for 2019-2020 Research & Education Projects please see the attached document in this email. Also to see a few pictures from our field trip please visit our photo gallery on our website: <http://ncwheat.com/media-gallery/>

## **NC Small Grain Growers Association - Job Opening**

The North Carolina Small Grain Growers Association is seeking to hire an Executive Director to lead the day to day operations of the Association. The mission is to promote the goals of the Association which are: Promotion of Small Grain Industry, Consumer Agriculture Education and Leadership in directing research that will help farmers to increase yields and their bottom line for growing North Carolina Agriculture.

Scope: Full time job in Raleigh at the NC Small Grain Growers Office located at 3822 Bland Road working along with NCSU, NCDA&CS, All Agriculture Groups, North Carolina Legislature, National Wheat Organization, and National Legislature. Travel will be mostly statewide with some national travel involved.

Education: Four-year BS Degree in Agriculture Business, Agronomy, Business Administration or at least 2-year experience in Agriculture will be considered.

Salary range: \$55,000 to \$70,000 and Benefits included.

The job application is attached in this email, please send printed resume and job application to: NCSGGA, Attn: Timmy Thomas, 3822 Bland Road, Raleigh, NC 27609. Any questions please call 919-809-8657. Resumes will be accepted until October 15, 2019.

## **Farmers Prevented from Planting on 19 Million Acres**

According to a new report released by USDA, Agricultural producers reported they were not able to plant crops on more than 19.4 million acres in 2019. This marks the most prevented plant acres reported since USDA's Farm Service Agency (FSA) began releasing the report in 2007 and 17.49 million acres more than reported at this time last year. Of those prevented plant acres, more than 73 percent were in 12 Midwestern

states, where heavy rainfall and flooding this year has prevented many producers from planting mostly corn, soybeans and wheat.

This data report aggregates information from crop acreage reports as of August 1, 2019, which producers file with FSA to maintain program eligibility and to calculate losses for various disaster assistance programs. The crop acreage data report outlines the number of acres planted, prevented from planting, and failed by crop, county and state.

To view the Aug. 12 report: <https://www.fsa.usda.gov/news-room/efoia/electronic-reading-room/frequently-requested-information/crop-acreage-data/index>

### **USDA Forecasts Corn & Soybean Production Down**

The Crop Production report issued on Monday, August 12th by USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) forecasted soybean and corn production down from 2018. Soybean production is down 19 percent from 2018, forecast at 3.68 billion bushels; corn growers are expected to decrease their production 4 percent from last year, forecast at 13.9 billion bushels. Wheat production is forecast at 1.98 billion bushels, up 5 percent from 2018.

Area for soybean harvest is forecast at 75.9 million acres with planted area for the nation estimated at 76.7 million acres, down 4 percent from the June estimate, and down 14 percent from last year. Soybean yields are expected to average 48.5 bushels per acre, down 3.1 bushels from last year. If realized, the forecasted yield will be a record high in Arkansas, Kentucky, and Tennessee.

Average corn yield is forecast at 169.5 bushels per acre, down 6.9 bushels from last year. NASS forecasts record-high yields in Kentucky and Tennessee. Acres planted to corn, at 90.0 million, are down 2 percent from NASS' June estimate but up 2 percent from 2018. As of August 4, 57 percent of this year's corn crop was reported in good or excellent condition, 14 percentage points below the same time last year.

Wheat production is forecast at 1.98 billion bushels, up 5 percent from 2018. Growers are expected to produce 1.33 billion bushels of winter wheat this year, up 12 percent from last year. Durum wheat production is forecast at 57.3 million bushels, down 26 percent from last year. All other spring wheat production is forecast at 597 million bushels, down 4 percent from 2018. Based on August 1 conditions, the U.S. all wheat yield is forecast at 51.6 bushels per acre, up 4.0 bushels from last year.

Today's report also included the first production forecast for U.S. cotton. NASS forecasts all cotton production at 22.5 million 480-pound bales, up 23 percent from last year. Yield is expected to average 855 pounds per harvested acre, down 9 pounds from last year.

NASS interviewed approximately 20,800 producers across the country in preparation for this report. NASS is also gearing up to conduct its September Agricultural Survey, which will focus on wheat, barley, oats and rye growers. That survey will take place during the first two weeks of September.

The Crop Production report is published monthly and is available online at [www.nass.usda.gov](http://www.nass.usda.gov).

### **NCSGGA Upcoming Events**

September 6<sup>th</sup>, 2019

PSI Ground Breaking Celebration

NCSU Centennial Campus

Raleigh, NC

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September 7<sup>th</sup>, 2019/ 9am-Noon  
CALs Tailgate  
Close-King Indoor Practice Facility  
Raleigh, NC

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September 19<sup>th</sup>, 2019 / 3pm-5pm  
UMO Ag Fest Career Fair  
University of Mount Olive  
Mt. Olive, NC

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October 15<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup>, 2019  
Hoke Co. Ag Awareness Week  
Hoke-Robeson Cotton Gin  
Maxton, NC

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

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November 2<sup>nd</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup>, 2019  
NAWG Fall Mtg.  
Santa Fe, New Mexico

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

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

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December 5<sup>th</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup>, 2019  
NCSGGA Board Meeting  
Sheraton Imperial Hotel  
Durham, NC

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*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.*