

**ANNUAL PROGRESS REPORT
TO
NORTH CAROLINA SMALL GRAIN GROWERS ASSOCIATION, INC.**

TITLE: Small Grains Extension and Outreach Program: Southern Piedmont Regional Field Day & Union County Whistle Stop Tour

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REPORT:

ATTENDANCE

The Southern Piedmont Regional Field Day was represented by a total of 115 attendees. From the attendance roster, 90% of the total number of participants were agricultural producers from Anson, Cabarrus, Stanly, and Union Counties. The Union County Whistle Stop Tour event had a total of 38 attendees with over 95% representing agricultural producers exclusively from Union County.

Expenditure Summary:

Slightly more than the \$4,000 awarded for support of these activities was spent, costs over the amount awarded were derived from other sources:

Regional Field Day: \$3,500 - onsite fish fry, drinks, janitorial supplies
\$500 - research trials tools and supplies.

Whistle Stop Tour: \$225 - breakfast biscuits, drinks, janitorial supplies

IMPACT STATEMENT

At the Regional Field Day, attendees were eligible for 1 hour of NCDA pesticide applicator continuing education credit, and 1 hour of CCA credit. Over 45 applicators and Certified Crop Advisors were registered. Speakers for the event included Dr. Angela Post, Ryan Heiniger, Dr. Christina Cowger, Dr. J. Paul Murphy, Dr. Wesley Everman, Andrew Baucom and Morgan Menaker. Topics discussed at the event included: Early season disease control in winter wheat – Cowger; Fusarium Head Blight genetics and new line development - Murphy; Late season and fallow ground Italian Ryegrass control - Everman, NCSU OVT - Heiniger & Post; Nitrogen & PGR - Menaker; Fungicide timing and harvest timing - Baucom; Spring management of Hessian fly - Baucom.

At the Whistle Stop Tour event attendees also received 1 hour of NCDA pesticide credit and 1.5 hours of CCA credit, with 17 applicators registered. Speakers for this event included Morgan Menaker, Andrew Baucom and Dr. Angela Post. Topics covered included: AgSouth Variety Update, fungicide timing and harvest timing study – Baucom; Nitrogen rate study - Menaker; Plant growth regulator study - Menaker; Foliar Boron study - Menaker; Spring freeze and harvest timing update - Post.