

Hello Everyone,
Included is the Weekly Pile of Information for the week of February 25th, 2018, Extension's Equine related educational information & announcements for Rockingham & Guilford Counties.

Retirement

After 29 years' employment with the NC Cooperative Extension & NC State University it is time that I move on to the next phase of my life and retire on the first day of **April 2018**. Being an Extension Livestock Agent has been my Life, I have Loved serving in this position, serving you, working with some of the most dedicated co-workers (here & agents across the country) on the planet and having the opportunity to travel the country. Every day has been an adventure and a learning opportunity for me.

I have taken Great Pride being a Livestock Extension Agent and working for and with livestock producers. I have always tried to treat everyone with Gods Love & Kindness. As an Extension Agent I have always tried to live and serve by the Extension Creed and provide clientele with educational programs & information that could empower them to make their own educated decisions. I do believe that Extension is the link between people and the new & old research, and as a Livestock

Extension Agent, there is no other organization or person that does this for Livestock Producers.

The lifelong friendships I have made through the producers I serve and this organization has gotten me through Life's struggles. The most notable are the birth of my children, the deaths of my Wife, my Mother and the Marriage to Yvonne. I have been truly Blessed and am very Grateful. This organization has been such a pivotal part of my life. While I look forward to other Life's opportunities before me, I am slightly hesitant of leaving this organization simply because I have lived and breathed Extension and I will really miss the many relationships that developed.

In closing, I want to express that I will be forever Grateful to you and this organization for having given me the opportunity to be a part of the accomplishments and the wonderful experiences over the years. I hope that I can be remembered perhaps by a program that you learned something from and even a smile or maybe a laugh!

Best Wishes

Sincerely,

Ben

With that said there will be 3 more Weekly Piles.

Included in The Pile this Week:

1. **Horse Management Monday Night!**
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1. **Horse Management Short Courses
MONDAY NIGHT!**

Classes held at Guilford County Agricultural Center
BARN Meeting Room & ARENA
3309 Burlington Road Greensboro, NC 27405
March 5 - Equine Mounted Shooting Demonstration

***6:30pm -9:00pm**

Purina - Technical information on Impact Pro & Outlast

Sam Helms, Hired Gun Horsemanship, Monroe North Carolina

Eric Shupe, Allie Roth, Davis Feed & Purina Animal Nutrition LLC, Randleman, NC

Dinner will be served at this event, **Reservations Required by March 2nd, Please call [336-342-8235](tel:336-342-8235) or email ben_chase@ncsu.edu If you reserve places to attend this event, and you do not attend, you will be held responsible for the cost of ALL the meals that you have reserved.*

Come Be a Part of this Series!

March 12 -

7:00pm -9:00pm

Success In Saddles -

Developing adaptable equestrian skill sets including Adjusting Weight, Saddle Time & Ground Work. Basic to Advanced.

Ellen Beard, Hollybrook Farm Lexington, North Carolina

March 19

***6:30pm -9:00pm**

The Amazing Horse –

Training, Riding, Stunts & Animal Coordinating –

Tommie Turvey, Trainer, Showman Entertainer, Summerville, Ga

Horse Management Committee

Steva Allgood, Randy Boles, Sara Jo Durham, BJ Rierson, Georgianne Sims & Jerry Tyson Advisors -
Extension Livestock Agents Sara Beth Routh & Ben Chase

Registration Fee: \$30 for entire series or \$5.00 per session. Registration Fee will be waived for 4-H members presenting an official current 4-H Program Membership ID Card.

For additional information, call Ben Chase, Rockingham & Guilford County Extension Livestock Agent, North Carolina Cooperative Extension Service at [1-800-666-3625](tel:1-800-666-3625), [336-342-8235](tel:336-342-8235) or Email- ben_chase@ncsu.edu.

In case of inclement weather, please call [1-800-666-3625](tel:1-800-666-3625) or [336-342-8235](tel:336-342-8235) for a recorded message.

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2. You're Input Is Asked for & Needed!

Your testimonials would be useful when asking for funding for this position, and will be used with the powers to be. Sometimes the Agricultural community needs to remind folks that Agriculture and the Livestock industry are the States number 1 industry having a huge economic impact in our County & State Economy.

I know that this maybe barking up a tree, but it would be very helpful & beneficial for years to come for you to help out.

**What you are being asked to do is to write a Testimonial about what the Extension Livestock Agent Position (the Weekly Pile Newsletter) has done or could do for you and your farm. (Please include any economic impact)
Please don't forget to include your name and address.**

Please send your input back to me as Soon as Possible so I can pass on up the ladder!

Thanks for the help!

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3. Barn Fire Safety

B. Gilkerson Wieland and J. Shutske, PhD

Fire damage to horse stables can be minimized or prevented through building techniques, fire detection, and management practices. Many of us know the legend of Catherine O'Leary's infamous cow accused of kicking over a lantern and starting a barn fire on the night of October 8, 1871, leveling three square miles of Chicago. A barn fire in today's world is not likely to destroy a city, although it is likely to devastate the barn. In the blink of an eye, a fire can destroy a barn structure and all its occupants, while the owners stand by helplessly. Many advances in residential fire protection have been made, but protecting barns is much more difficult because of their harsh environment and housing requirements of the horses in them.

Fire is caused when any type of "fuel" meets an "ignition" source. Hay and bedding material are common examples of fuel. Smoking, faulty electrical wiring, and improperly cured hay are common sources of ignition. The key is to minimize the potential for fuel and ignition sources to come together. Often, this is a matter of basic housekeeping. Here are some tips to help reduce your chance of a barn fire.

Identify ALL potential ignition sources, and take steps to eliminate them. For example, smoking should never be allowed on a property with horses. Electrical wiring must be done by a qualified electrician and inspected by a local building inspector or insurance expert. Lightning protection systems must be installed to code and maintained. Do not use extension cords except for short-term uses such as powering a tool.

Make sure heating systems are properly installed and maintained. Store/buy hay only at the correct moisture (<17% moisture) and check its condition frequently. Hay over 25% moisture poses the threat of combustion. Commercially available hay temperature probes can be used to

check the internal temperature of hay bales (the internal temperatures should be below 130° F) and stack hay to encourage air circulation.

Take a close look at all potential ignition and fuel sources and how they might come together to start a fire. Take specific actions to separate these hazards. An example is a heat lamp located over bedding materials or any type of flammable surface. Liquid fuels should be stored in protected locations.

Look for immediate steps you can take. Things like "No Smoking" signs posted in barns and hay storage areas are not expensive and are effective if enforced.

Check wiring for obvious problems. Make sure no bare wires are exposed. Look for marks on the wire that indicate heating or arcing. **DO NOT** overload circuits. If you blow breakers or fuses, investigate and correct the problem. Do not use extension cords to replace fixed electrical wiring. Extension cords are a major fire hazard and can lead to an electrocuted animal or person. Make sure electrical motors on ventilation fans, heaters, and other equipment are well-maintained.

Separate hay and bedding from the livestock. Most insurance companies will only allow a small amount of hay to be stored in the same building as animals or require the installation of a firewall between where horses are housed and storage areas. Make sure that the areas around barns and other outbuildings are kept clear of brush, shrubs, woodpiles, and other materials that could feed a fire.

Install and frequently inspect fire extinguishers. Your insurer can advise you on the best type of portable fire extinguishers or fire sprinkling systems to install. Fires in hay or in wood structures will require large amounts of water.

Develop an emergency plan and post it in the barn. Everyone must know how and when to evacuate the barn, how the animals will be removed, and who does what. Go over this plan with everyone including family members, employees, and boarders. All buildings must have multiple unblocked exits that people and animals can get out of quickly.

Check local building codes and fire safety regulations. For more information contact your local city hall and visit with a city/township building inspector who can provide additional resources.

Consider installing emergency lighting and lit exit signs. This will help if the power is out or if there is a lot of smoke. Such lighting may be more important for commercial facilities

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4. **You Asked:** *I've read some fact sheets on EHV and I'm a little confused. If almost all horses have had EHV-1 by the time they're 2 years old, then why it is*

important to practice biosecurity during an outbreak of the same EHV-1 virus? I know some horses can be carriers, but are carriers only contagious if they have a flare-up?

Herpes viruses in general are very unique in that they go through an infected shedding phase as well as a latent carrier phase. Much like a cold sore on a person's lip, the individual is contagious when the skin lesion blisters. Usually they "flare" when the individual's immune system is depressed or compromised. While in the latent (quiet – quiescent) phase, the individual is only a carrier but not contagious.

This is no difference in Equine Herpes Virus. The neurological form of Equine Herpes Virus is rather unique in that it shows up in these brief outbreaks. In the abortion strain of this virus, there are similar outbreaks. On a large breeding farm, there would be "abortion storms" where a large percentage of mares abort. The challenge with preventing these outbreaks is that you have asymptomatic carriers, and you don't know who those are. When those individual horses become stressed (such as pregnancy), the virus becomes symptomatic again. Herpes viruses are a very ubiquitous type of virus in all species. The cold sore example in people is a prime example. Think about how many individuals are carriers. This is similar in young horses being exposed, but not necessarily being symptomatic. All carriers have the ability to "flare up," become clinical, and spread the virus to others at any horse at any time, but are more likely to show problems when compromised.

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5. Keeping Your Horse Healthy While Traveling

'Tis the season for horse shows and trail rides! As the weather warms up more and more horse owners will be traveling and coming into contact with new places and horses. It is important to follow some simple guidelines to ensure that your horses stay healthy when traveling.

When horses travel, they come into contact with new surroundings and new horses increasing their risk of getting an infectious disease. Making sure your horse is up-to-date on their vaccinations and following a good biosecurity plan can help keep your horse healthy throughout the show and trail riding season. It is recommended that horses get vaccinated at least 30 days prior to traveling to ensure they have had enough time to process the vaccines and mount a good immune response.

Horses should get their core vaccines, including Eastern and Western equine encephalomyelitis, rabies, tetanus, and West Nile virus. Your veterinarian may recommend additional vaccines based on your geographic location and where you plan to travel. Additional vaccines include equine influenza, equine herpesvirus, and strangles to name a few.

Having a biosecurity plan means you are taking steps that are intended to protect your horses against disease or harmful biological agents. It provides another layer of protection for your horse when they travel to new places and are around new horses. Here are some recommendations that can be incorporated into your biosecurity plan.

Use your own equipment - especially buckets! Clean and disinfect your buckets and any other pieces of equipment (water hose, muck bucket, pitchfork, etc.) used when away when you get home from traveling before putting them away or using them on your farm. This will help make sure you are not introducing anything onto your farm that you may have picked up while traveling.

Do not let other horses drink from your buckets.

Do not get water from a communal water hose. Use a water hose or spigot to collect water or

bring your own. If you do use a water hose or spigot that is not yours, keep the hose nozzle above the water level and don't let the nozzle touch the water or sides of the bucket.

Make sure the stall is clean of any organic material, such as manure, from the previous stall occupant. You can also spray the stall with a mild disinfectant before allowing your horse to enter.

Avoid nose-to-nose contact with other horses. The equine herpes virus and strangles virus can be transmitted during contact. Humans should also avoid contact with other horses because they can transmit diseases back to their horses.

Be cautious in communal grazing areas as well because bacteria and parasites can live outside of the host. Be especially cautious around other horses' manure as that can be a source for parasites.

Another tip while traveling is to keep your horse's stress level as low as possible. Stress can cause the horse's immune system to become compromised. Continue a familiar feeding regimen to keep your horse on schedule to avoid stress and colic. If your horse is not used to being in a stall and gets stressed when they are in one, taking them out frequently and hand-walking them can help decrease their stress level.

You love our horses and traveling with them. It is important to take steps that will keep them healthy as you go on your adventures.

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6. NEW ELD TRANSPORTATION MANDATE

The ELD (Electronic Logging Devices) Mandate, a result of the 2012 "Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century" (MAP-21) bill, mandates the use of electronic logging devices on commercial vehicles to track hours of service.

Horses are included as "livestock" in the bill, and those hauling horses are subject to the ELD Mandate if they meet the following conditions:

Using a commercial vehicle; this is the case if:

- Your truck/trailer is used for business
- Your truck/trailer is used as a business expense
- You collect payment for hauling non-personal horses
- You can win money competing with your personal or client horses
- You are sponsored, which might include having stickers/ emblems on your trailer
- Your vehicle has a Gross Vehicle Weight Rating of more than 10,000 pounds and is used for your business or the intent to make a profit, or is involved in interstate commerce

The American Horse Council has requested DOT to grant a 1-year delay For more information, please visit The American Horse Council

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7. A Burning Question: How long do I need to keep horses off of a newly-fertilized pasture?

In answering this question, start with the proper/amount of fertilizer. I must mention, The best way to find out how much fertilizer your pastures need is to take a soil test. Your grasses, just like your horses, need certain nutrients (such as nitrogen, phosphorus and potassium) to keep them healthy and the only way to know what may be missing in your soil is to get it tested. It is a simple and inexpensive process which may actually save money that might have been spent on unnecessary fertilizer.

Horses should be removed from pastures when nitrogen based fertilizers are being applied and should not be returned to the pastures until adequate rainfall has removed the fertilizer from plant tissues and leached all nitrogen from the soil surface into the ground. Generally, approximately $\frac{1}{4}$ - $\frac{1}{2}$ inch of rainfall is sufficient to dissolve granular nitrogen; less is needed when the fertilizer is in liquid form. Under ideal circumstances, if possible, it is best to leave the horses off of the pastures for at least 2 – 3 weeks after fertilizing the grasses to allow time for the grass to regrow.

Liquid fertilizers are becoming increasingly popular. The major disadvantage when comparing liquid fertilizers to dry formulations is that they are generally higher in price and usually have a lower analysis. Remember that when making calculations of liquid fertilizer, the analysis is given on a weight percentage, NOT on a volume or “per-gallon” basis. Most fluids weigh between 10 and 12 pounds per gallon.

As an example, if you choose a liquid fertilizer with a 10-34-0 analysis that weighs 11.4 pounds per gallon, the gallon will contain only 1.14 pounds of nitrogen ($11.4 \times .10$) and 3.87 pounds of phosphorus ($11.4 \times .34$). Approximately 48 gallons of this liquid fertilizer would be needed per acre to supply the 50 pounds of nitrogen that is recommended for spring applications to pasture grasses. Depending on the productivity of your pastures and your grass species, additional nitrogen applications should be considered in early and late summer.

Conducting a **soil test** will allow you to determine if you need to add lime to maintain proper pH conditions or add any potassium or phosphorus to your pastures.

A note of CAUTION: Turf -type fertilizers should not be used for horse pastures since the nitrogen is specially formulated so that it is released very slowly. Slow release fertilizers can exist on the soil surface for several weeks.

No fertilizers or weed control products that are labeled for lawn use should be used on grasses that are used for grazing. They are not labeled for pasture use and it is illegal to use these products on pastures or lawns that are used for grazing. Lawn fertilizers are frequently time-released products. The nitrogen is often encapsulated to allow a slow release of fertilizer. Slow release nitrogen fertilizers can remain in the soil for many weeks. Nitrogen is toxic and horses should not graze in areas that have received fertilizers marketed for lawns. Lawn weed control products also cannot be used on grasses that are being grazed either. The products have not been subjected to the rigorous testing that is required when the products are used for pastures. If you truly need to graze your lawn, then you should manage it as a pasture and only use agricultural fertilizers and herbicides that are labeled for pasture use.

Note:

- pH is critical in your fertility program, if pH is out of whack, you may be wasting your money in fertilizer if applied. Maintain that pH and apply fertilizer.

- Anytime your pastures are fertilized, walk the pastures afterwards, make sure there are no piles of fertilizer like where the truck would turn in the field. Fertilizers are made up of salts and could be enticing for an animal to give a taste.
- Main concern when using dolomitic limestone (pulverized) is the dust, I suggest taking horses off while being applied and can be put on afterwards. If pelletized lime is used I would follow the recommendations above and walk the pastures.



8. Herbicide use on a Horse Pasture?

There are many weed control products that are safe for use in a pasture when applied according to the label instructions. The first step in determining which herbicide to use is to first properly identify the weed species you are trying to control. Once you know what weed species you are trying to control you can develop a control strategy. For instance, you need to know whether you are trying to control winter annual or summer annual weeds, or perhaps a perennial weed. The time to apply herbicides for effective control is different for each of these weed types. Also, herbicides vary in their effectiveness in controlling individual weed species. Most pasture owners in our area are looking to control broadleaf weeds; however, you should get the weeds identified. Just remember to follow all the instructions and grazing restrictions listed on the herbicide label.

It is most important to select an herbicide based on the type of weed you are trying to control. Some herbicides have greater efficacy on certain weeds, and do not control other weeds at all. For information about this give Extension office a call for weed identification and recommendations for your specific situation. Remember that some of the herbicides listed are restricted use and must be applied by a licensed applicator. It is also important to note that on pastures, regular mowing can be a very effective form of weed control. Mow weeds before they go to seed and many will die out, while grasses will thrive with the extra mowing. However, you do need a good stand of grass to replace the weeds, so make sure your pastures are healthy and soils are tested and limed/fertilized according to the soil test results. Good, lasting weed control is a matter of maintaining pastures so that the grasses out compete the weeds. Otherwise you will find yourself spraying frequently.



9. Exercise for the Equestrian

Exercises for Equestrians

http://msue.anr.msu.edu/news/exercises_for_equestrians

Equestrian exercises for the off-season: Part 1

http://msue.anr.msu.edu/news/equestrian_exercises_for_the_off_season_part_1

Equestrian exercises for the off-season: Part 2

http://msue.anr.msu.edu/news/equestrian_exercises_for_the_off_season_part_2

Fit Rider: Core Exercises for Equestrians

<http://www.horsechannel.com/horse-community/core-exercises-for-equestrians.aspx>

Fit Rider: Pilates Workout for Equestrians

<http://www.horsechannel.com/horse-community/fit-rider-winter-fit-workout.aspx>

A rider's user guide to fitness with Rebecca Ashton

<http://www.horsemagazine.com/thm/2015/03/a-riders-user-guide-to-fitness-with-rebecca-ashton/>

AQHA: Exercises for Equestrians

<https://www.aqha.com/daily/showing/2018/february/exercises-for-equestrians>

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10. Piedmont Horseman's Association April 7

Are you looking for a local open horse show association that is friendly and offers a variety of classes for all ages? Look no further...Piedmont Horseman's Association has been around for 47 years and still going strong! PHA is offering field hunter, stock type hunter, western pleasure and working western classes.

Piedmont Horseman's Association helps create a wholesome, family atmosphere in the great sport of Horse Showing; and for each member to exhibit his or her horse or pony in a sportsmanlike manner. There are many benefits of being a member of PHA; reduced entry fee at sanctioned shows, accumulate points for year-end awards, and much more! We hope you will become part of the PHA family!!

We have 9 shows scheduled for this year so be sure to check our calendar. You can find all the details on the web site: <http://www.phasince1971.com/index.htm>

Our first show of the season is April 7th at Flintrock Farm in Reidsville. Kountry Kids 4-H club will be hosting the show and proceeds will benefit their 4-H club youth. All high point awards will be cash money. They will have silent auction items as well that day so be sure to come and check it out!

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11. **WOLFPACK ROUND UP**

Sixth Annual Wolfpack Roundup April 14th, 2018 @ 11:00 am

Location : NCSU Beef Educational Unit
4505 Mid Pines Rd, Raleigh NC

Open House April 7th, 2018 @ 10:00 am

Location: NCSU Educational Unit 5100 Reedy Creek Rd,
Raleigh

Offering: Yearling Horses , Sheep, Goats, and Beef Cattle
From: NCSU Animal Educational Units and Piedmont Research Station
Sale Managed by: NCSU Livestock Merchandising Class

Sires of this Year's Offering

“Kololed by Krymsun” (Krayola)

“Ima Bego Too” (BJ)

“Time for Chocolate” (Chocolate)

Come to the sale for a chance to go home with Chocolate's final offspring!

For more information contact:

Gary Gregory: [919-515-4027](tel:919-515-4027) ggregory@ncsu.edu

Website: http://www.cals.ncsu.edu/an_sci/extension/animal/wolfpackroundup/index.html

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Wolfpack-Round-Up/474434492610906>

Free Raffle

Win a chance to breed to NCSU's new stallion
Ima Bego Too (BJ)

*Artificial insemination not included in raffle.

Must attend NCSU Wolfpack Round Up on April 14th, 2018 in order to win.

More information can be found on the website or Facebook page. https://projects.ncsu.edu/cals/an_sci/extension/animal/wolfpackroundup/index.html<https://www.facebook.com/Wolfpack-Round-Up-474434492610906/>



12. NC State Livestock Science Camp

Residential summer camp experience for youth age **14-17 years old** from **June 17-22, 2018** through North Carolina State University Department of Animal Science

What is the NC State Livestock Science Camp?

The summer camp is a five and a half day, five-night conference designed to increase and expand the student's understanding and knowledge about not only the livestock and agricultural industries but also the careers and disciplines related to them both. Want to know more about the camp? Please read the following [article](#) about last year's program.

Who can attend?

Any high school student (age 14-17) with or without a livestock background, who wants to learn more about the livestock industry and the potential opportunities that it could provide are encouraged to apply to attend the camp. ***No experience necessary-only a desire to learn!***

How do I apply?

- Fill out the online [application](#) by March 9th, 2018
- Acceptance notification will be made by email or mail
- Camp is limited to 36 participants

What does it cost?

The cost for the camp is \$750.00

Camp fee includes your 5 nights lodging on campus, meals, field trips, and workshop materials.

Is cost a concern? Three full diversity scholarships will be available. Scholarship priority given to low income or first generation college students.

Thank you to the Department of Animal Science, NC Cattlemen's Association, and North Carolina Pork Council for your support.

\$250 deposit is due by April 6th, if selected and balance is due by **May 4th**, 2018. ***No refunds once payment is submitted.**

What's in it for me?

During the five and a half day NC State Livestock Science Camp, you will be able to receive a sneak peek of what it's like here at NC State by staying in a dormitory, visiting University facilities, as well as interacting with faculty, staff, and current CALS students.

Attendees will learn about the vast field of agriculture and livestock production outside of the world of veterinary medicine. You will have the chance to participate in a variety of hands on activities such as:

- Visiting Beef and Dairy Cattle, Swine, Sheep, Goat and Horse Educational Units
- Running laboratory experiments
- Learning about Meat Quality Assurance
- Farm and Meat Processing Tours
- Science, Technology, and Biotechnology of Livestock Industries
- Leadership Activities

And MOST importantly, you'll make lots of new friends from all over the State of North Carolina.

Still want more information? Email [Dr. Carrie Pickworth](mailto:Dr.Carrie.Pickworth@ncsu.edu) or

call [\(919\)513-0262](tel:(919)513-0262)

<https://ans.cals.ncsu.edu/extension/ncsu-livestock-science-camp/>

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13. 2018 Piedmont Regional Beef Conference

Guilford County Agricultural Center
3309 Burlington Rd Greensboro, NC

March 1, 2018

Join us for the 2018 Piedmont Regional Beef Conference to be held on Thursday, March 1, 2018 at the Guilford County Extension Office. If you are a beef cattle producer or connected to the beef cattle industry you will not want to miss this event!

Conference topics include:

- Cattle Industry Structure and Changes
- Panel Discussion on Feeder Calves
 - Cattle Market Outlooks
- Hoof Anatomy, Care, & Management with Demonstration
 - Vendor Trade Show

The North Central District Livestock Extension Agents have teamed up to bring you the best speakers in the country on the topics presented.

**Duane Lenz, Cattle-Fax
 Chris Jeffcoat, American Angus Association
 Ritchie Roberts, Double R Cattle Services, Inc.
 and a Guest Speaker Panel on Marketing Feeder Cattle in NC**

[Speaker Bios](#)

[Conference Information & Registration Form](#)

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14. Regional Sheep & Goat Producer Training

Regional Sheep & Goat Producer Training

MARCH 24!

**Location: Guilford County Extension Office,
 3309 Burlington Rd., Greensboro, NC 27405**

Registration at the door is \$20/person.

<http://go.ncsu.edu/2018goatsheeptraining>

Agenda

8:30 a.m. Registration
9:00 a.m. Opening Session – Predator Control – NC Wildlife
9:45 a.m. Break
10:00 a.m. Concurrent Sessions:
Session 1A: Purchasing Practices – Joe Hampton
Session 1B: Animal Soundness – TBA
Session 1C: Artificial Insemination Part 1 – Dr. William Farmer
11:00 a.m. Break
11:15 a.m. Concurrent Sessions:
Session 2A: Hoof Health – Sara Beth Routh & Lauren Langley
Session 2B: Biosecurity – TBA
Session 2C: Artificial Insemination Part 2 – Dr. William Farmer
12:15 p.m. Lunch
1:00 p.m. Closing Session – Producer Panel Discussion
Problems Faced & Conquered in Small Ruminant Production

2:00 p.m. Wrap-up & Evaluation

Questions? Please Call: [336-318-6000](tel:336-318-6000)

For Inclement Weather Status: [1-800-666-3625](tel:1-800-666-3625)

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15. Fuzzy Fun Show 3/3 Piedmont Saddle Club

Rescheduled: Fuzzy Fun Show - March 3rd, 2018, Saturday 10am @ Piedmont Saddle Club, Colfax, NC. We're giving the weather another 2 weeks to hopefully dry a bit. All other details remain the same. Negative Coggins Required. Breakfast & lunch concessions on grounds. www.piedmontsaddleclub.org for class list and more information. \$15 per horse for the whole day with no class entry fees. Show contact:

Jenny Taylor [919-323-9910](tel:919-323-9910)

or info@piedmontsaddleclub.org.

As always, if in question, call before you haul.

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16. Swap Shop

Equestrian Exchange Tack Sales - Spring Sale

March 22-25, 2018

Raleigh, NC

NC State Fairgrounds, Holshouser Building, 1025 Blue Ridge Blvd, Raleigh, NC 27607

Consignor Drop Off Tuesday March 20 11am-9pm

Special Premier Shopping Night, Open to the Public- \$10 CASH Admission, Thursday March 22 5pm-10pm (extended hours!)

Open Shopping- Free Admission, Friday March 23 10am-10pm, Saturday March 24 10am-9pm

* Sunday March 25 11am-5pm

*some items 1/2 off on last day of sale

Consignor Pick-Up, Tuesday March 27, 11am-8pm

The Holshouser building is the large round brown building located between the NC Fairgrounds Flea Market & the NC State Hunt Horse Complex.

How the Sale Works:

*Pre-Register *Price & tag your own items. Use the Barcode Tagging button of the Barcode Tagging page on our website to tag your items. Items must be entered into the system by Monday March 19th at 8pm in preparation for check-in.

*Bring your items and an inventory list to the sale at drop off day, Tuesday March 20th.

Changes for 2018 - Unfortunately, due to increases in rent, insurance, advertising, and many other fees, the commission for bar coded items is increasing from 25% to 30% as of 2018. We have not increased this fee since 2005. We researched other consignment sales and resale outlets and feel that this is still a fair charge that will still allow the consignor to make money and price items fairly while allowing us to continue hosting the sale. We sincerely wish we did not have to raise fees, but the costs have risen significantly over the last 15 years.

Sign Up for Work Exchange & Shop Early! Work Exchange Helpers (formerly known as Volunteers) are needed throughout the sale. In exchange for helping us 8 hours, you get to shop early for the best selection and deals! Work exchange early shopping hours start at Noon on Opening Day Thursday March 22nd.

You do not need to be a consignor to register as a volunteer. However, you will need to email us if you have registered as a volunteer only first and then want to be a seller as well.

Registration ends on Monday March 19th at 8pm (if you want to sign-up to help after this time, please stop by the sale to see what time slots are available).

www.EquestrianExchange.com

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17. Take A Load Off

Little Larry

A new teacher was trying to make use of her psychology courses. She started her class by saying, 'Everyone who thinks they're stupid, stand up!' After a few seconds, Little Larry stood up. The teacher said, 'Do

you think you're stupid, Larry?' 'No, ma'am, but I hate to see you standing there all by yourself!'

Larry watched, fascinated, as his mother smoothed cold cream on her face. 'Why do you do that, mommy?' he asked. 'To make myself beautiful,' said his mother, who then began removing the cream with a tissue. 'What's the matter, asked Larry 'Giving up?'

The math teacher saw that Larry wasn't paying attention in class. She called on him and said, 'Larry! What are 2 and 4 and 28 and 44?' Larry quickly replied, 'NBC, FOX, ESPN and the Cartoon Network!'

Larry's kindergarten class was on a field trip to their local police station where they saw pictures tacked to a bulletin board of the 10 most wanted criminals. One of the youngsters pointed to a picture and asked if it really was the photo of a wanted person. 'Yes,' said the policeman 'The detectives want very badly to capture him. Larry asked, "Why didn't you keep him when you took his picture?" "

Sick Leave

I urgently needed a few days off work, but, I knew the Boss would not allow me to take leave.

I thought that maybe if I acted 'Crazy' then he would tell me to take a few days off.

So I hung upside-down on the ceiling and made funny noises.

My co-worker (who's blonde) asked me what I was doing.

I told her that I was pretending to be a light bulb so that the Boss might think I was 'Crazy' and give me a few days off.

A few minutes later the Boss came into the office and asked, 'What in the name of good GOD are you doing?'

I told him I was a light bulb.

He said, 'You are clearly stressed out.' Go home and recuperate for a couple of days.'

I jumped down and walked out of the office...

When my co-worker (the blonde) followed me, the Boss asked her, '..And where do you think you're going?!

She said, 'I'm going home, too.

I can't work in the dark.

I always need more "Help" with Clean jokes!

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