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# Message from the Show Manager

### Something to count on

FARMING IS A ROLLER coaster ride. Without the stability and encouragement of family, church and community, it would be nearly impossible. My hope is that the Southern Farm Show is somewhere down that list of people, places and things that farmers can count on.

We are all fortunate that the hundreds of companies that participate in the show each year understand they also need to be there when things are both bad and good. Yes, they are there to sell their equipment, supplies and services, but they also know that when things are tight, your old spreader may need

to hang in there another year. And that's fine, because while they would like to sell that new spreader, what they really want is for you to succeed. Most understand that their long-term success is based on your long-term success.

So, here's to your long-term success. I hope the Southern Farm Show can be a small part of it.

### David J. Zimmerman

Show Manager Southern Farm Show



DAVID ZIMMERMAN

# Opportunities for overnight guests

AN OVERNIGHT STAY in the Capital City is always an enjoyable time. Add a couple of days visiting the Southern Farm Show, and you'll have a great experience combining business and pleasure. Here is some helpful information if you're planning an overnight stay:

Visitors to the show website at Southern-FarmShow.com will find Accommodations listed as an option under the General Information tab. There is information on the show's official show hotel, the Hampton Inn & Suites.

Have an RV or camper? You're in luck. The NC State Fairgrounds has a first-class camping area. It's complete with water, sewer and electrical. It also has free wi-fi and 24-hour security. Details can be found at ncstatefair.org/facilities/camping.

If you're looking for restaurants and entertainment, VisitRaleigh.com is your best resource. The site lists everything that's happening in Raleigh and helps you choose restaurants by the type of food you're craving. There's also another helpful list of hotels there.

# **Exhibitor Listing** available all Year

IF YOU CAN'T make it to the show and are looking for a specific product, or if you did attend and are trying to remember the exhibitor you spoke to, then you're in luck. The show's exhibitor listing at www.SouthernFarmShow.com stays up all year, with each listing linked to an information page on the company, as well as a link to their

website

The listing can be sorted by category, making it easy to narrow your search. A keyword search can be helpful if you are looking for a specific brand or type of equipment. If all else fails, call 704-494-7544 and we'll help you find who you're looking for.

# Looking for a Specific Brand? There's Help

IF YOU'RE LOOKING for a specific product but do not see the company in the exhibitor listing, be sure to check the Brand Listing in this program and on the show website.

You may discover that Brillion is in the Landoll Company exhibit, or that Danuser can be found at the ACI Distributors' space.

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For the latest updates and details on the show, visit www.facebook.com/thesouthernfarmshow



You may even discover a new friend or two.

# For your information

Here are often-asked questions about the show:

- Is the show open to the general public? Yes.
- What is the address for the NC State Fairgrounds? 4285 Trinity Rd, Raleigh, NC 27607
- Is First Aid available? Yes EMTs are located in the Exposition Building during show hours. Call the Show Office at 919-839-4680 to request medical help.
- Where is parking? The main show parking is located on Trinity Road near the corner of Blue Ridge Rd. Public parking within the fairgrounds is not allowed during the show.
- Is handicapped parking available?
- Vehicles with handicapped tags may enter Gate 9 off Trinity Rd.
- Are motorized vehicles allowed? Only battery-operated wheelchairs are allowed. Golf carts and four-wheelers are not permitted.
- Are wheelchairs or motorized scooters are available? Motorized scooters are available for rent at the main entrance.
- Is food available at the show? Yes —
  concession stands and food trucks are
  located throughout the show.
- Can equipment be purchased at the show? Exhibitors are allowed to sell equipment on display for pickup or delivery after the conclusion of the show on Friday.
- Are dogs allowed? Dogs are allowed on the NC State Fairgrounds but are not allowed in the exhibit halls and tents. Exception for qualified service animals.
- *Is RV parking available?* RV parking is available through the NC State Fairgrounds. Call 919-821-7400 for details.
- Rain or Shine? Yes the show takes
  place regardless of weather. If a weather
  emergency causes the show to close, a
  notice will appear on the show website.



### **Ag Commissioner Steve Troxler**

# Welcome to the show

North Carolina Commissioner of Agriculture and Consumer Services Steve Troxler welcomes Southern Farm Show visitors to the "dynamic industry" that offers a closeup look at the latest technology to make farming more efficient and productive.





Dear Farm Show Attendees:

Welcome to the N.C. State Fairgrounds and the 2026 Southern Farm Show, the largest farm show in the Carolinas and Virginia. We are very proud to welcome you and this event to the state fairgrounds every year.

All across these grounds you will find vendors, equipment suppliers and agricultural service providers showcasing the latest in agricultural products and equipment. The Southern Farm Show gives in one place.

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Seeing the latest technology available, can help farmers make important decisions and mostments that can improve their bottom lines. This show makes it easy to compare and learn how new products and practices can be beneficial to your operations.

Agriculture remains our state's leading industry at \$111.1 billion, but it continues to face can be considered to the price of commodities!

Despite the challenges, agriculture remains a dynamic and evolving industry that produces food fiber, which are essential to life. I am proud to be part of agriculture, and I remain optimistic about

There are a number of important commodity meetings held each year during the Southern Farm Show where you can hear the latest updates involving agriculture, global markets, federal policies and other influences. Be sure to check the schedule for meeting locations as we are two locations and building project. Some meeting locations are expected to change. Be and the latest updates involving agriculture, global markets, federal policies and proving the project some meeting locations are expected to change. The province of the project state include updates are superior to the project state include updates. The project state include updates are superior to the project state include updates. The project state include updates are superior to the project state include updates. The project state include updates are superior to the project state include updates. The project state include updates are superior to the project state include updates. The project state include updates are superior to the project state include updates. The project state is the project state include updates are superior to the project state include updates. The project state is the project state include updates are superior to the project state include updates. The project state is the project state include updates are superior to the project state in the project s

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# Southern Farm Show helps farmers chart crop year ahead

#### **BY JOHN HART**

FARMERS ARE COMING off one of the most difficult years they have ever faced. Careful planning will be even more crucial in the new crop year which is expected to be another challenging one. Attendance at the Southern Farm Show is a must for farmers across Virginia and the Carolinas as they chart the year ahead.

The Southern Farm Show is set for Feb. 4 to Feb. 6 at the NC State Fairgrounds in Raleigh. Show hours are 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Wednesday and Thursday, and 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Friday. Admission and parking are free.

Southern Farm Show Manager David Zimmerman said farmers who attend will learn a lot. He said helping farmers succeed has always been the purpose of the Southern Farm Show both in good and difficult times.

"Farmers are the eternal optimists. While they are all hoping for a better year in 2026, they also know they have to do more than hope. They have to continually get better, and the show is an opportunity to help accomplish that. Visiting experts at company exhibits, learning about the latest technology, and attending educational sessions are all ways farmers can improve their operation," Zimmerman said.

With more than 400 manufacturers and suppliers exhibiting, the Southern Farm Show is the largest and best attended farm show in the Carolinas and Virginia. Filling most of the NC State Fairgrounds, it is the second largest event held there each year, second only to the state fair itself.

All buildings on the state fairgrounds are used plus additional heated temporary structures and outdoor exhibits. Farmers who want to see the latest and greatest display of farm equipment know that the Southern Farm Show is the place to go with the largest annual display of farm equipment and supplies to be found in the Carolinas and Virginia.

The Southern Farm Show is also the largest annual display of landscape, land clearing, and outdoor power equipment in the region, and it is the largest annual display of construction equipment in the three-state area.

#### **LEARNING AND NETWORKING**

Continuing education is one focus of the Southern Farm Show each year, with numerous seminars and meetings held daily to help farmers improve their bottom line. Zimmerman said the greatest value of the Southern Farm Show is a chance for farmers to network with other farmers, suppliers, and agricultural professionals.

With renovation of the Holshouser Building underway on the fairgrounds, meetings normally held in the 55-year-old facility will be held at the Special Events Tent set up for the 2026 show. The tent will be close to the Education Building, near the Dorton Arena.

The Southern Farm Show begins with the annual Wake County Partners in Agriculture Southern Farm Show Kickoff Breakfast. The breakfast is sponsored and organized by the Wake County Partners in Agriculture. It will take place at 7:15 a.m. on Feb. 4 in the James B Hunt Horse Complex restaurant. Featured speaker will be David Monks, the new director of North Carolina Cooperative Extension, who will highlight his vision

The North Carolina Growers Association (NC Growers) will hold their annual meeting at

the Southern Farm Show. This year's meeting will take place at 1:00 p.m. on Feb. 4 in the Jim Martin Building. NC Growers Deputy Director Lee Wicker said the meeting, open to all members will review the 2025 season and provide thoughts on what to expect in 2026.

North Carolina high school contestants will gather at the Southern Farm Show on Feb. 5 to decide the state's best equipment drivers and operators. They'll be there for the annual North Carolina FFA Association State Tractor and Truck Driving Career Development Events, now in its 45th year with the Southern Farm Show.

The South Atlantic Woodsmen's Association (SAWA) returns for a 10th year. Their popular lumberjack, chainsaw and woodsmen demonstrations are planned for three times each day on the Midway area of the fairgrounds to the right of the show entrance.

Another highlight of the Southern Farm Show will be the Ag Development Forum at 9:30 a.m. on Feb. 5 at the Special Events Tent. The forum is sponsored by the North Carolina Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services and features Agriculture Commissioner Steve Troxler's annual "State of North Carolina Agriculture" address.

Invited speakers will focus on the latest trends in North Carolina agriculture and an economic outlook will be presented. The forum concludes with a sponsored lunch and is open to all attendees of the Southern Farm Show.

The Tobacco Growers Association of North Carolina will once again host its annual meeting at the Southern Farm Show. The meeting is set for 10 a.m. Feb. 6 at the Special Events Tent. An economic and policy update will be presented, and the meeting concludes with a catered lunch.

NC Crop Improvement Association (NCCIA), a non-profit educational and service organization recognized as the official agency for seed certification in North Carolina, will hold their annual meeting at the Southern Farm Show again this year. The meeting is open to NCCIA members and others involved in seed production and will be held on Feb. 6 in the James Martin Building, starting with breakfast followed by the 8:30 a.m. meeting.

According to NCCIA Executive Director Dustin Auman, the program will include an update on NCCIA activities for the year as well as talks by the NC Foundation Seed Producers and the NC Seedmen's Association.

The Southern Farm Show concludes with the always popular Southern National Draft Horse Pull and Coon Mule Jump at the James Hunt Horse Arena beginning at 6 p.m. on Feb. 6. Advance tickets are available in the Graham Building at the Southern Farm Show.

For more information on the Southern Farm Show, call 704-494-7544 or visit the show website at www.SouthernFarmShow.com.











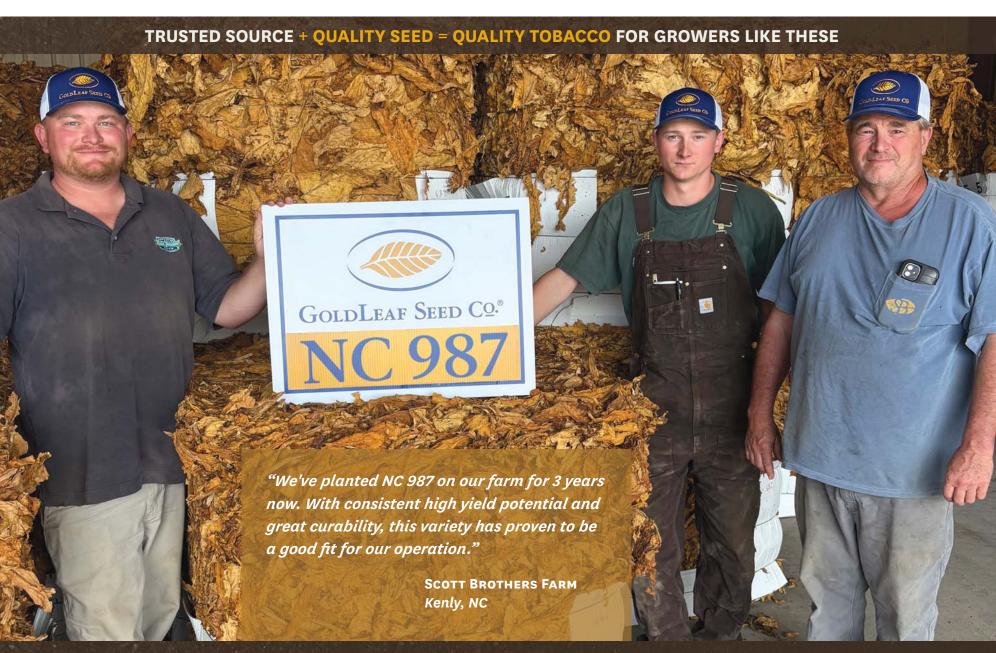
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### **SCHEDULE OF EVENTS**

### **WEDNESDAY, Feb. 4** Show Hours: 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

7:15 a.mKickoff Breakfast - Wake County Partners
in Agriculture, James Hunt Horse Complex
9:30 a.mContinuing Education, NCDA Pesticide,
Special Events Tent
9:30 a.mSouth Atlantic Woodsmen Association
Lumberjack Show, Midway
10:45 a.mContinuing Education, NCDA Pesticide,
Special Events Tent
11:00 a.mFarm Credit Show sponsored by Farm
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### THURSDAY, Feb. 5 Show Hours: 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

9:30 a.mSouth Atlantic Woodsmen Association	
Lumberjack Show, Midway	
9:30 a.mAgricultural Development Forum —	
NC Department of Agriculture, Special	
Events Tent	
10:00 a.mFFA Truck and Tractor Driving Competi-	
tion, James Hunt Horse Arena	
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### FRIDAY, Feb. 6 Show Hours: 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

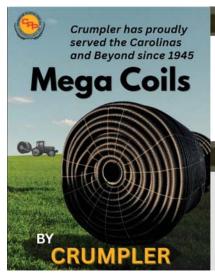
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### **Special Events Tent to Hold Meetings This Year While Holshouser Building Undergoes Renovation**

SHORTLY AFTER THE 2025 NC State Fair, work began on major renovations to the Holshouser Building at the NC State Fairgrounds. This work to the 55 year-old building means that the events normally held there during the Southern Farm Show are being temporarily relocated to a Special Events Tent and other venues.

The Special Events Tent will be located close to the Education Building, which is near the Dorton Arena. Public events taking place there will include Wednesday's Pesticide Continuing Education and Thursday's NC Ag Forum. On Friday, both the Breakfast with the Commissioner to support the Tobacco Farm Life Museum, and the Tobacco Growers Association of North Carolina Annual Meeting will be held there. The NC Growers Meeting, which is also normally held in the Holshouser Building, will be held in the in the Jim Martin Building this year. The Special Events Tent will also hold three private events taking place during the show.

### 6:00 p.m. .....Southern National Draft Hose Pull and Coon Mule Jump James Hunt Horse Arena Advance tickets available in the Jim Graham Building during the Southern Farm Show, James Hunt Horse Arena



4:00 p.m.....Show Closes

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at this year's show. These sessions will take place Wednesday morning in the Special Events Tent this year.

There is no charge or pre-registration for

**these sessions.** License holders should bring their pesticide license card or number to register on-site.

9:30 am Wednesday, February 4 Special Events Tent

Spray Nozzle Technology and Droplet Size Management for Effective Coverage and Drift Control

This session will cover spray tip nomenclature and industry standards; international

color code classifications, droplet sizing and categorizing; spray tip designs, spray angles and patterns, air induction tip designs to reduce drift, and twin fan spray pattern to enhance coverage; tip selection and calibration; negative effects of low boom height; and ways to reduce drift.

**DÉBORA LATORRE** 

This course has been approved for the following crdits: L N S X

#### About the Presenter:

Débora de Oliveira Latorre is the Application Training Lead and Industry Liaison at Tee-Jet Technologies, where she has spent the past six years supporting the advancement of spray application technologies across agriculture. In her role, she develops and delivers technical training for sales teams, growers, researchers, and OEMs while strengthening collaborations with universities, chemical companies, and regulatory bodies. She also supports spray tip development and is currently focused on advancing new products for precision application technologies.

She holds a Ph.D. and M.S. in Weed Science and Pesticide Application Technology from São Paulo State University (UNESP) in Brazil, where she also earned her degree in Agronomic Engineering. Débora further expanded her academic experience at the University of Nebraska–Lincoln, completing both a postdoctoral research appointment and an exchange program with a focus on weed science, drift management, and application technology.

Her work integrates academic research with practical field application, emphasizing pre-

cision, stewardship, and innovation in spray technologies.

10:45 a.m. Wednesday, February 4 Special Events Tent

Turfgrass Pests: Why We Can't Have Nice Things

 Presented by Ray McCauley, PhD, N.C.
 State University

Turfgrasses are an integral part of every-



**RAY MCCAULEY** 

one's life and serve many purposes: providing recreational spaces, improving site aesthetics, and protecting infrastructure and the environment. Unfortunately, turfgrass pests did not get this memo. This presentation will address common turfgrass pests of North Carolina as well as their control. The use of Integrated Pest Management programs and Best Management Practices for specific weeds, insects, and diseases in cooland warm-season turfgrasses will be emphasized. This presentation will also showcase additional electronic resources that attendees can utilize in the future.

Become familiar with Integrated Pest Management programs and Best Management Practices of N.C. of cool- and warm-season turfgrass species. Be presented with turfgrass- and pest-management options. Cultural management will be emphasized, and more commonly used pesticides for managing weeds, insects, and diseases in turfgrasses will be provided. Made aware of additional N.C. State resources related to turfgrass care.

This course has been approved for the following crdits: L N D  $\rm X$ 

### About the Presenter

Ray McCauley, PhD, Turfgrass Extension Associate at North Carolina State University. Ray's Extension duties entail working closely with sod producers, sports turf, utility turf, and golf courses to address issues and find solutions to common turfgrass problems. His research activities include turfgrass-selection and -cultivation, fertility, and pest control.





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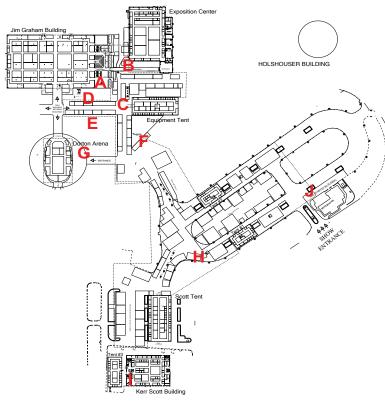
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### Where to eat

# Here's where to pick up a quick lunch or snack at the show this year

A	Jim Graham Building Concessions	Chicken and pork BBQ; hamburgers; hot- dogs; chicken, ham and turkey wraps; drinks
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D	Parkers Hall of Fame Deli and Grill — Food Truck	Deli and grilled food, wraps, sweet tea and fresh fruit lemonade
Е	RBL BBQ Lab — Food Truck	Pork and chicken sandwiches and plates and sides, brisket, ribs, and burnt ends
F	Holy Fries	Loaded gourmet fry bowls (hand cut and double fried)
G	Plated Meals	Plated meals including barbeque and chicken. There is a seated area available in the Dorton Arena lobby.
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# Clifton Seed thrives while adapting to challenges

BY STEPHANIE SOKOL

FROM WEATHER CHALLENGES to market uncertainty, there have been many obstacles this season in agriculture. But Clifton Seed, a supplier with roots in North Carolina, has had a strong, consistent year overall.

"We've seen steady demand across our product lines and continued growth in cover crop and vegetable seed sales," said Tim Jones, cover crop and forage sales manager at Clifton Seed. "It's been rewarding to work closely with our customers to ensure quality, consistency, and service throughout the season."

The family-owned company, based in Faison, N.C., has undergone many changes since it was founded in 1928. Clifton Seed, which now specializes in hybrid vegetable



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seeds from major U.S. and foreign suppliers and breeders, started out as "a small, family-run seed house to a trusted regional supplier serving growers across multiple states."

While they have evolved a lot from their early small business days nearly a century ago, they are still guided by their roots and keep high standards when working with members of the agriculture industry.

"While we've grown in size and product diversity, our core values haven't changed," Jones said. "The Clifton family remains deeply involved, ensuring that every customer interaction reflects the same honesty, service, and agricultural passion that started the company generations ago."

This will be Clifton Seed's seventh time at the Southern Farm Show. Their favorite part is the chance to connect in person with current customers, in addition to a chance to meet new ones.

Clifton Seed's booth will exhibit their range of cover crops, forage and vegetable seeds, with catalogs and tech sheets on hand.

The company's new variety this season was Supra Hay Sorghum-Sudan. But their

most popular product is Tamtbo Tetraploid Ryegrass, which Jones said, "was selected for superior forage yields, crown rust resistance and frost tolerance for fall/winter forage for cattle."

One of the biggest things Clifton Seed has helped farmers with in recent years is to find the products for running an environmentally-sound operation. For example, Jones recommends farmers use Ray's Crazy Fall Mix or Summer Mix to enrich the health of their soil.

"There's a clear and growing emphasis on sustainability and soil regeneration," Jones said. "More producers are incorporating cover crops into their rotations to improve soil structure, reduce erosion, and enhance nutrient management. We've also seen rising interest in regionally adapted and specialty seed varieties, as growers look for options that thrive in local climates and specific soil

Visit Clifton Seed at Southern Farm Show booth #1011 in the Kerr Scott Building to learn more about the products they carry.

# Land clearing and forestry a show focus

ALL THE EQUIPMENT and expertise behind the land clearing and forestry industries will be on display at this year's show. Exhibits focusing on these industries can be found throughout the show but will mainly be in the Midway area of the show near the show entrance.

Leading mulcher manufacturers including Fecon, FAE, Blue Diamond, Baumalight, Loftness, Wallenstein, Green-Tec, Denis Cimaf, Shearex, Prinroth, Brush Hound, Seppi, Femac, Rubble Crusher, Shearex, Gyro-Trac, Freedom and TMC Canela will all be on display.

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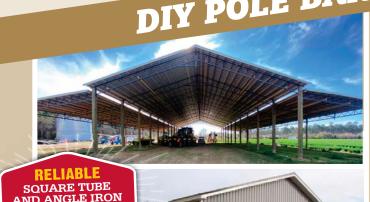


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# **Show closes with popular Draft Horse Pull**





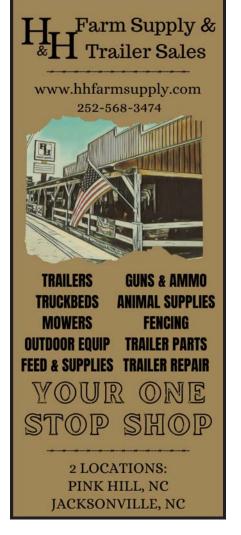
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#### BY JOHN HART

FOR FAMILIES WHO attend the Southern Farm Show every year, a highlight is to head to the Hunt Horse Arena on the N.C. State Fairgrounds on Friday night after the show wraps up to see the impressive draft horses that compete in the Southern National Draft Horse Pull and Coon Mule Jump.

The draft horse pull serves as the grand finale of the Southern Farm Show. It is set for Friday night, February 6. Starting at 6PM, pre-pull entertainment includes a parade of antique farm equipment and the ever-popular Coon Mule Jump. Show attendees can watch giant teams of Percheron and Belgian draft horses match their strength to determine the winner.

The Southern National Draft Horse Pull and Coon Mule Jump is set for Friday evening, February 6 at the Hunt Horse Arena on the N.C. State Fairgrounds.

Event organizer Calvin Davis said he and his team are looking forward to the competition returning to showcase these amazing animals that have entertained and delighted Southern Farm attendees ever since the first Southern Farm Show was held at the State Fairgrounds in 1978

Davis emphasizes that it is a family event, with generations of families attending each year. "Many who attended the pull as children now bring their own children and grandchildren. It means a lot that the pull has become a tradition for so many families," he said.

Doors open for the Horse Pull at 5 p.m. and the show begins at 6 p.m. Concession will be available at the Horse Pull. Tickets for the pull are \$15 at the door with \$12 advance tickets available at the Graham Building during the Southern Farm Show. Youth tickets, ages 7 to 11, are \$6 with children 6 and under admitted free.

The Southern National Draft Horse Pull and Coon Mule Jump is the largest horse pull in the Southeast. Each year, 20 teams of giant Percheron and Belgian draft horses compete for prize money.

Horses in the competition weigh in right at a ton, making the two horses in the competition weigh in at two tons. "The horses will start to pull at 5,000 pounds and win out at 10,000 to 12,000 pounds. The horses start at a lighter weight so they can warm up and run multiple times," Davis explained.

The distance require for a legitimate pull is just under 27 feet, and the horses pull in a straight line between two points. "Somewhere at about 7,000 to 8,000 pounds, we will have horses that don't make the distance, and they will drop out until then finish when one team pulls farther than the others," Davis said.



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# **Kickoff Breakfast**

### Kickoff Breakfast to focus on N.C. Extension Service

NC COOPERATIVE EXTENSION'S new director will be the featured speaker at the annual Wake County Partners in Agriculture Southern Farm Show Kickoff Breakfast. Dr. David Monks will be highlighting his vision for the future of Cooperative Extension and how everyone inside and outside of agriculture can work with the organization moving forward.

NC State Extension, which offers more than 26,000 educational programs statewide connecting North Carolinians with NC State's

cutting-edge research to create practical solutions and applications across all 100 counties and the Qualla Boundary. Monks spearheads work in the field, represents NC State Extension at field days and events, handles speaking engagements off campus and serves as interim vice provost of outreach and engagement for the university.

Monks previously served as associate director of the N.C. Agricultural Research Service in the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences,

a position he has held since 2013, and worked directly with industry partners in agriculture to build impactful research and relationships statewide. He joined the NC State Department of Horticultural Science in 1989 and served as an Extension leader and assistant department head. He was also responsible for weed management in vegetable and fruit crops.

The breakfast is sponsored and organized by the Wake County Partners in Agriculture. It will take place at 7:15 am on Wednesday, Feb 4 in the restaurant of the James B Hunt Horse Complex. Please contact Kimberly Webb at Kimberly.webb@wake.gov to register for the





**DAVID MONKS** 

# Online show map helps with planning and visiting the show

WITH SO MUCH to see at the Southern Farm Show, it sometimes helps to plan your visit in advance. While the show program you're holding right now is your best bet to accomplish that, the online show map, which is always up to date, can also be a big help.

The 'Floor Plan' tab at www.SouthernFarmShow.com opens up this feature, or you can scan the QR code provided. From there, you can search for specific exhibitors and be shown their exhibit location.

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# N.C. Growers annual meeting set for Feb. 4

THE NORTH CAROLINA Growers Association (NC Growers) will hold their annual meeting at the Southern Farm Show. This year's meeting, which is open to their 750 farmer members, will take place at 1:00pm

on Wednesday, Feb. 4 in the Jim Martin Building - a new location from past years due to renovations the Holshouser Building. NC Growers Deputy Director Lee Wicker says the meeting will review the 2025 season and provide thoughts on what to expect in 2026.

With a great deal

of national focus on the federal H-2A program that allows foreign seasonal workers to help farmers with labor needs, there should be plenty to discuss at the annual meeting. That's because North Carolina has many crops that are not easily harvested by machines. They include sweetpotatoes, blackberries, lettuce, tomatoes, strawberries, and Christmas trees. Seasonal workers are often needed for this challenge, and many farmers rely on the federal H-2A program to meet that need.

> The federal H-2A Program includes some very technical and cumbersome requirements that are often more than individual farmers can handle. The NC Growers helps their members in complying with those requirements, including recruiting local workers and the facil-

itation of foreign H-2A workers through the visa application process. NC Growers submits the paperwork on behalf of farmers, deals with the federal government, helps farmers understand and meet their legal requirements, coordinates arrangements for selected guest workers, and acts as a proband employees during the growing sea- mately 92% of all H-2A workers return annuson. Through NC Growers, the labor force ally through the preferred worker program.

lem-solving mediator between employers remains consistent and skilled. Approxi-

# Ag education industry groups throughout show

A SIGNIFICANT REPRESENTATION of commodity groups, government agencies and non-profits — all designed to help farmers and farming — will return to the show. From crop and livestock specific associations to those helping youth and farmers in need, they form a network of organizations critical to the health and continued success of agriculture.

Here are some of those organizations you will find at the show:

- Ag Container Recycling Council, 9118 Tent #3
- Corn Growers Association of NC, 4015 Equipment Tent
- NC Ag Aviation, 9018 Tent #3
- NC Agromedicine Institute, 1009 Kerr Scott Building
- NC Cattlemen's Association, 4011 **Equipment Tent**
- NC Crop Improvement Association, Friday Program in the Martin Building
- NC Department of Agriculture, Meeting Room in Jim Graham Building
- NC Future Farmers of America, Thursday Program
- NC Growers Association, Wednesday Program

- NC Grange, 7319 Scott Tent
- NC Small Grain Growers Association, 4019 Equipment Tent
- NC Soybean Producers Association, 4117 Equipment Tent
- NC State Extension, 4018 Equipment Tent
- NC State Extension/NC Farm Link, 5017 Tent #1
- NC State University, 4016 Equipment Tent
- NCSU Agricultural Institute, 4020 **Equipment Tent**
- NCSU Agronomy Club, 5008 Tent
- NC Agricultural Mediation Program, 5007 Tent #1
- NC Pecan Growers Association, 4014 Equipment Tent
- NC Upland Wildlife Federation, 7320 Scott Tent
- Piedmontese Association of US, 9005 Tent #3
- Tobacco Growers Association of NC, 3433 Exposition Center
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Here's a list of the mower brands that will be there and where to find them:

- » Altoz: 4143 Equipment Tent
- » Bad Boy: 2016 Dorton Arena, and Capps

- Trailers 8600 Outside
- » Bobcat: Bobcat Redmax Worldlawn 6014 Tent #3 and White's Equipment — 8206 Outside.
- » Country Clipper: 7116 Scott Tent
- » Encore: Hayward Distributing 8128
- » Exmark: 4027 Equipment Tent
- » Ferris: 7263 Scott Tent
- » Grasshopper: 806 Jim Graham Building
- » Greenworks: Bobcat Redmax Worldlawn
- » Husqvarna: 4149 Equipment Tent

- » Hustler: Tidewater Power Equipment Co. — 3711 Agri Supply Exposition Building
- » John Deere: Quality Equipment 601 Jim Graham Building
- » Kioti: 501 Jim Graham Building
- » Kubota: 325 Jim Graham Building
- » Redmax: Bobcat Redmax Worldlawn —
- » Scag: 2308 Dorton Arena
- » Toro: Turf Equipment and Supply Co 8607 Outside
- » Ventrac: Blade Equipment 7316 Scott
- » Walker: Outdoor Equipment Distributors 8529 Outside
- » Warhawk: Double C Trailers 8262 Outdoors
- » Worldlawn: Bobcat Redmax Worldlawn
- » Wright: Outdoor Equipment Distributors — 8529 Outside



# TJ's Trailers returns to the **Show with new lineup**

TJ'S TRAILERS, INC. returns to the show this year and will bring with them new manufacturers they are representing: Maxx-D Trailers, Hillcrest Trailers, Anderson and Timpte Equipment Trailers.



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"Our mission has always been to provide the best selection of trailers to meet the needws of hardworking individuals and businesses," said Morgan Grogg, Operations Manager of TJ's Trailers, Inc. "Adding these respected manufacturers ensures our customers have more options than ever before."

TJ's Trailers can be found in Outdoor Space







The annual membership meeting of the Tobacco Growers Association of North Carolina is set for 10 a.m. Friday, Feb. Feb. 6 at the Special Events Tent. The 2025 TGANC meeting was held at the Holshouser Building, but with renovations underway for the 55-year-old facility, the 2026 meeting is moving to the Special Events Tent.

industry associates met at a barbecue restaurant in Kinston, right in the very heart of North Carolina tobacco county, to discuss state, national and international tobacco issues. By the end of the meeting there was a consensus that increasing concerns for the future of tobacco farming dictated the need to form a tobacco-specific commodity organization to serve as a strong advocate for the future.

The association was needed to represent North Carolina tobacco farmers in the areas of policy, marketing, trade, research, technology, and profitability. By November 1981 the group had created a nonprofit named the Tobacco Growers Association of North Carolina (TGANC). Its first membership organizing meeting was held in early 1982 during the Southern Farm Show.

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# TGANC annual meeting returns to Show

FOR EVERY YEAR since it was formed in 1982, the Tobacco Growers Association of North Carolina (TGANC) has turned to the Southern Farm Show for its annual membership meeting because of the importance of the show to the state's tobacco farmers.

The tradition continues in 2026. The annual membership meeting of TGANC is set for 10 a.m. Friday, Feb. Feb. 6 at the Special Events Tent on the NC State Fairgrounds. A policy and economic outlook will be provided, and the prestigious Farm Family of the Year award and other awards will be presented. The meeting concludes with a sponsored luncheon.

The forum is traditionally held at the Holshouser Building, but with renovations to the 55-year-old building underway, the 2026 forum will be relocated to the Special Events Tent, located close to the Education Building, which is near the Dorton Arena.

Graham Boyd, executive vice president of TGANC, said the 2026 annual meeting will be an important opportunity to catch up on multiple changes occurring in the tobacco industry for the new year. Updates will be provided on the following:

- The regulations that reduced the H-2A guest worker wage.
- Tariff impacts on tobacco and will China return to the market.
- Disaster payment programs.
- Advocacy to hold market prices.
- I FDA rule changes, enforcement of illegal vaping and its market impact.
- New generation products and opportunities.
- Efforts to combat illicit trade and synthetic nicotine.

TGANC monitors and reports to the membership on all aspects local, state and federal policy areas that can impact the business of farming and the commerce of tobacco. It is governed by 42 farmer directors elected by the membership at its annual meeting.

Directors volunteer to serve staggered two-year terms. There is equal geographical representation from three statewide districts. Eight supporting industry directors are also elected to serve on the board.

TGANC got its start in the summer of 1981 when a large group of farmers and



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# Tobacco Farm Life Museum Breakfast to honor NCDA's David Smith

BREAKFAST WITH THE Commissioner, held each year to benefit the Tobacco Farm Life Museum in Kenly, will again be a major event at the show. Always a popular annual gathering at the Southern Farm Show, it's also held to recognize an outstanding leader in North Carolina agriculture. The breakfast has recognized many prominent ag industry leaders over the years, with this year's honor going to David Smith, a long-time and key member of Commissioner Troxler's staff at the North Carolina Department of Agriculture & Consumer Services.

This year's breakfast will be held on Friday, February 6 at 7:30 am in the Special Events Tent. This tent is temporarily housing many of the events that normally take place in the Holshouser Building which is under renovation. For details and tickets on the breakfast, contact the Tobacco Farm Life Museum at 919-824-3131, or visit their website at www.TobaccoFarmLifeMuseum.org.

N. David Smith is the Chief Deputy



N. DAVID SMITH

Commissioner of North Carolina Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services. As Chief Deputy Commissioner, he is responsible for the core business functions of the department which includes the

State Fair, Agricultural Statistics, Budget and Finance, Property and Construction, Internal Audit, Farmland Preservation, Internet Technology, Human Resources, and Legislative Liaison. He also serves as the official instructional memory of the Department. August 2025 marked Smith's 53-year anniversary with the NC Department of Agriculture & Consumer Services. He does not have a retirement date on the calendar.

In August 2022, Smith was awarded the Order of the Long Leaf Pine, a somewhat rare award for a current state employee. It was given in recognition of having served 50 years with the NC Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services.

David was raised on a tobacco farm near McGee's Crossroads in Johnston County. It was a typical tobacco farm for that time of tobacco farming. Four primers, tractor drivers, handers, and loopers. At the end of the day, the tobacco was hung in a barn for curing. The process was a week-after-week process until the crop was harvested and sold. The highlight of the process was going to the tobacco market for the traditional chant of the auctioneer. At least that was the highlight for any younger person, not immediately involved in the hard reality of the sale price offered by the buyers.

After graduating from NC State University in 1972 with a degree in Biological and Agricultural Engineering David began his career with the Department in August 1972 as a staff engineer in the Engineering Section in the Marketing Division. Now that section has transitioned to a whole separate

Division—Property and Construction. In 1976 he was appointed to head the LP-Gas Inspection section in the Standards Division. In 1979, he was named the director of the Standards Division. In January 2001, he was appointed Assistant Commissioner of Agriculture and in 2004 was appointed Chief Deputy Commissioner, his current position.

With the appropriation of funds to assist farmers following Hurricane Helene and other statewide crop disasters in 2024, David was tasked with leading the Department's relief efforts. The relief program will be on-going for many months as the USDA has awarded the Department a Block Grant to assist farmers in the Helene-damaged counties with payments not covered by traditional USDA programs.

David has completed the Government Executives Institute at UNC and the Top State Managers Executive Education Program at Duke University.

David's involvement in many national and international organizations gave him opportunities to serve in capacities beyond the boundaries of the State of North Carolina. David is particularly proud of his involvement with ASTM International and the National Council on Weights and Measures.

In 2005, Smith was named to a one-year term as Chairman of the Board of ASTM International, a globally recognized leader in the development and publication of international voluntary consensus standards for materials, products, systems, and services. Prior to being named Chairman of the Board, Smith served as chairman of ASTM Committee D02 on Petroleum Products and Lubricants from 1994 until 1999.

Smith has also served as chairman of the National Counsil on Weights and Measures (NCWM). He has held numerous other positions in the NCWM as well as serving in leadership positions with other professional organizations.

David represents the NC Department of Agriculture by serving on the boards of the Global TransPark Authority, Agricultural Finance Authority, and the Dix Park Conversancy.

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Smith is married to Pamela Moore Smith of Four Oaks, North Carolina. They were married in May 1972. Pamela is a retired Registered Nurse, First Assistant Operating Room nurse. Pamela retired from WakeMed Health and Hospitals in Raleigh. Pamela was also raised on a tobacco farm in the Four Oaks area.

David and Pamela have a son, Eric, who is also a Chemical Engineering graduate from NC State. David, Pam and Eric live in Raleigh and are ardent NC State fans.

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# Lower wages signal big shift for H-2A programs

#### BY KATIE PRATT

RECENT CHANGES TO how wages are determined for the H-2A program have resulted in a lower starting pay requirement for employers.

The H-2A program allows employers who meet certain requirements to legally hire foreign workers to do seasonal agricultural-related jobs. These positions are jobs that most domestic workers aren't applying for, even after employers advertise and recruit locally as the law requires. Around 20% of the agriculture labor force in the United States is comprised of workers in the H-2A program.

These wage determination changes create a more accurate, market-based minimum wage requirement for participating employers, said Catherine Watts, consultant with Labor Services International.

"We are thankful for the H-2A program because not all industries experiencing labor shortages have a way to bring in legal foreign workers," Watts said. "These workers earn significantly higher wages here than they would at home doing the same type of work, and most are sending that money home to sustain their livelihoods and build their communities. When their contracts end, they return home to their lives and families. The H-2A program is designed for temporary, not permanent, employment."

Prior to the end of August, employee wages for the program were determined by the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Farm Labor Survey. On Aug. 29, the USDA announced it was no longer going to con-



**CATHERINE WATTS** 

duct that survey. On Oct. 2, the U.S. Department of Labor published an Interim Final Rule that tied H-2A wages to the Bureau of Labor Statistics' Occupational Employment Wage Survey, which contains a larger amount of labor statistics from many differ-

"These wages, of course, set the base pay for employees," Watts said. "Farmers can always choose to pay their workers more, and the change allows employers and employees to negotiate wages just like they do in other industries."

Base pay varies by state. Farmers must pay their employees the highest of either the adverse effect wage rate, prevailing wage rate, agreed upon collective bargaining rate, or the federal or state minimum wage.

In the new methodology, wages are also divided by skill levels. Those with a higher skill level receive a higher starting pay.

There is also an adverse compensation adjustment that lowers wages slightly for H-2A workers compared to if a domestic worker filled the same position to account for program costs. For example, in North Carolina, a domestic worker in the first skill level would receive a starting pay of \$12.78 while an H-2A employee would receive \$11.09. A skill level 2 domestic worker would receive a base pay of \$16.39 while an H-2A worker would receive a wage of \$14.70.

These wages cover 90% of ag-related jobs. Positions that require a higher level of specialized labor, such as truck drivers and mechanics, are subject to a different wage

"The H-2A program is extremely beneficial for farmers and foreign workers," Watts said. "For example, in Mexico, where a majority of H-2A workers are coming

from, workers may receive only \$3 a day for the same type of work. Most have minimal expenses while they are here other than their food and discretionary spending. H-2A employers are required to provide workers with housing and transportation."

The new wage methodology applies to all H-2A job orders filed after Oct. 2. At the time of this writing, the U.S. Department of Labor was not accepting new job orders due to the government shutdown. H-2A workers that were already in the U.S. on a contract will receive the pay that was stated in that contract.

Labor Services International has helped farmers navigate the H-2A and H-2B programs for nearly 20 years. Based in Henderson, they have had a regular presence at the Southern Farm Show. Their booth is number 1101 in the Gov. Kerr Scott Building.



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AGT	Ivey's Equipment
AgVenture	Sweetwater Creek Seeds
AirMix	Greenleaf Technologies
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Artex	Artex Manufacturing
Ascenso	Virginia Farm Bureau Products Division
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Avery	Newton Crouch Company, LLC
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Axis	Tidewater Seed
	Getsco
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Banjo	BestWay Ag
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Battle Motors	Velocity Truck Centers
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BeltWide	BeltWide
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Bennett Pump	Petromen's Inc.
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Bobcat	Bobcat Redmax Worldlawn
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BrushFox	Abra Equipment Supply
BTR	Farmers Harvest Inc.
BullDog	bulldog mfg llc
Bulletproof	TJ's Trailers Inc.
Burchland	Gaston Sealey Co., Inc.
Bush Hog	Bush Hog
Bushmaster	Bushmaster Hydraulic Cutters
Cadman	Brock Equipment Company Inc.
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Calico	H & H Farm Supply & Trailer Sales
CalSip	Agroliquid
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CoopWorx	CoopWorx Feed & Water Silos
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Ferris	Ferris
FertiRain	Agroliquid
Fill-Rite	Agri Supply
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Firestone	Agri Supply Colony Tire
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BRAND	EXHIBITORS
FMC	Triangle Chemical Company/Triangle Turf & Ornamental
EMT C (FIII	
FMT SmartFill	Petromen's Inc.
Fontaine	Hale Trailer Brake & Wheel
Ford	Capital Ford Commercial Truck Center
FORZA	Tar River MFG
Foxx Loaders	Abra Equipment Supply
FPT	Atlantic Power Solutions, Inc.
Fransgard	Hayward Distributing
Freedom Attachments	Freedom Attachments
Freightliner	Velocity Truck Centers
FuelMaster	Petromen's Inc.
Fulvic Electrolyte	EarthGen 215, LLC
Galaxy	Colony Tire
Gallagher	Farm Systems Inc.
Gates	Mangum's
	NAPA Auto Parts
Gator Tail	Performance East
GEA Houle	Brock Equipment Company Inc.
General Industries	Petromen's Inc.
General Pumps	CTS Cleaning Systems, Inc.
Genie	Southeast Handling Systems/Mobilift
	of Burlington
Geostar	Boundary Builders
GIANT	CTS Cleaning Systems, Inc.
GMC	Dorman GMC Truck Inc.
Golden Grove	Golden Grove USA, Inc
GoldLeaf	GoldLeaf Seed Co.
GoodGuys	CAPPSTRAILERS.COM
Goodyear	BTS Tire & Wheel / Black's Tire & Auto
	Colony Tire
GPI	QAT
GPI/GPRO	Petromen's Inc.
GPS	Double C Trailers
Grain Systems (GSI)	Gaston Sealey Co., Inc.
Granville	Granville Equipment
Grasshopper	Grasshopper Company
Grassworks	GrassWorks Mfg
Great Plains	Great Plains Mfg., Inc.
Green-Tec	Green Tec
Greenscape	Tar River MFG
Greenworks	Bobcat Redmax Worldlawn
Grizzly	Agri Supply
Group Schumacher	S.I. Distributing
Gypsoil	Gypsoil - Pellet Division
Gyro-Trac	Jesse Rast Enterprises
H&H	H & H Farm Machine
Hagedorn	Back Creek Ag LLC

BRAND	EXHIBITORS
Handlair	Frey Mfg & Dist
Hankook	BTS Tire & Wheel / Black's Tire & Auto
Hannay	CTS Cleaning Systems, Inc.
Hardee	Hardee by EVH Manufacturing Co.
Harriston	Farmers Harvest Inc.
Harvest Brute	Harvest Brute
Harvest Energy	EarthGen 215, LLC
Harvey's	Harvey's Fertilizer & Gas Company
Hawke	TJ's Trailers Inc.
	CAPPSTRAILERS.COM
Haygrove	TriEst Ag Group
Hays-LTI	Hays-LTI
Herd Pro	S & B Custom Innovation/ Herd Pro
Highland Tank	Highland Tank
	Petromen's Inc.
HighNRG-N	Agroliquid
Hillcrest	TJ's Trailers Inc.
HiPower	Atlantic Power Solutions
HLA	Cummings & Bricker Inc.
Hog Slat	Hog Slat Inc.
Homesteader	Double C Trailers
	H & H Farm Supply & Trailer Sales
Honda	Tidewater Power Equipment Company
	MVP Services / Kelsan, Inc.
Hooker Pumps	Hooker Pumps, LLC
Horst	Cummings & Bricker Inc.
Hotsy	Hotsy Equipment Company
Hunters Comfort Hurrican Ditcher	Triangle Pond Management
	Hurricane Ditcher Company Inc. Petromen's Inc.
Husky	
Husqvarna Hustler	Husqvarna Tidoustor Power Equipment Company
	Tidewater Power Equipment Company
HydraKicker	Innovative Poultry Products LLC
Hypro	BestWay Ag Agri Supply
	Newton Crouch Company, LLC
Hytera	Fleet Radio
Hyundai	National Equipment Dealers
	UtiliTough, Inc.
IBAK	Vision NC
ICON	Landoll Company, LLC
InCommand	Ag Leader
Industrias America	Troyer's Farm
Intellislope	Ag Leader
International trucks	White's Equipment
Ironcraft	Smith's Enterprise
IronWoodInsulators	Farm Sip Supreme
Jacto	Cummings & Bricker Inc.
	Tidewater Power Equipment Company
laulor	Cummings & Bricker Inc.
Jaylor	Cullinings & Bricker inc.

BRAND	EXHIBITORS
JCB	Asheboro JCB
	Company Wrench
JCT	Ivey's Equipment
Jeep	Capital CJD Inc
John Blue	BestWay Ag
	Newton Crouch Company, LLC
	LMC-Ag, LLC
	Quality Equipment
John Deere	Quality Equipment
	James River Equipment
	Parallel Arm Exchange.com Atlantic Power Solutions, Inc.
Kalibrate	
	Agroliquid
Kanga	UtiliTough, Inc.
KAPITALIZE	Agroliquid
Karcher	MVP Services / Kelsan, Inc.
Kaufman	Kaufman Trailers
Keeton	S.I. Distributing
Keith Manufacturing	Hale Trailer Brake & Wheel
Kenda Americana Tire and Wheel	Double C Trailers
Kenwood	Fleet Radio
Kidd	Hayward Distributing
Killbros	Unverferth Mfg. Co., Inc.
King Kutter	Agri Supply
Kinze	Parallel Arm Exchange.com
Kioti	KIOTI Tractor
KMC	Kelley Manufacturing Co.
Knapheide	Knapheide Truck Equipment
Kobelco	Company Wrench
	Sound Heavy Machinery
Kona Ice Travelin' Tom's Coffee	Kona-Ice
Kongskilde	Kongskilde Industries USA Inc.
Kraftsman	Kraftsman Trailers
Krone	Krone North America
Krpan	Tar River MFG
KSI	Virginia Farm Bureau Products Division
Kubota	Kubota Tractor Corporation
Kuhn	Kuhn North America
Kuhn Knight	Brock Equipment Company Inc.
Kuhns	Norden Mfg
Lamar Trailer	Performance East
Land Honor	Ivey's Equipment
LANDA	MVP Services / Kelsan, Inc.
Landoll	Landoll Company, LLC
Lanuun	Southeast Handling Systems/Mobilift
	of Burlington
Landpride	Kubota Tractor Corporation
Lane	GF Equip Sales LLC
Legacy	AmeriAg LLC
Legacy	AITHEITAY LLC

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BRAND	EXHIBITORS
Lewis Cattle Oilers	Lewis Cattle Oilers
Liberate	Agroliquid
Liberty	CAPPSTRAILERS.COM
Liberty Acres	TriEst Ag Group
Liquitube	T & T Distribution and Mebane
Leaf Mr. I	Distributing
Little Wonder	Bobcat Redmax Worldlawn
Liugong	CCS Equipment Sales, LLC
LMC	LMC-Ag, LLC
Loflin	Loflin Fabrication, LLC
Loftness	Loftness Specialized Equipment
Logstor	Portage & Main Boilers/Polar Furnaces
LS Tractor	LS Tractor USA
Lucas Mill	Bailey's Inc.
Lucky Buck Mineral	Luck Buck Mineral
LVI	Back Creek Ag LLC
MAC Trailer	Southeastern Pneumatic Inc.
MacDon	MacDon - Short Line Sales
MagGrow Tec	Ag Technologies LLC
MAGNUM	CTS Cleaning Systems, Inc.
Mahindra	Mahindra Agriculture NA
Malone	ACI Distributors
Mandako	Jesse Rast Enterprises
Manitou	National Equipment Dealers
MarCo	MarCo Manufacturing Company
Marcrest	Back Creek Ag LLC
Martin Till	Martin Till
	S.I. Distributing
Maruyama	Hayward Distributing
Maschio Gaspardo	Maschio Gaspardo North America
	Ivey's Equipment
Massey Ferguson	Massey Ferguson
Maxam	Colony Tire
Maxx-D	TJ's Trailers Inc.
May Wes	S.I. Distributing
Mayo MFG	Farmers Harvest Inc.
McHale	ACI Distributors
	Cummings & Bricker Inc.
Mechanical Transplanter	Farmers Harvest Inc.
	B and S Enterprises Inc.
MENEGUZZO	FarmPower Distribution
Meridian	Jesse Rast Enterprises
Metalosate Foliar	TriEst Ag Group
Mi-T-M	CTS Cleaning Systems, Inc.
Michelin	BTS Tire & Wheel / Black's Tire & Auto
	Colony Tire
Micro 500/600/1000	Agroliquid
Micro-Trak	Newton Crouch Company, LLC
Midland/Haldex	NAPA Auto Parts
Midstate	Ivey's Equipment

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Milwaukee	NAPA Auto Parts
Mission	CAPPSTRAILERS.COM
Mitas	Colony Tire
MIVA	Ivey's Equipment
Montague	Montague Farms, Inc
Montana	Troyer's Farm
	Ivey's Equipment
Montezuma	S.I. Distributing
Morbark	Blade Equipment, Inc.
Morra	Agri Supply
Morrison Bros.	Petromen's Inc.
Morton Buildings	Morton Buildings, Inc.
Mossback	Triangle Pond Management
Motomco	Motomco
MudBuddy	Performance East
Multiquip	CCS Equipment Sales, LLC
Multivator	Hayward Distributing
NACHURS	NACHURS
NAPA	NAPA Auto Parts
NC State University	NCSU
NC State Extension	
NC Farm School	
NCTanks / Pioneer Water	NCTANKS
Tanks	
Netafim	TriEst Ag Group
New Holland	Premier Equipment
Newton Crouch	Newton Crouch Company, LLC
Nexhaul	Double C Trailers
Nolan	TJ's Trailers Inc.
	Nolan Manufacturing, LLC
Noland	H & H Farm Supply & Trailer Sales
	Jesse Rast Enterprises
Norden	Norden Mfg
Norseman	S.I. Distributing
Norwesco	BestWay Ag
	Newton Crouch Company, LLC
Novid	Newton Crouch Company, LLC
NResponse	Agroliquid
Nuhn Industries	Brock Equipment Company Inc.
NutriCharge	AgroTech USA
Nutriplant	Nutriplant
Oasis	CTS Cleaning Systems, Inc.
Omnivore	Innovative Poultry Products LLC
OMNTEC	Petromen's Inc.
Orthman	Unverferth Mfg. Co., Inc.
Pacer	BestWay Ag
	Agri Supply
	Newton Crouch Company, LLC
Parker	Unverferth Mfg. Co., Inc.
Pasture Management	Farm Systems Inc.
Patriot	AmeriAg LLC

BRAND	EXHIBITORS
PAUS	PAUS
Pearson	Pearson Livestock Equipment
Pee Dee	Petromen's Inc.
	Qat
Peerless	Hale Trailer Brake & Wheel
Penta	Back Creek Ag LLC
Pequea	Pequea Machine
	Back Creek Ag LLC
	Cammond Industries, LLC
Perdue	Perdue AgriBusiness LLC
Performance Livestock	Performance Livestock and Feed
and Feed Company	Company
Perkins	Atlantic Power Solutions, Inc.
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Metos	
Phoenix	Unifarm Machinery Corporation
PhytoGen	Corteva Agriscience/Pioneer/PhytoGen
PickSmart	Southern Marketing Affiliates
Pioneer	Corteva Agriscience/Pioneer/PhytoGen
PIUSI	Petromen's Inc.
Pivot Bio	Advance Agra Service, LLC
PJ	CAPPSTRAILERS.COM
Plantd	Plantd
Polar	Portage & Main Boilers/Polar Furnaces
Polaris	Vision NC
	Performance East
Portage & Main	Portage & Main Boilers/Polar Furnaces
Poultry Hawk	Innovative Poultry Products LLC
Powder River	lvey's Equipment
Powell	MarCo Manufacturing Company
PowerPlan	AgroTech USA
PowerPlant	AgroTech USA
Precision Ag Resources	Waters Agricultural Laboratories, Inc.
Precision Planter	S.I. Distributing
Solutions	
Precision Planting	S.I. Distributing
	Ag Technologies LLC
Precision Tank	Newton Crouch Company, LLC
Priefert	Priefert Rodeo & Ranch Equipment
Princeton	Southeast Handling Systems/Mobilift
	of Burlington
Prinoth	Company Wrench
Pro-Germinator	Agroliquid
Prospector	TJ's Trailers Inc.
PROVEN	Pivot Bio
Proven Industries	Double C Trailers
Quality Cargo	Double C Trailers
Radura	S.I. Distributing
Rainbow	Timac Agro USA - Rainbow Fertilizer
Ram	Capital CJD Inc
Ravager	Innovative Poultry Products LLC

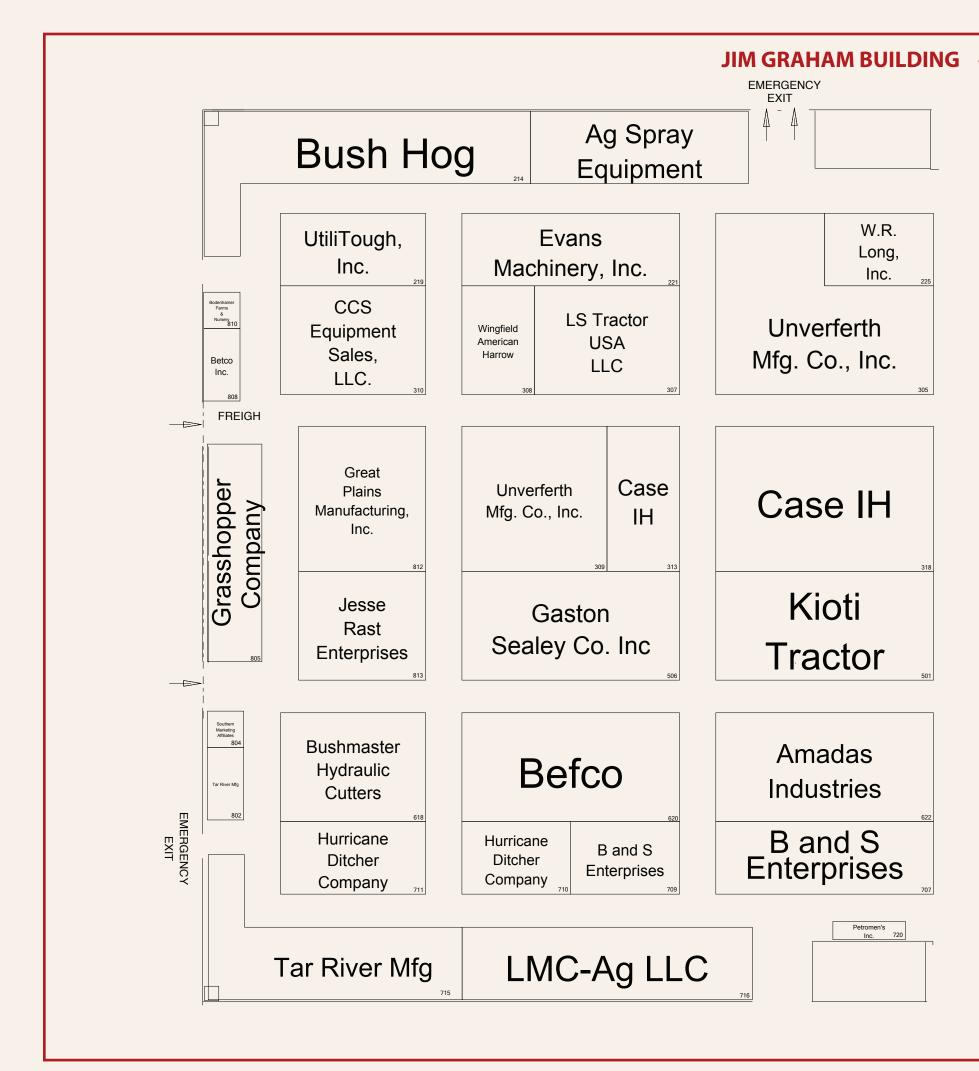
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Raven	Newton Crouch Company, LLC
	BestWay Ag
Rawhide	Rawhide Portable Corral
Rayco	Blade Equipment, Inc.
Red Dragon	Flame Engineering / Red Dragon
	Torches
Reddick	Reddick Equipment Co of NC LLC
	TriEst Ag Group
Redmax	Bobcat Redmax Worldlawn
Reel Rain	Amadas Industries
Reinke	Brock Equipment Company Inc.
RETURN	Pivot Bio
Revere Seed	Coastal AgroBusiness
Rhino	B and S Enterprises Inc.
	Petromen's Inc.
RIPSAW	CTS Cleaning Systems, Inc.
Ritchie Livestock Foun-	Winsupply of Harrisonburg
tains	
RIVEER Environmental	CTS Cleaning Systems, Inc.
Rivulis	TriEst Ag Group
Road King	CAPPSTRAILERS.COM
Roadrunner	Carolina Agri Drones LLC
Rotomix	Jesse Rast Enterprises
Rubble Crusher	GF Equip Sales LLC
	Sound Heavy Machinery
Rugged Road	Double C Trailers
Sabanto and AmVac	Ag Technologies LLC
Safemark	Virginia Farm Bureau Products Divisio
SaMASZ	Hayward Distributing
Samson	Petromen's Inc.
SCAG	Scag Power Equipment
Schlagel	Schlagel Manufacturing
Schneider	Petromen's Inc.
Schumacher	S.I. Distributing
SEA Cutters	SEA Galvanized Excavator Cutters/
	Southeast Attachments LLC.
Seed Consultants Inc.	Advance Agra Service, LLC
SEPIPE	Southeastern Pipe & Drain
Seppi M	Abra Equipment Supply
Shaeffer Lubricants	Mangum's
Shearex	National Equipment Dealers
Shindaiwa	Outdoor Equipment Distributors, Inc.
Shivvers	John Leggett and Sons LLC
	Virginia Silo
SHoule	Jesse Rast Enterprises
Shoup	Shoup Manufacturing Co
Shurco	Newton Crouch Company, LLC
Sioux	Virginia Silo
Sitrex	Hayward Distributing
Skid Pro	Ivey's Equipment
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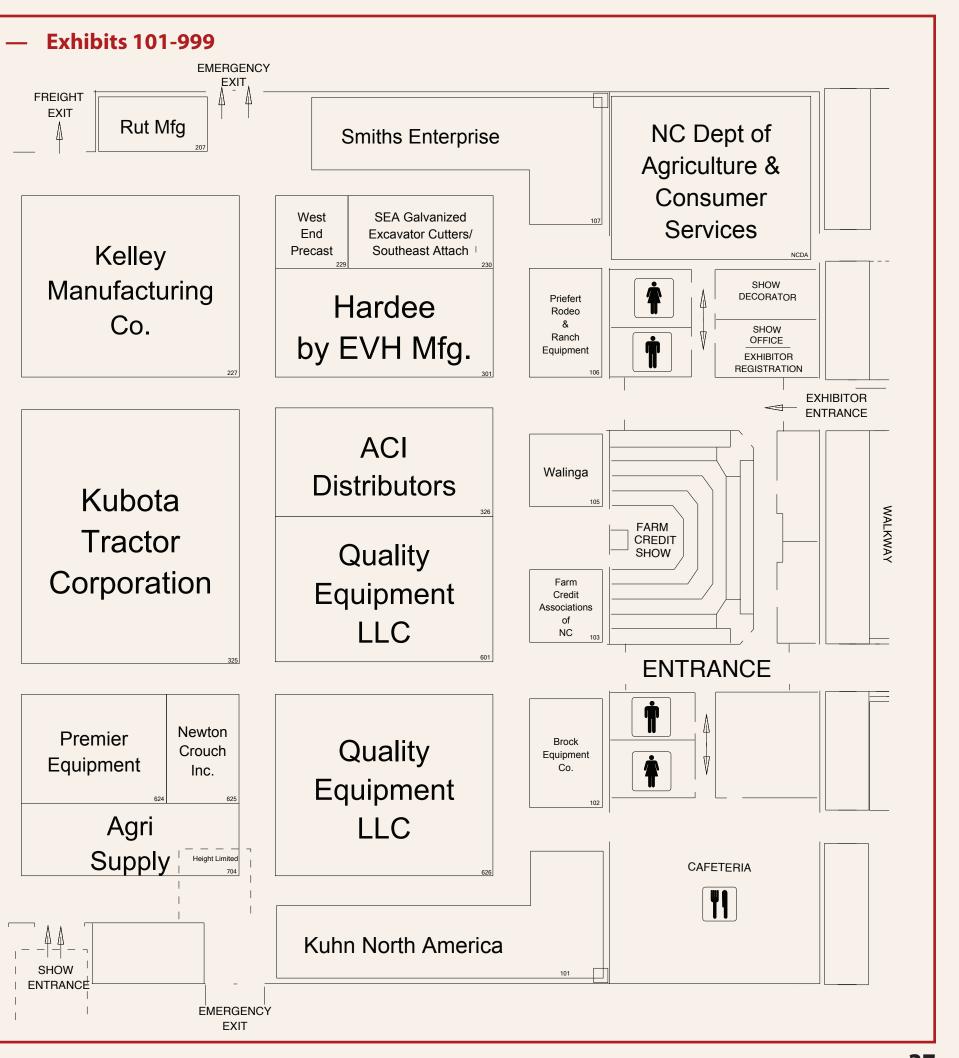
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Smart Fill	OAT
Smucker	BestWay Ag
SoilMax	Ag Leader
Solis	Back Creek Ag LLC
SOSmetal	Sosmetal Products Inc.
Southeast Farm Press	Informa PLC/Farm Progress (Southeast
Journeast Failit Fless	Farm Press)
Southern Utilitiy Trailers	Double C Trailers
Southern Utility	TJ's Trailers Inc.
Spantech	Virginia Silo
Spartan	Spartan Mowers & UTVs
	H & H Farm Supply & Trailer Sales
SpeedRite	Boundary Builders
Spicer Yokes and U-Joints.	Mangum's
SpillTech	Petromen's Inc.
Sporthaven	TJ's Trailers Inc.
Spotters Aerial Ag	Carolina Agri Drones LLC
Standen Engineering	Farmers Harvest Inc.
Stay Tuff	Ivey's Equipment
Steel Eagle	CTS Cleaning Systems, Inc.
SteelGreen Sprayers	Triangle Chemical Company/Triangle
	Turf & Ornamental
SteerCommand	Ag Leader
Steinbock	Southeast Handling Systems/Mobilift
	of Burlington
Stertil-Koni	Stertil-Koni Truck Lifts
STIHL	Triangle Equipment Group
Struik Equipment	Farmers Harvest Inc.
Sukup	John Leggett and Sons LLC
Summit	Velocity Truck Centers
Sunfire	Clean Burn of the Southeast
Sunward	GF Equip Sales LLC
Superior Metal Structures	Superior Metal Structures & Concrete,
Superior Builder Materials	LLC
Sure Trac	Double C Trailers
Sure-K	Agroliquid
Surepoint	Ag Technologies LLC
Syngenta	Triangle Chemical Company/Triangle
70	Turf & Ornamental
T/L irrigation/ 360 Rain	Southern Ag Solutions, Inc
Tailboard	S.I. Distributing
Takeuchi	CCS Equipment Sales, LLC
Tar River	Tar River MFG
Tenten	Ivey's Equipment
Tarter	Southern States Cooperative
Tartor Carolina Cooker	Agri Supply
Tarter Carolina Cooker	Agri Supply
Teagle Teagle	Cummings & Bricker Inc.
Tecalemit USA	Petromen's Inc.

BRAND	EXHIBITORS
TeeJet	BestWay Ag
	TeeJet Technologies
	Newton Crouch Company, LLC
	LMC-Ag, LLC
Tennessee River	Ivey's Equipment
TerraMax	TerraMax, Inc.
TerraStar	Ag Leader
TerraVest	Highland Tank
Texas Hunter	Triangle Pond Management
Thurmer Seedworks	Thurmer Seedworks
Tianli	Colony Tire
Tifone	H & H Farm Machine
Timeless	Boundary Builders
Timpte	TJ's Trailers Inc.
	Southeastern Pneumatic Inc.
	Pinnacle Trailer Sales, Inc.
Titan	Colony Tire
	BTS Tire & Wheel / Black's Tire & Auto
TMR	Kuhn North America
Тор	Unverferth Mfg. Co., Inc.
Top Air	Unverferth Mfg. Co., Inc.
Top Cat	Ivey's Equipment
Topcon	Newton Crouch Company, LLC
Toro	Turf Equipment and Supply Company
	CCS Equipment Sales, LLC
	H & H Farm Supply & Trailer Sales
Toro Ag	TriEst Ag Group
Trail King	Southeastern Pneumatic Inc.
Trelleborg	Colony Tire
Trimble	Newton Crouch Company, LLC
	Ag Technologies LLC
Trinity	Southeastern Pneumatic Inc.
TriPhase Triune	AgroTech USA
Triple Crown	CAPPSTRAILERS.COM
Triune	AgroTech USA
True North	Boundary Builders
TruTest	Boundary Builders
Tuff Built	Boundary Builders
TUFFDUMP	Double C Trailers
TurboDrop	Greenleaf Technologies
Turner Tanks	Petromen's Inc.
TYM	Smith's Enterprise
Udor	CTS Cleaning Systems, Inc.
United Country Real	United Country Draughon Realty
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Estate	Unverferth Mfa. Co., Inc.
Estate Unverferth	Unverferth Mfg. Co., Inc. UniSouth Genetics, Inc.
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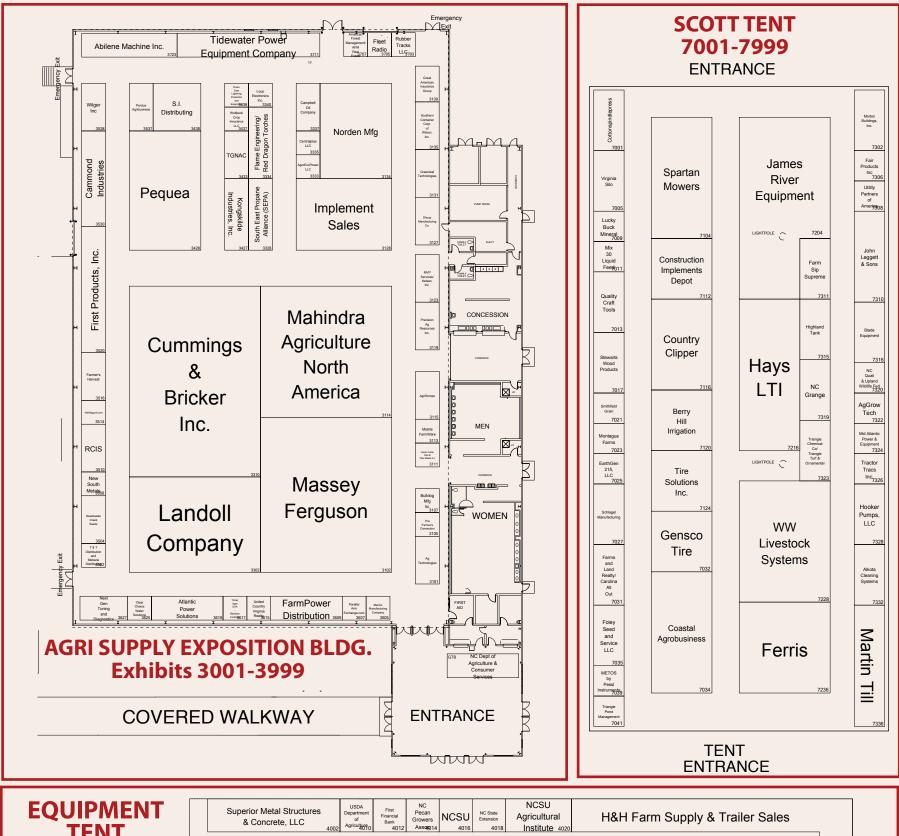
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Vacall	Vision NC
Val6	Clean Energy Heating Systems
Valco	Farm Systems Inc.
Valley	BestWay Ag
Valvoline	NAPA Auto Parts
Ventrac	Blade Equipment, Inc.
Vermeer	Vermeer
	Back Creek Ag LLC
Virnig	CCS Equipment Sales, LLC
Vision Works	Newton Crouch Company, LLC
VST Hoses	Petromen's Inc.
W.R. Long	W. R. Long
Wabash	Southeastern Pneumatic Inc.
Wacker Neuson	CCS Equipment Sales, LLC
Walinga	Walinga
Walker	Outdoor Equipment Distributors, Inc.
Wallenstein	Cummings & Bricker Inc.
Warhawk	Double C Trailers
Watts Water International	Clear Choice Water Solutions
WeatherMate	Greenleaf Technologies
Weaverline	Cummings & Bricker Inc.
Weigh Safe	Double C Trailers
Werk Brau	National Equipment Dealers
Westfield	Gaston Sealey Co., Inc.
Westlake	Colony Tire
White	Parallel Arm Exchange.com
Whiting Systems	CTS Cleaning Systems, Inc.
Wilger	Wilger Inc
Wingfleld	Wingfield American Harrow
Wintex Agro	Waters Agricultural Laboratories, Inc.
Winzer	T & T Distribution and Mebane
	Distributing
Wolverine	Ivey's Equipment
Wood-Mizer	Wood-Mizer, LLC
WoodChuck	Trissel Equipment Sales, LLC
Woody	Hayward Distributing
Worldlawn	Bobcat Redmax Worldlawn
WR LONG	Ivey's Equipment
Wright	Outdoor Equipment Distributors, Inc.
XRTS	Tire Solutions Inc.
Yakta	Smith's Enterprise
Yanmar	National Equipment Dealers
	B and S Enterprises Inc.
YaraLiva CN-9	Yara North America
YaraLiva TROPICOTE	Yara North America
YaraVita PROCOTE	Yara North America
Yellowstone	Double C Trailers
ZeeLine	Petromen's Inc.
Zimmatic	John Leggett and Sons LLC
Zuidberg	Jesse Rast Enterprises

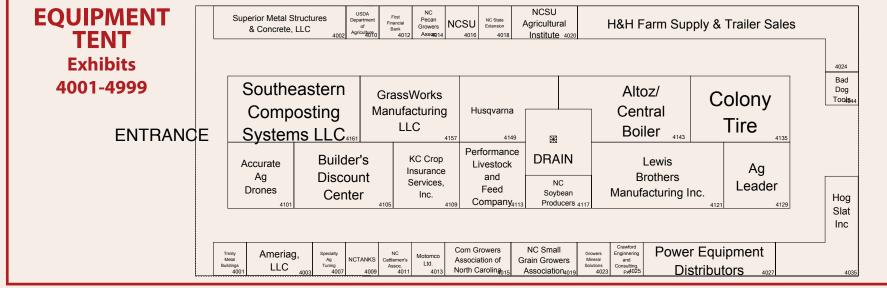


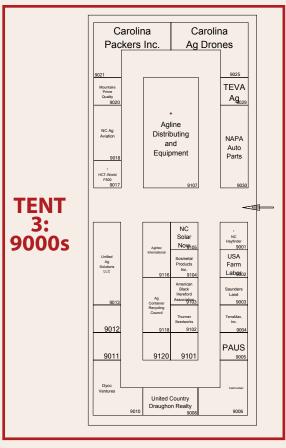


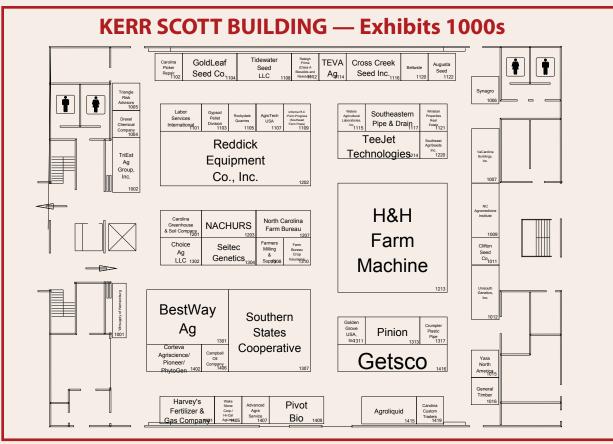


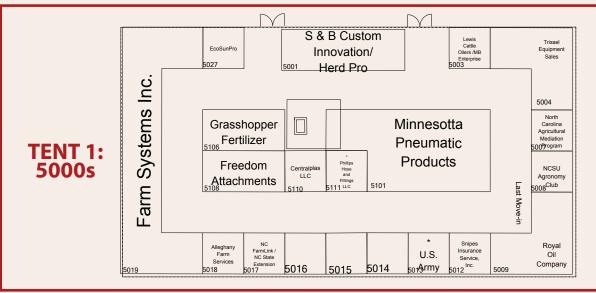
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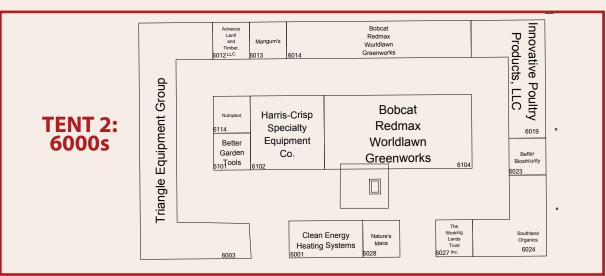


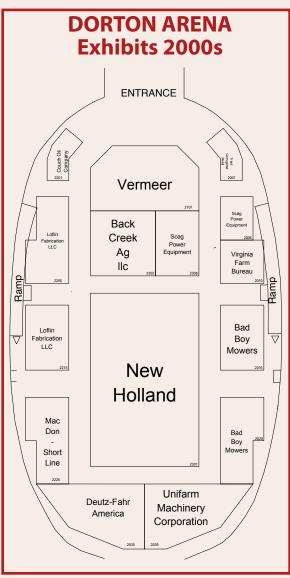












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## **Lumberjacks return to show**

THE SOUTH ATLANTIC Woodsmen's Association (SAWA) will be back at the show for the 10th year presenting their popular lumberjack, chainsaw and woodsmen demonstrations.

The demonstrations take place three times each day on the Midway area of the fairgrounds to the right of the show entrance. Show guests will enjoy watching these professionals throw double-bitted axes at targets, tear through 11-inch logs with razor-sharp six pound axes and create springboards in the side of trees as they climb their way to the top. They will also be using power equipment to demonstrate the safe and efficient use of these popular forestry essentials.

SAWA is a non-profit organization with a mission to preserve historical forestry techniques and educate the public about sustainable forestry practices through lumberjack sporting events. SAWA leader Jimmy Lawrence says they will again this year modify their normal lumberjack show to appeal to farmers, landscapers and forest landowners

who use chainsaws and forestry equipment on a regular basis. Their goal is not just to entertain, but to have people in attendance learn the proper use of equipment and safety gear

by watching their performing members handle axes and saws.



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CODY DELLINGER GREW up in Stony Point NC watching his father Eddie turn a one-man welding shop into a thriving full-service manufacturing and fabrication business. He eventually went to NC State University, where he was introduced to many things including agriculture. Some of that education came from classmate, friend and fellow Iredell County resident Harrison Jenkins who grew up on his family's farm.

When Cody and Harrison graduated from NC State in 2018, Cody went to work in his father's business, which had transitioned from Eddie's Welding to EWI Fabrication and Manufacturing. Some of the many products produced by EWI were sold locally to farmers in Alexander and Iredell counties.

Harrison began his career as an agricultural educator and FFA advisor. He now farms full-time, operating Westward Farms with his family in Stony Point. They grow corn, soybeans, and small grains and operate commercial layer houses that provide manure and compost to support their row crops. He also raises sheep and



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specialty animals including alpaca and zebu cattle, in addition to hosting events in an event space at their farm.

Along the way, Harrison learned the importance of soil health. He utilizes no-till and cover crops across his row crop acreage, including planting green into living cover crops. He has also been a believer in agricultural organizations, starting as a State FFA Officer. He served on the 2023 NCFB Young Farmers and Ranchers State Committee and as well as other organizations. Those two passions led him in 2022 to help form, along with other farmers from across the state, the North Carolina Soil Health Coalition. The group's mission is to regenerate healthy soils in North Carolina through farmer-driven education and networking.

Meanwhile, as Cody was helping his father grow their business, he realized there was real potential in the popular but under-the-radar farm implements they were manufacturing. This led him to his friend Harrison, who talked to Cody about the role farm equipment plays in establishing and maintaining soil health. With this understanding, and a good friend to rely on for farming advice, Cody fine-tuned the implements they were building to incorporate the science and technology behind soil health. Then in early 2025, he launched the Catawba Attachments brand for EWI with a marketing campaign designed to reach beyond the area of the state they had been serving.

When asked about how the venture is going, Cody said that "We thought we were launching a boat and found out we were launching a rocket!"



Sales have taken off with products being shipped as far away as Hawaii. That growth has also led to additional products including grapples and rotary cutters. Their product line now consists of 22 front-end attachments, four pull-behind attachments, and 20 three-point attachments. They also represent other manufacturers.

As part of their commitment to sustainable agriculture, Catawba Implements has partnered with the North Carolina Soil Health Coalition to help them promote practical, science-based approaches to land stewardship. Their hope is that working together, they can help farmers across the Southeast understand, protect, and

improve their soil through education, training, and access to the right tools. Catawba Implements has participated in field days where farmers can try out reduced-tillage practices using their equipment. They have hosted demo events that show how compost can be spread and incorporated efficiently. They have also supported training that walks producers through soil testing and interpretation to give them the knowledge to make better decisions for their land.

A first-time exhibitor at the Southern Farm Show, Catawba Attachments can be found at Outside Exhibit space #8335

#### What is Soil Health?

SOIL HEALTH REFERS to the continued capacity of soil to function as a vital living ecosystem that sustains plants, animals, and humans. Healthy soil supports crop productivity, manages water, filters pollutants, and nurtures biodiversity.

Unfortunately, conventional farming practices, such as over-tilling, monocropping, and heavy chemical use, have left many soils depleted. Restoring soil health means reintroducing balance. It involves promoting organic matter, encouraging microbial activity, minimizing disturbance, and planting cover crops.

Soil health isn't just good for the ground. It's good for the farm. Healthier soils mean stronger yields, improved water retention, reduced erosion, and greater resilience to drought and disease.

#### What role does farm equipment play in healthy soil?

Healthy soil requires more than good intentions. It requires the right equipment. Catawba Attachments design tools that support regenerative practices and simplify complex tasks. Here's how their attachments support soil health:

- Rotary Tillers: When used appropriately, these help incorporate organic matter into the soil without over-compacting it.
- Box Blades and Land Levelers: These tools help manage water flow and erosion by creating properly graded fields.
- Compost Spreaders: Distributing compost is a great way to improve soil structure and fertility, and we make it easier with the right spreader attachments.

 Landscape Rakes: Ideal for breaking up surface compaction and mixing nutrients without deep disturbance.

#### What is the North Carolina Soil Health Coalition?

The North Carolina Soil Health Coalition is a diverse group made up of farmers, educators, researchers, and agricultural professionals dedicated to advancing soil health practices statewide.

The coalition mission is simple: Help farmers make informed decisions about their land by offering hands-on learning, practical tools, and research-backed strategies. Through field demonstrations, workshops, and peer-to-peer farmer networks, they create a supportive environment for both new and seasoned growers.



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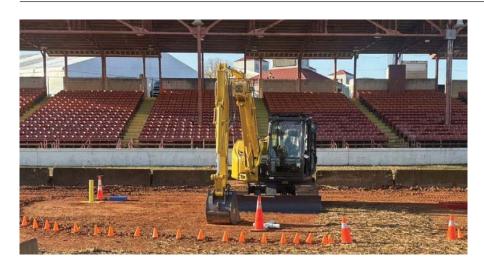
SEVERAL NEW COMPANIES displaying trailers will add to an already significant selection for the 2026 show. New exhibitor Double C Trailers will be displaying enclosed, equipment, deckover, dump, utility, gooseneck, tilt, and livestock trailers, along with trailer accessories. Brands they will be showing include Caliber, Dexter, Diamond C, GPS, Homesteader, Nexhaul, Quality Cargo, Rugged Road, Southern Utility, Sure Trac, TUFFDUMP and Yellowstone. New Company Kraftsman Trailers will also be there with drone and tilt trailers.

Kaufman Trailers returns to the show with a large area devoted to their extensive line of utility, gooseneck, flatbed, equipment, dump, detach, log, and fixed neck trailers. Other dealers returning to the show include Nolan Manufacturing; H&H Farm Supply with brands Calico, CM, Currahee, Delta, Diamond, Doolittle and Homesteader; Smith Farm Trailer Sales with Alum-Line, Bradford Built, and Econo-

line; Smith's Enterprises with P&T Trailers; TJ's Trailers with Anderson, Anvil, Covered Wagon, Doolittle, Hawke, Hillcrest, Maxx-D, Nolan, Anderson, Prospector, Southern Utility, Sporthaven and Timpe; and Capps Trailers with Aluma, B&W, Bad Boy, Carry-On, Curt, Elite, EZ Hauler, GoodGuys, Hawke, Liberty, Mission, PJ, Road King, and Triple Crown.

Companies with larger semi-trailers include Hale Trailer Brake & Wheel showing Fontaine, Keith and Peerless; Pinnacle Trailer Sales with East and Timpte; and Southeastern Pneumatic with Dorsey, EBY, MAC, Trail King, Wabash, Trinity and Timpte brands. For semis to tow those trailers, new exhibitor White's Equipment will be displaying International Trucks and Velocity Truck Center returns to the show with Battle Motors, Clement, Freightliner, Isuzu, Rizon, Summit and Western Star.





## Try out the latest Kobelco Excavators

Company Wrench will again this year invite qualified show guests try out the latest Kobelco excavators at their demonstration area in front of the fairgrounds grandstand. Kobelco factory representatives will be on hand to help those 21 and older understand how the excavators operate and give them tips for smooth operation. There will also be a skills challenge with prizes for the best

operators. Look for the large inflatable Kobelco robot to sign up.

Company Wrench's traditional space at the show will also expand this year. They will be showing off the latest equipment from Kolbeco, JCB, and Prinoth. Both Prinoth carrier vehicles and attachment models will be on display.

## White's Equipment brings trucks to exhibit

WHILE WHITE'S EQUIPMENT has over a century of experience in the agricultural and heavy equipment industries and is one of the oldest authorized Bobcat dealers in the country, this will be their first time exhibiting in the Southern Farm Show. Based in Wilson, this family-owned business has four locations across Eastern North Carolina. Being a part of the show is part of their ongoing effort to continue to grow their reach and services.

Another of their initiatives is a new Mobile Service Program designed to bring professional repairs and maintenance directly to the customer's job site.

"We know downtime costs time and money," said Stephanie Smith, Owner of White's Equipment. "That's why we've started this service. Our fully equipped mobile service truck allows our expert technicians to perform most repairs and maintenance on-site, getting customers back to work quickly and efficiently."

White's exhibit at the show will focus on their Bobcat line and International Trucks. They can be found at Outside Exhibit #8206

## Ag in NC at show

THE POPULAR AG In NC radio program will be broadcasting from the show from the Premier Equipment exhibit in the Jim Graham Building. Hosted by Dann Miller and joined by Murphy Family Ventures COO and member of the NC Board of Agriculture Jeff Turner, the weekly show focuses on agricultural news and features people involved in agriculture throughout the state. The show is produced by Talk 96.3 and 103.7 in Greenville.



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### **Brothers 'N Bluegrass returns to Southern Farm Show**

**BY JOHN HART** 

WHEN THE VERY first Southern Farm Show was held at the N.C. State Fairgrounds in Raleigh in 1978, a popular local bluegrass band called Brothers 'N Bluegrass delighted attendees with their talent and versatility to perform a variety of bluegrass favorites.

Watching their performances soon became a tradition for those who attend the Southern Farm Show each year. Brothers 'N Bluegrass has performed at every Southern Farm Show since the first and will return to the stage again in 2026.

Brothers 'N Bluegrass will perform as part of the Farm Credit Show, sponsored by the Farm Credit Association of North Carolina. Performances are set for 11 a.m., 1 p.m., and 2:30 p.m. each day of the show in the Auction Arena at the very front of the Jim Graham Building.

Members of Brothers 'N Bluegrass include Glen Dyer, Parks Icenhour, Julie Brown, Mike Aldridge, and Brian Aldridge, Mike's son. Dyer and Icenhour have been part of the group since it first began in 1972. The group got its name from brothers Billy Wall and Needham Wall,

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Brothers 'n Bluegrass has performed at every Southern Farm Show since it was first held in 1978.

who founded Brothers 'N Bluegrass along with Dyer and Icenhour.

Billy Wall was the original banjo player and

Needham Hall was the original bass player. Leroy Price, the original mandolin player, passed away in 1998. In the late 1990s, Mike Aldridge joined the group as mandolin player. Aldridge's son, Brian, joined the group in 2002 on banjo.

Members of Brothers 'N Bluegrass say they look forward to performing at the Southern Farm Show each year because it is family friendly, and attendees always appreciate the old-timey music they perform.



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#### **Farm Credit Bank to offer Presentations**

In addition to the popular bluegrass performances presented three time a day at the front of the Jim Graham Building, the Farm Credit Associations of NC will this year be offering two other presentations. You can let them know you'll be attending by using the QR codes next to each presentation description.

## Farming with Family: A Farm Theatre Experience to Show

Hosted by the North Carolina Agromedicine Institute 12 pm, Wednesday

JOIN US FOR a light lunch and pull up a chair for a lively, laugh-and-learn dinner theatre where real farm family moments come to life on stage. Through short scenes and audience interaction, we'll tackle shared headaches such as roles and decision-making, in-law dynamics, work-life boundaries, safety, and succession. You'll leave with practical conversation starters, tools for cooling conflict, and simple systems any family can use to keep the farm and the relationships thriving.



#### Farm Credit Ask a Lender Interactive Panel

Hosted by the Farm Credit Associations of NC 12 pm, Thursday

YOU'RE INVITED to enjoy a light lunch and engage in an interactive discussion with local Farm Credit lenders. This is a great opportunity to ask questions, share ideas, and learn more about how Farm Credit supports agriculture and rural communities across North

Carolina. Whether you're a farmer, agribusiness owner, or simply curious about agricultural financing, we welcome you to join the conversation.



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## **Smith's Enterprise Expands**



SMITH'S ENTERPRISE IS greatly growing their footprint in the Jim Graham Building for the 2026 show. With over double the space they have had in the past, they will be expanding

their selection of TYM Tractors, adding Ironcraft implements and PNT trailers.

Smith's Enterprise was also this year's recipient of the Dealer of Tiger Excellence Award as

a Platinum Dealer. This is TYM's highest award and reflects the dealer's commitment to excellence in all areas of the dealership — parts, service, sales. The award confirms that they are a

top performing dealer for the manufacturer, and that they have built a reputation for taking care of their customers.





## Ag Development Forum: A highlight of show

#### **BY JOHN HART**

THE AG DEVELOPMENT FORUM, considered a must-attend event for farmers and leaders in North Carolina agriculture, will mark its 20th anniversary in 2026 at the Southern Farm Show on the NC State Fairgrounds.

Sponsored each year since 2006 by the North Carolina Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, the forum is set for Feb. 5 at the Special Events Tent on the fairgrounds. It is traditionally held at the Holshouser Building, but with renovations underway there, the 2026 forum will be relocated to

the Special Events Tent, near the Education Building and Dorton Arena.

The forum was the idea of Steve Troxler when he became North Carolina agriculture commissioner in 2005 and saw the need for a forum to educate farmers and others on the various factors impacting North Carolina's largest and most important industry. The result was the Ag Development Forum, first held at the Southern Farm Show in 2006.

The 2026 program was still being finalized as the Southern Farm Show program went to press, but like past years, Commissioner Troxler will deliver his annual State of North Car-

olina Agriculture address, and an economic outlook will be presented.

"There is a lot to talk about as we head into the 2026 growing season, especially as farmers are continuing to face strong challenges with low commodity prices and high input costs," said Troxler, Agriculture Commissioner. "North Carolina farmers are facing very similar situations as growers across the country. We need every producer, so it is critical growers stay on top of the latest information in this rapidly changing business environment.

"The forum will give growers a chance to hear the latest on policy, production and industry issues that may affect decisions they are considering for 2026. I hope you will join us Feb. 5," Troxler said.

The presentation of the department's prestigious "Exporter of the Year" award is an annual highlight of the forum.

In the past two years, the commissioner's State of North Carolina Agriculture address was presented in a Q&A format. That is the plan again for 2026 where the commissioner answers questions on the challenges and opportunities facing North Carolina farmers.

The forum and luncheon, open to all Southern Farm Show attendees, is valuable to ag industry leaders and farmers as they plan the new crop year ahead. The forum became key for highlighting the policies and economic factors impacting North Carolina agriculture. It is well attended by leaders from all of North Carolina's farm and commodity groups.

The 2025 Ag Development forum focused on the need for disaster aid following the



North Carolina Agriculture Commissioner Steve Troxler, right, fields questions from Dann Miller, host of the Ag in NC Radio Show, during the Ag Development Forum Feb. 6 at the Holshouser Building on the N.C. State Fairgrounds during the Southern Farm Show in Raleigh.

2024 weather disasters, Hurricane Helene and drought, that hammered North Carolina agriculture. A farmer roundtable discussed challenges they faced following the disasters.

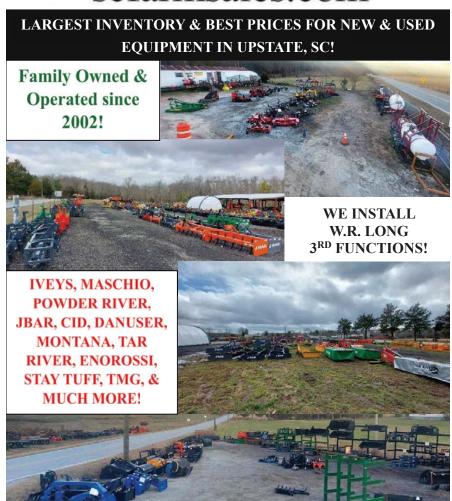
Good news came March 19 when the General Assembly passed, and Gov. Josh Stein signed a disaster relief package of nearly \$311 million in disaster aid for North Carolina farmers devastated by weather catastrophes in 2024. The \$311 million is part of the larger \$524 Hurricane Helene disaster relief package. Additional federal disaster aid was provided by the federal government.

"I am so grateful our legislators approved ag crop loss disaster funding and that that money is getting out to farmers. This funding has truly been a lifeline for growers. That support has helped farmers continue producing crops this year and allowed many producers to survive to farm another day," Troxler said.



Zane Hedgecock, far left, chief of staff for the North Carolina Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, moderates a farmer roundtable on weather disasters that hammered North Carolina agriculture in 2024. Joining Hedgecock at the discussion held during the Ag Development Forum during the Southern Farm Show at the N.C. State Fairgrounds in Raleigh Feb. 6 were North Carolina Agriculture Commissioner Steve Troxler; Kirby Johnson with Flavor First; Dee Clark with C&G Nursery; Steve Griffin with Griffin Farms; ; Jimmy Cowan with North Carolina Farm Bureau and WNC Communities; and Avery County Extension Agent Jerry Moody.





### New companies to discover

A BIG WELCOME goes to the following companies that were not part of the 2025 Southern Farm Show:

Abra Equipment Supply, 8106 Outside — Stand on mini loaders, articulating loaders, forestry mulchers, flail mowers, brush cutters, stump grinders, subsoiler/stonecrushers, for track loader/skidsteer, excavators, and tractors.

**Agline Distributing and Equipment,** 9107 Tent #3 — Tillage, hay tools, loader attachments, landscape attachments.

AgroEcoPower LLC, 9001 Tent #3 — Software modification that affects the parameter characteristics of injection, air-to-fuel ratio, injection duration; amount of fuel and torque limiter are optimized, increasing performance up to 30% and torque up to 25%.

**AgroTech USA,** 1107 Kerr Scott Building — AgroTech products enhance the efficiency of global phosphorus use, providing the most proven and economical solution for everyday farmers.

**Arthur J Gallagher,** 7306 Scott Tent — Crop Insurance

Artex Manufacturing, 8339 Outside — Manure spreader and silage trailers
Better Biosecurity, 6023 Tent #2 — Solutions to mitigate and control infectious bacteria and viruses.

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Better Cotton Initiative, 5111 Tent #1 — Sustainability program for cotton.

**Blade Equipment, Inc.,** 7316 Scott Tent — Will be showing the Ventrac Tractor line with several attachments

**Carolina Construction Equipment**, 8251 Outside — TMC Cancela

**Catawba Attachments,** 8335 Outside — Tractor attachments

Catawba Lands Conservancy, 9012 Tent #3 — Land conservation.

**Ditch Witch ACE,** 8270 Outside — Ditch Witch and Yanmar

**Dorman GMC Truck Inc.,** 8257 Outside — GMC Trucks and CM Truck Beds

**Double C Trailers**, 8262 Outside — Enclosed trailers, equipment trailers, deckover trailers, dump trailers, utility trailers, gooseneck trailers, tilt trailers, livestock trailers, zero turn lawn mowers, trailer hitches, coolers, trailer locks, trailer parts and tires.

Fair Products, 1308 Kerr Scott Building

— Tobacco products.

Freedom Attachments, 5108 Tent #1 — Mini excavator and skid steer attachments. Brush cutters, disc mulchers, forestry cutters, side boom mowers, auger drives, stump grinders.

Green Tec, 8337 Outside — A comprehensive range of tree care and vegetation management solutions including chippers, trommels and shredders, tree care handlers and tracker mulchers equipped with mulching heads.

**Harvest Brute,** 5014 Tent #1 — Harvesters, tillers, hillers, forklifts, planters.

**Intellidrip,** 9011 Tent #3 — Precision irrigation

Ivey's Equipment, 8328 Outside — Aerators, pluggers, cultipackers, land rollers, crimpers, landscape rakes, hay spears, bale unrollers, sod unrollers, middle busters, subsoilers, fence stretchers, rotary mowers, box blades, scrape blades, land planes, disc harrows, post drivers, head gates, fencing, hay supplies, tires.

**KC Crop Insurance Services, Inc.,** 4109 Equipment Tent — Insurance

Kraftsman Trailers, 8359 Outside — Ag drone trailer, tilt trailer.

**Kraftsman Trailers,** 8350 Outside — Ag drone trailers and deckover tilt trailers.

Lewis Brothers Manufacturing, Inc., 4121 Equipment Tent — Poultry litter management implements and chicken house equipment.

**Mangums**, 6013 Tent #2 — Driveshafts, grease, oil, hydraulic products

MidAtlantic Power and Equipment, 7324 Scott Tent — Sales, service and repair of hydraulic components, including hydraulic pumps, motors, and cylinders for both construction and agricultural applications.

**Nature's Mace,** 6028Tent # 2 — Deer and rabbit repellent.

NC Hay Finder, 9001 Tent #3 — A free online platform designed to help farmers buy or sell hay locally. A program of NCSU Extension in partnership with NC Farm Bureau and NC Cattlemens' Association

NC State University, 4016 Equipment Tent — NC Farm School Program, Executive Farm Leadership Program, Masters in Agricultural Business

NCTANKS, 4009 Equipment Tent — Galvanized aluminum water tanks structures with a potable water liner, for residential or commercial applications. Fire protection, plumbing connections.

**Norwood Sawmills,** 8354 Outside — Portable sawmills.

**Nutriplant**, 6114 Tent #2 — Seedling supplements

Pacific Ag Rentals, 8236 Outside — Tractors and implements

Parallel Arm Exchange.com, 3607 Agri Supply Exposition Center — Refurbished parallel arms

Phillips Hose and Fittings LLC, 9017

Tent #3 — Crimpers and fittings.

**Plantd,** 9120 Tent #3 — Grass-derived biochar used to improve soil structure, boost water and nutrient retention, supports microbial activity, and strengthen long-term soil health

**Purple Wave Auction,** 9101 Tent #3 — An online auction arketplace.

Saunders Land, 9003 Tent #3 — Real estate

Sosmetal Products Inc., 9104 Tent #3 — Fasteners, cutting tools, abrasives, shop supplies, safety supplies, tools, electrical parts, lighting.

**Southern Ag Solutions, Inc,** 8019 Outside — 360 Rain System, T/L irrigation

**Synagro Technologies, Inc.,** 1006 Kerr Scott Building — Biosolid management

**TerraMax, Inc.,** 9004 Tent #3 — Inoculants for soybeans, corn, wheat, small grains, alfalfa, cotton, rice, peanuts, and cover crops.

**TEVA Ag, 9029** Tent #3 — TEVA Ag works with growers to balance their soils, pick fertility programs they need for their

soil, and promote products to help create a healthy plant.

The Chicken Fountain, 8609 Outside — Automatic chicken waterer designed for backyard flocks.

Thurmer Seedworks, 9102 Tent #3 — Thurmer Seedworks specializes in hybrid seed corn. They also offer glyphosate-tolerant hybrids for weed resistance and non-GMO or conventional options to suit varied practices.

**United Country Draughon Realty,** 9006 Tent #3 — Real estate, auctions, appraisals

US Army, 5013 Tent #1 — Recruiting

**Utility Partners of America,** 7308 Scott Tent — Private utility location services, vacuum excavation, ground fault detection, and pipe inspection.

**Vision NC,** 8263 Outside — Jet-Vac trucks, easement machine hose reels on trac machine and tractors, camera systems, Argo

White's Equipment, 8206 Outside — Bobcat, tractors, mowers, loaders, excavators, tires



## Look for the FEMA 75th logo at the show

IN 1950, A group of specialized farm equipment manufacturers decided to start helping each other get better. The idea was to learn from each other with the end goal of producing more effective equipment that would in turn help farmers be more productive.

These businesses, known in the industry as "short line" manufacturers, formed the Farm Equipment Manufacturers Association which is celebrating its 75th anniversary this year.

That original mission continues today. Known as FEMA, the organization creates



opportunities for members to connect and learn from one another, keeps them informed on industry news, and serves as a voice for the industry. Members, who are chiefly US and Canadian businesses, also often proudly announce their affiliation by adding FEMA stickers to each piece they build. Affiliated members, including the Southern Farm Show (a member since 1984), support FEMA manufacturers by providing marketing, technical and other expertise.

The great majority of FEMA members are family-owned businesses, with many companies bearing their family name. A look at a list of past FEMA presidents proves the point. It includes recognizable last names like Reinke, Westendorf, Danuser, McFarlane, Kirby, Brown, Howse, Herd, Fleischer, and Unverferth.

The bottom line for farmers is that a FEMA logo on an equipment purchase means the manufacturer, and the buyer, are in good company. Here are just some of the FEMA members you'll find on display at the 2026 Southern Farm Show:

- 1st Products
- Ace Industries
- Agline Distributing and Equipment
- Amadas
- Marcrest Manufacturing
- Befco
- Landoll Company
- Burchland
- Bush Hog
- Danuser
- Enorossi

- FAE
- Buhler
- Great Plains
- Grizzly
- Hardee
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- Vermeer
- Walinga
- Wilger

For more information about becoming a member of FEMA, go to FarmEquip.org or call their office at (314) 878-2304.

## NC Crop Improvement Association to hold annual meeting Feb. 6

NC CROP IMPROVEMENT Association (NCCIA), a non-profit educational and service organization recognized as the official agency for seed certification in North Carolina, will hold their annual meeting at the Southern Farm Show again this year.

The meeting is open to NCCIA members and others involved in seed production and will be held on Friday, Feb. 6 in the James Martin Building, starting with breakfast followed by the 8:30 a.m. meeting. Accord-

ing to NCCIA Executive Director Dustin Auman, the program will include an update on NCCIA activities for the year as well as talks by the NC Foundation Seed Producers and the NC Seedmen's Association.

NCCIA is an organization of seed growers/seed conditioners that administer the Seed Certification Program throughout North Carolina for all crops. The purpose of the association is to maintain and make available to the public, through certification, sources of high-quality seed and propagating material of varieties so grown and distributed as to ensure genetic identity, a high degree of genetic and mechanical purity, and a minimum of seed or plant-borne disease.

NCCIA is dedicated to assisting clients in the production, identification, distribution and promotion of certified classes of seed and other crop propagation materials. Seed certification aims to ensure high seed quality and maintain varietal purity. NCCIA provides these certification services to seed growers to assure what they are selling is pure. Growers must meet land requirements, provide source of seed, and pass a field inspection. Once the field passes as certified: it qualifies for a blue-certified seed tag.

During the meeting, the annual Foil McLaughlin Award will also be presented to an individual or organization that has had a significant impact on the North Carolina seed industry. For more information: contact the NCCIA office at 919-515-2851



## Strengthening rural water assets through active pond stewardship

IN RURAL SETTINGS across North Carolina and beyond, well-managed ponds are more than aesthetic amenities — they are critical ecological, hydrological, and economic assets. Long-time Southern Farm Show exhibitor Triangle Pond Management understands this well and will be at the show discussing ways active pond management in rural landscapes can deliver tangible benefits to landowners, farmers, and communities. Company president Roger Pittman shared some things to consider when managing your own pond or looking for someone to do it for you.

Pittman says that rural landowners often contend with challenges ranging from sedimentation, invasive aquatic vegetation, unbalanced fish populations, and water quality degradation — issues that, if left unmanaged, can diminish pond utility for irrigation, livestock, wildlife, and recreation. They use a full suite of services: routine maintenance, nuisance veg-

etation control, fisheries management, pond profiling (bathymetric mapping), aeration and fountains, dock and pier installation, wildlife and landscape services, and more to keep that balance maintained.

He says that one of the foremost advantages of active pond management is improved water quality and clarity. By controlling algae, weeds, and nutrient loading, pond owners can prevent eutrophication, low dissolved oxygen levels, and fish kills. Aeration and circulation systems can promote more uniform mixing, reduce stagnation zones, and ensure healthier aquatic ecosystems.

From a fisheries standpoint, strategic stocking and balanced predator-prey relationships can turn a stagnant pond into a vibrant, self-sustaining fishery. Use of select fish species such as largemouth bass, bluegill, catfish, and sterile grass carp (for vegetation control) can tailor ecosystems that support angling, aquatic

biodiversity, and ecological stability.

Moreover, on agricultural or mixed-use rural properties, a well-managed pond can serve as a supplemental water source for live-stock, irrigation, fire suppression, or wildlife habitat, while minimizing losses due to leakage or silting. Maintenance can also extend pond lifespan by mitigating shoreline erosion, sediment accumulation, and structural damage to docks or dams.

Pittman says an often-overlooked issue by those maintaining their own pond is regulatory compliance. Many rural sites have stormwater control ponds, best management practices (BMPs), or retention basins subject to federal, state, or local oversight. Triangle's staff is versed in inspection, compliance repairs, and certification to keep such basins in good standing.

Finally, rural pond owners often derive recreational or aesthetic value from their water



bodies, whether for fishing, wildlife watching, swimming, or enhancing property value. Active management ensures that ponds remain inviting, safe, and ecologically balanced year after year.

Triangle Pond Management invites rural landowners to engage with its team for a pond evaluation and long-term maintenance plan tailored to local soils, hydrology, and land use. With active stewardship, rural ponds can shift from liabilities to valued assets — serving ecological, economic, and lifestyle goals across generations. Triangle Pond Management can be found in space 7041 in the Scott Tent.



## Construction equipment continues to grow at show

WHILE MOST PEOPLE know the Southern Farm Show is the largest farm equipment show to be found in the Carolinas and Virginia, they do not always know it's also the largest annual construction equipment show for the three-state region.

According to Show Manager David Zimmerman, it's not always been that way, but he

says "It has evolved over the years for many reasons. One is that many farmers also do grading and excavation work on the side or as their second job. Two is that many full-time construc-



tion professionals come to the show because they grew up in farming communities and still have land or small farms. Three is that construction equipment is used in land clearing and forestry, both important components of agriculture in North Carolina. And four is that there's been a need for a regional show focusing on construction equipment, and the Southern Farm Show has filled that need."

The great majority of the construction-related equipment at the show focuses on grading, excavating and land clearing equipment. Grading and excavation brands on display at the show will include JCB, Bobcat, Yanmar, New Holland, Takeuchi, Liugong, Kubota, Sunward, AUSA, Hyundai, John Deere, Manitou, Kioti, Kobelco, and ASV. Other construction brands on display include Multiquip, Ditch Witch and Rubble Crusher Virnig.

Mulchers and land clearing attachments will be heavily represented with brands including Baumalight, Blue Diamond, Brush Wolf, Brush-Fox, Denis Cimaf, FAE, Fecon, Gyro-Trac, Loftness, Shearex, and Prinroth. Plus there will be a large selection of construction attachments for skid steer loaders and other construction equipment.

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Stone Strickland with his grandfather Sam

## Strickland family business continues

FOR OVER 40 YEARS, Interstate Lightning Protection and Equipment has been an ever-present exhibitor in the Southern Farm Show. Owner Sam Strickland has always been there, greeting old customers and getting to know new ones. He always kept an extra chair in his space so folks could "sit and talk a spell." So when Sam passed away in April at age 85, friends and customers first talked about what a great loss it was, then wondered if his business would continue.

They wondered because Sam was "old school." Perhaps because he was the fourth of twelve children born to a family of sharecroppers, he grew up understanding the value of hard work, perseverance, and family. You did business with Sam, not his company. Sam was the one, even in his 80s, who delivered the generator and made sure it was installed right. Sam did not email because he did not have an email

address, and don't try to look him up online, because there's no website. There was no need for all that. But he would answer his phone when you called. And if he was not around, his wife Shirley would make sure he got back to you.

Fortunately for all those asking, the answer is "yes." The business will continue and Interstate Lightning Protection and Equipment will be in their same location in the Agri Supply Exposition Center thanks to Sam's son Dan, the youngest of Sam's seven children, who has taken over the business. Dan's son Stone (one of Sam's 15 grandchildren), is helping his father keep the business going, perhaps ensuring there's a third generation of Stricklands keeping generators running and lightning diverted. Dan and Stone do have email addresses, but no website yet. Probably no need.



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### **North Carolina FFA State Career Development events**

HIGH SCHOOL CONTESTANTS from around North Carolina will gather at the Southern Farm Show on February 5 to decide the best equipment drivers and operators in the state. They'll be there for the annual North Carolina FFA Association State Tractor and Truck Driving Career Development Events, now in their 45th year as part of the Southern Farm Show.

Sponsored by Kubota and Chevrolet, the events are the culmination of practice and competition within each FFA chapter. And

while there are bragging rights for the eventual winning drivers and schools, the real mission, according to FFA State Advisor and State Agricultural Education Leader, Josh Bledsoe, is to teach safety.

According to Bledsoe, each event emphasizes the safe operation of agricultural vehicles. "Safe operation of tractors and trucks in agriculture is a valuable skill," says Bledsoe. "There's nothing more important in agriculture, on the farm, or on the highway than safety."



Ty Booker from the Rockingham County FFA Chapter is presented with the 2025 first place tractor driving trophy from FFA state officers.







Issac Simmons from the Lumberton FFA Chapter is presented with the 2025 first place truck driving trophy from FFA state officers.

### **Cattle equipment in demand**

AFTER A GOOD year of beef prices, cattle equipment is on the wish list for cattlemen throughout the Carolinas and Virginia. They won't be disappointed at this year's show with a good selection of gates, chutes and other necessities.

Companies including Priefert Rodeo and Ranch Equipment, Pearson Livestock Equipment, Rawhide Portable Corral, Herd-Pro and WW Livestock Systems all return to the show. Other cattle equipment companies include Ameriag who will be showing their own brand as well as Legacy and Patriot equipment, and Farm Systems Inc. displaying Arrowquip Cattle Equipment,

Best Livestock, and Gallagher Fencing. Boundary Builders also returns to the show representing brands including Diamond Bar, Geostar, SpeedRite, Timeless, True North, TruTest and Tuff Built.

Childers Concrete and Westend Precast are both back with their concrete feeders and troughs, and Lewis Cattle Oilers will have their device to help keep livestock insect-free.

The NC Cattlemen's Association will be on hand to speak to their members and others interested in the latest in cattle.









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## New this year — try out a Can-Am ATV or SxS models

SHOW GUESTS CAN take a demo ride on the newest Can-Am Defender and Outlander models at the Cam-Am demonstration area located on the Midway area of the fairgrounds. Designed to test the limits and feel the full capability of these machines, the special demo track will let let riders discover how these units handle everything from rugged terrain to smooth cruising.

Riders must be 21 years old and present a drivers license. To reach the demonstration area, take a right at the show entrance.

## **Kubota hosting NASCAR Driver Ross Chastain**

NASCAR DRIVER Ross Chastain will be in the Kubota exhibit on Wednesday, February 4 beginning at 2 p.m. He'll be available to sign autographs and pose for photos with show guests alongside his No. 1 Kubota Chevrolet show car which will also be there that day.

Ross Chastain drives for Trackhouse Racing and is a six-time NA-SCAR Cup Series winner. In May 2025, he won the longest race of the year — 600 miles at Charlotte (N.C.) Motor Speedway. The Alva, Florida native is an eighth-generation watermelon farmer and one of his passions is to shine a light on agriculture. He earned the nickname "Melon Man" for his family's history in the water-

melon farming business. Chastain's signature move after a race win is to stand on top of his car and spike a watermelon on the frontstretch.



You can find Ross and a big selection of Kubota products at their exhibit in the center of the Jim Graham Building.



## Including fire in your weed control arsenal

THERE ARE PROBABLY as many regimens to control weeds as there are farmers. Herbicides lead the way, but they often need backup, especially for organic production. Cultural techniques include crop rotation, and variety, crop and field selection. Mechanical techniques, including tillage techniques, hand weeding and flame weeding, are employed depending on the situation.

This article explores the use of flames to control weeds, focusing on the advice and experience of long-time Southern Farm Show exhibitor Flame Engineering.

First, a bit of history. In 1938, an Alabama farmer had an idea. Price McLemore discovered that the flame from a kerosene burner would destroy the weeds in his cotton and corn. A machine was assembled and several acres of his corn and cotton were flame cultivated. This first known attempt at flame cultivation from a tractor-mounted unit consisted of two kerosene burners per row on a two-row unit. The fuel tank was pressurized with a bicycle pump, which would supply the necessary fuel to the four burners. This must have been quite a site to neighboring farmers as he drove the tractor with one hand and pumped like crazy with the



other hand. It was crude, but effective.

Soon after, the International Harvester Company began researching flame cultivation and developed a cast iron burner. It produced a relatively flat, fan-shaped flame which improved the coverage area as the unit moved through the field. However, this project was abandoned due to a corporate decision.

The use of flame weed control began to slowly catch on. By 1960, there were about 15,000 flaming units in the fields, most of which were being used in cotton with some used in corn and soybeans. Around the same time,

interest was growing in non-selective flaming of mint and alfalfa.

In the years that followed, research proved that flame cultivation can be used on 30 to 40 different crops with good results. Although much of the research has been done with corn, cotton, and soybeans, many other crops such as milo, garlic, blueberries, strawberries, radish, lettuce, potatoes, asparagus, grapes, fruit trees, and the Australian tea tree all have been successfully flame cultivated.

The objective of row crop flaming is not to "burn the weeds to a crisp" but to expose the weed to enough heat to vaporize the water in the plant cells. This will destroy the plant's ability to move moisture and carry on photosynthesis and in a short time will cause the plant to wither and die. The time that the flame must be in contact with the weed will vary with the type and size, but in most cases, 1/10 of a second is enough exposure.

Small, tender plants are more susceptible to heat than more mature growth, therefore the crop needs to be larger than the weeds or grass to be controlled. Some plants by nature are more resistant than others to the 2000 degrees Fahrenheit blast of heat from the torch.

The best way to tell if you have sufficiently exposed the weed is to perform "The Finger-print Test". To perform this test, squeeze the leaf between your thumb and finger. If you leave your "fingerprint" the weed has been exposed to enough heat to kill it. When preparing to flame, the speed, torch angle, fuel pressure, and other variables need to be considered.

Proper burner setting is necessary for weed control and to prevent damage to the crop. In some cases, the crop will be stressed, however it will recover in a very short period of time. Normally the burners are set at an angle of 30-60° from horizontal (See figure 1), 4-10 inches from the crop and a pressure of 25-70 PSIG. Tractor speed will vary from 2.5 to 5 mph. Generally, torches are staggered when moving through the row so as not to collide with the flame from the opposite burner (See figure 1). By directing flame into the crop row from both sides, more complete coverage and faster ground speeds are possible.

A different application would be pre-emerge flaming, sometimes called seedbed sterilization. This is generally performed before the crop is

planted to remove any weeds in the seedbed and to give the crop a viable start. A variation to this technique is to flame 3-4 days after planting, just before crop emergence, to give the crop a good weed free start.

Flame Engineering Inc. manufactures complete units and kits, which mount to the producer's toolbar. Our complete unit comes with skid style legs, tank cradle, and protection cage. When ordering a kit, the producer has the option of either skid style legs, like the complete unit, or drop-down legs suspended from the toolbar. The kits do not include tank cradle or roll over protection.

#### CORN

The flaming of corn, popcorn, field corn, or sweet corn, can be done before planting and again at an early vegetative state. Typically, corn can be flamed when it reaches a height of 4 inches and can be flamed until the corn reaches canopy. Tractor speed should remain in the 3-5 mph range. Other work has been done on "flaming off" of corn. This approach is when the weeds are the same height of the corn and the whole field is flamed off. Corn can withstand one "flaming off" with only a 4.5% of plants eliminated (Parks 13). "Flaming off" can be a viable option if a producer is about to lose his corn crop to weeds. Smith offers these three recommendations for flame cultivation of corn.

- 1. Prepare the seedbed and plant so that the row band (5-6 inches on each side of the planter) is relatively smooth and flat. Then the flame can get to the weeds and will not be deflected into the crop.
- 2. Flame cultivate when the weed growth indicates a need for cultivation. This should be done while the weeds are small and tender (less than 2 inches tall). Corn can be flamed before it is two inches tall, if cultivation is needed. To prevent injury to the crop when corn is flamed at this early stage, do not flame again until the corn reaches a height of 6-8 inches.
- Do not move soil into the flame-treated row band when cultivating. This soil is a source of new weed seeds. (7) Seed corn companies have also found a specialized use for flaming. In the production of seed corn, they look for ways to extend the length of time that the male corn plants produce pollen to pollinate the female corn plants. The burners are set to direct the flame at the head of the male corn plant. This causes maturity differences between the plants and different plants to create pollen at different times. This is accomplished through either a timer switch or a manual switch which allows intermittent flaming of the corn heads.

#### SOYBEANS

Flaming soybeans is slightly more dependent upon critical timing. Typically, you flame 3



times, once before planting, next when the plant emerges and a third time when the plant is tall enough to flame under leave canopy. With soybeans, staggered cross flaming is the standard burner pattern with ground speed ranging from 3-5 mph. When flaming soybeans, the burners must be set properly to direct flame at the base of the plant and try and also keeping heat off the leaves. The following are recommendations for the flaming of soybeans:

- 1. Flame seed bed before planting.
- 1. Prepare the seedbed and plant so that the row band (5-6 inches on each side of the planter) is relatively smooth and flat. Then the flame can reach the weeds and not be deflected into the crop.
- 1. The first flame cultivation should not be applied until the soybeans are 10-12 inches tall. Succeeding flame treatments should be dictated by weed growth.

#### **GRAIN SORGHUM**

Flaming of grain sorghum usually begins once it reaches a height of approximately 8 inches. Staggered cross flaming is the recommended method of flaming with ground speed ranging from 3-5 mph. According to Parks, if the weeds and the grain sorghum emerge at the same time one "flaming off" application can be performed before the terminal bud comes through the soil surface. Normally, the grain sorghum plant is 3-4 inches in height when the growing point (terminal bud) reaches the soil surface (10).

#### COTTON

Flame cultivation of cotton can begin once it reaches a height of 4-8 inches. It works best with staggered cross flaming. Tractor speed is in the 3-5 mph range. Typically, for best control of perennials in cotton, a second application of flame cultivation should occur 2-3 days after the first flaming. According to Byrd, "some of the advantages to flame cultivation in cotton include: spectrum weed control, repeat treatment as often as desired, low cost, no residue, no activation required, can flame when too wet to cultivate, controls large, annual morning glory species, provides immediate results, and weed response is independent of environmental stress." (1)

#### **POTATOES**

Flame cultivation is performed on potatoes for control of the Colorado potato beetle (CPB). According to Moyer, these burners were directed towards the row at 45° from horizontal of the boom and tilted downward at a 45° angle. The flamer was operated at speeds from 3, 4, 5 and 6 mph (6). Moyer also stated that in "the flaming technique provided 70-80% control of overwintering adult CPB. It was also determined that flaming reduced egg hatch by 35%, lowering the number of first generation CPB larvae (6)."

Another use for flaming in potato fields is potato vine desiccation before harvest. Vine desiccation is accomplished by using Red Dragon\* Liquid Spray Torches. Speeds traveled

when desiccating vines will range from 2-4 mph depending on pressure settings and vine density.

#### **TOMATOES**

It has been proven that tomato plants have the ability to withstand flaming. Chappell has shown that eight week old, transplanted tomato plants can be safely flamed with excellent weed control and very little stress to the tomato plants. (56) The burner setting was staggered cross flaming and tractor speed was 3-4 mph.

#### **COLE CROPS**

The flaming of cole crops, such as broccoli, cabbage, brussel sprouts, and cauliflower, has been shown to control weeds. Staggered cross flaming provides the best results with tractor speeds being around 2 mph (Wilson 21). Cabbage and brussel sprouts can be flamed approximately 3 weeks after the plants are transplanted, whereas broccoli and cauliflower can be flamed around two weeks after transplanting. No decreased yields are seen with one flame application, and if a second application is needed, it should be done at higher tractor speeds to decrease crop injury.

#### **GRAPEVINE BERM FLAMING**

#### **Background Information**

Grapevine berm flaming is an excellent method of weed management. The first recorded flaming of grapevine berms occurred in Michigan in 1963 (NGPA 35), which also included a study of flaming blueberries and strawberries. The GP 750 and GP 1000 were originally designed for flaming grapevine berms but have been adapted for use in fruit and nut orchards. The flaming of grapevine berms helps to remove weeds and debris, thus reducing insect habitat and breeding grounds, which in turn lowers insect populations. The alley attachment is an option which allows one pass control of weeds on the berms and in the alley. As with all forms of agricultural flaming, grapevine berm flamers reduce herbicide use and operating costs.

#### **Practices and Techniques**

Flaming of grapevine berms can be done on a year-round basis. In the summer it is used approximately every two weeks and in the winter a pass will remove plant residues. The burners are set so that weeds in the row and on the side of the grapevine berms are flamed. In an orchard setting, the burners are set to control the weeds and grasses that grow under the tree canopy and between the trees. Ground speed will vary with weed pressure and gas pressure with an average speed of 3 miles per hour at 45 psi, producers can expect to use 11 to 21 gallons of fuel an hour. With the alley attachment, fuel consumption will double.

The GP 750 and the GP 1000 are an economical and effective method of weed control. In addition to saving growers' money and labor, the flamers reduce environmental damage from pesticide use.

To learn more about using flames to control weeds, stop by the Flame Engineering Exhibit #3334 in the Agri Supply Exposition Center.

### Got to get your "Got To Be"

AS SHOW GUESTS enter the lobby of the Agri Supply Exposition Center at this year's show, they will be greeted by the Got to Be NC display. It's the perfect place to find out more about the program and to pick up the latest hat, T-shirt and other fun merchandise to show off your pride for North Carolina agriculture.

You can also find out how to become part of this highly successful program that helps hundreds of farmers and agribusinesses bring their goods to market and into the hands of consumers, benefiting North Carolina's agriculture industry as a whole.



## Meet your North Carolina Department of Agriculture

THE MEETING ROOM at the front of the Jim Graham Building is where you will find over a dozen exhibits by agencies of the North Carolina Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services. Experts from each of those agencies will be on hand throughout the show to answer questions, provide information and samples, and educate show guests.





Programs represented will be Food and Drug, Agronomics, Agricultural Finance Authority, Plant Industry, NC Farm ID, Research Stations/BioEnergy, Food Distribution, Farmland Preservation, Structural Pest Control, Agricultural Statistics, Emergency Programs and the NC Forest Service. Each of these distinct exhibits will offer information ranging from emergency preparedness to farmland preservation, structural pest control, bio-energy, and controlling feral pigs.

## Alternative heating systems at show

AS ENERGY PRICES continue to fluctuate and concerns over carbon emissions grow sharper, many homeowners and facility managers are exploring alternative heating systems that go beyond conventional fossil-fuel furnaces. From outdoor biomass boilers to waste-oil furnaces, a number of niche companies are refining technologies that promise greater efficiency, lower emissions, and fuel flexibility. Here are details on some of those companies that will be part of the 2026 Southern Farm Show

#### **OUTDOOR WOOD & BIOMASS BOILERS**

One of the leading categories in alternative heating is the outdoor wood or biomass boiler (also sometimes called an outdoor furnace). These systems are installed outside a home or facility. They circulate heated water (or sometimes air) into indoor heating systems (hydronic or forced air) or domestic hot water. Because combustion happens externally, the indoor environment remains free of ash, smoke, and carbon monoxide risk.

- Central Boiler (Altoz/Central Boiler Equipment Tent Exhibit 4143) is a well-known name in outdoor furnaces. The company has a history of innovation, such as producing the first EPA-qualified outdoor furnace in 2007 and the first EPA-certified model in 2014. Altoz itself is better known for zero-turn mowers
- Crown Royal Stoves (Outside Exhibit 8102) has a range of outdoor wood and biomass boilers under the Pristine Series (gasification wood boiler) and the Biomass/Wood Chip Boiler series. The Pristine Series uses a negative-pressure gasification approach, pulling combustion gases downward to promote more complete combustion, achieve lower exhaust temperatures (around 300 °F in some operating conditions), and reduce smoke. The Biomass/Wood Chip Boiler is more automated. It uses a fuel hopper/bin next to stored biomass (wood chips, pellets, etc.), feeds material automatically, and supports intermittent filling (weekly or more) rather than daily stoking.
- Heatmor (Outback Heating, Outdoor Exhibit #8504) is a longstanding manufacturer of stainless-steel outdoor furnaces, offering residential and commercial models that burn wood or coal. Key features of Heatmor boilers include the use of 409 stainless steel for fire-water contact surfaces (improving corrosion resistance), strong warranties, models sized for different heating loads (for instance, Heatmor's residen-

- tial "CB" series) and compatibility with existing hydronic or forced-air systems: the outdoor furnace is plumbed to supplement or supplant indoor heating infrastructure.
- Portage & Main (Exhibit # 8329 Outside) is based in Canada and offers models under the Ultimizer line which can serve heating loads from a few thousand square feet up to 12,000 sq ft, and outputs up to ~500,000 BTU/hour (wood/coal) with auto-feed coal/pellet burners and gasification boilers. A distinguishing design element is their firetube boiler structure: exhaust gases pass through tubes immersed in the water tank, thereby transferring heat efficiently before exiting to the chimney. Portage & Main touts their "most efficient heat transfer exchangers" available in outdoor boilers.

#### To think about:

One drawback of traditional outdoor wood/coal boilers is the labor or fuel logistics of loading, ash cleanout, and ensuring dryness of wood. Some of the newer units mitigate this via more automated feed, better insulation, and improved combustion chamber design.

#### ADVANTAGES OF OUTDOOR WOOD & BIOMASS BOILERS

- Fuel cost control & renewability: wood, chips, pellets, and other biomass can often be sourced locally at low cost, reducing reliance on volatile fossil fuel markets.
- High efficiency and lower emissions: modern gasification and extended heat-exchange designs can push combustion efficiencies upward and reduce particulate output.
- Safety & indoor air quality: since combustion is external, the risk of indoor smoke, carbon monoxide, or ash infiltration is minimized.
- Scalability and flexibility: many outdoor boilers can serve multiple buildings, domestic hot water, pools, workshops, etc.
- Longevity: stainless steel and robust designs extend life spans, sometimes promising decades of service.

#### CHALLENGES/TRADE-OFFS OF OUTDOOR WOOD & BIOMASS BOILERS

- Initial capital cost is often high, especially for automated or large units.
- Fuel logistics: wood must be dry, handled, stored, and often split or chipped. Ash removal and servicing intervals remain necessary.

- Maintenance/controls: more advanced models require careful setup, periodic cleaning, and monitoring of combustion and draft controls.
- Space & siting constraints: outdoor placement, clearances, and plumbing/ venting must be well engineered.
- Regulatory/permitting hurdles: depending on jurisdiction, emissions, setback, and installation standards may complicate deployment.

#### WASTE-OIL/MULTI-FUEL FURNACE OPTIONS

Another class of alternative heating involves converting waste oils (e.g. used motor oil, hydraulic oil, transmission fluid) into usable heat. This approach is especially attractive in automotive, industrial, or service-facility settings that already generate such waste streams. However, the economics depend heavily on the consistency and cleanliness of the oil stream, the cost of pretreatment (filtering, dewatering), and the supplemental heating needs during low load conditions.

- Clean Energy Heating Systems (Tent #2 Exhibit 6001) designs furnaces and boilers to burn waste oil and fuel oils, targeting commercial or industrial facilities. Stainless-steel components and advanced engineering improve service life and reduce downtime. They offer integration with hydronic systems for radiant heating or hot water, remote control features via Wi-Fi-enabled thermostats and smartphone apps and a 12-year warranty
- Clean Burn (Outdoor Exhibit 8131) offers waste-oil furnaces and boilers tailored to shop or industrial heating use. Their CB3500 is rated for 350,000 BTU/hr and is UL listed for use as a unit heater or ducted central furnace. Their units allow preheating of oil to optimize combustion, include heat exchangers designed for longer life using non-welded flue tubes in some models to reduce stress and cracking, have automatic flow control to adjust fuel input without operator adjustment, include swing-away burners and doors to facilitate servicing, and allow for long cleaning intervals.

#### **OUTLOOK & MARKET TRENDS**

As the cost of conventional fuels continues to climb—and as environmental regulations tighten—alternative heating solutions are gaining more serious attention. Some key trends and observations:

■ *Increased hybridization:* Many installations combine an outdoor biomass



Portage and Main is one of many heating companies at the show.

boiler with a backup gas or electric heater, allowing seamless switching under varying conditions.

- Automation & control sophistication: The newer generation of units (especially biomass and waste-oil types) employ smart controls, remote monitoring, and automated feed systems to reduce manual intervention.
- Incentives & tax credits: Some biomass or clean-burning systems may qualify for tax incentives or rebates, depending on local programs and emissions certifications.
- Emission compliance pressures: To remain viable, manufacturers are pushing more efficient combustion, secondary gas burn, and particulate control to meet stricter environmental standards.
- Customization and modular expansion: Many companies now design their systems to scale—for example, adding capacity modules, integrating with existing hydronic circuits, or adapting to mixed-fuel strategies.

For those considering a shift to alternative heating, key evaluation criteria include:

- Heating load match: ensuring the system is appropriately sized—neither grossly overbuilt (wasting capital) nor underpowered (requiring frequent backup).
- Fuel logistics: availability, cost, and handling of biomass or waste oil.
- System integration: plumbing, circulation loops, control systems, and backup strategies.
- Service support: dealer networks, parts availability, maintenance access.
- **Regulatory environment:** emissions permits, building codes, and incentives.

## Selecting a pressure washer

BY KATIE PRATT

PRODUCERS KNOW FARM work can get messy. That's why having an effective, reliable

pressure washer is very important to help farmers keep their facilities and equipment looking top notch.

Rodney Adkins, president of CTS Clean-

ing Systems Inc., offers some tips on helping producers find the right pressure washer for their needs.

"Like any other piece of equipment, pres-



sure washers are investments and assets to the farm," he said. "The biggest mistake most folks make when shopping for a pressure washer is buying a machine that is not designed to efficiently do what they want, falling victim to advertising ploys and low prices. Most in agriculture are more knowledgeable about their needs, yet they can still be swayed into inferior equipment purchase decisions."

He encourages first-time buyers and seasoned producers to identify their objectives and goals for the machine before purchasing a new pressure washer. Producers should identify the items they plan to clean, types of waste being removed from the equipment, cleaning frequency and portability needs.

"Predominantly for a small-to-mediumsize row crop farmer who has a couple pieces of equipment, a 120-volt hot water, diesel-fired machine will be sufficient. But the more equipment a producer has, the faster they want to get the job done, and so they may want a bigger machine," Adkins said.

As they compare equipment, producers should consider the pressure washer's flow, which is the force output of the machine and identified as gallons per minute and the machine's pressure, which is measured by pressure per square inch (PSI). When used together, flow and pressure together create the machine's cleaning units measurement.

"Ultimately, higher flow rates will clean faster and better in most applications," Adkins said. "Of course, when you add 200-degree Fahrenheit hot water, the cleaning speed is increased threefold."

As producers look at various pressure washers, they should pay attention to the company's confidence and pride in their product. They need to look for machines that are dependable, easily serviceable and include a warranty. Common brands Adkins recommends to people are American-owned and include names such as Aaladin, MAGNUM by CTS Cleaning Systems and Mi-T-M.

"We a do a lot of warranty work for many brands of equipment," he said. "We have found that several companies make very bold claims but do not follow through."

Once a producer purchases a pressure washer, they may want to buy attachments to increase its effectiveness and efficiency. Adkins said some accessories that producers might find useful include rotating nozzles, high pressure hose reels, extension wands, undercarriage cleaners, sewer jetting/pipe cleaning nozzles and sand/media blast attachments.

Based in Fayetteville, N.C., CTS Cleaning Systems has had a regular presence at the Southern Farm Show for a number of years. This year, they are located in Exhibit No. 8521 in an outdoor tent in front of Dorton Arena.

"The Southern Farm Show is consistently one of the best, well-organized shows that we do," he said. "We really enjoy seeing some of our customer friends that we don't get to see during the year and reconnecting with our fellow exhibitors who have become friends over the years."

## New products featured at this year's show

#### The Catawba 55 Rake Grapple

Designed to offer efficiency and durability with its lightweight



300-pound frame, the Catawba 55 Rake Grapple is crafted from 1/4" Hardox 500 steel and incorporates a 1.5" Schedule 80 pipe design. The grapple is also

facilitated by a standard 4' feed line made from 3/8" hydraulic hoses and 1/2" agricultural couplings.

Catawba Attachments Exhibit #8335 Outside

#### Ferris Venture X Model FS3200 Sprayer Spreader

This stand-on full zero turn unit features a V-twin 18 hp Vanguard

engine and a Spyker 220 electrically driven 200 lb spreader. It has a spread width of 3 to 25 ft, a 24 gallon sprayer capacity, and a quick pin Tee Jet 530 push-to-connect hose system.



Ferris Exhibit # 7236 Scott Tent

#### Ivey's Hydraulic Fence Stretcher



Built for rolls of wire 330ft or 660ft and heights up to 8ft, this fence stretcher is available in a variety of hook ups. The design decreases the unrolling resistance and provides a stronger clamp to prevent slipping.

Ivey's Equipment Exhibit #8328 Outside

#### Freak Factor

Freak Factor is a long-range deer attractor and feed supplement that is high in protein, fat and enriched with minerals

Luck Buck Mineral Exhibit # 7009 Scott Tent



#### TYM Series 1 T25 SubCompact Tractor

Ideal for small acreage, landscaping, light farm, and property



cleanup, this tractor includes a 24.7 HP Yan-mar turbocharged diesel, a 3 point hitch with 1,534 lb lift capacity, plush mechanical suspension seating, modular rear lights/speaker mount, and a 4WD hydrostatic transmission

Smith's Enterprises Exhibit #107 Jim Graham Building

#### MT120 Mini Track Loader

The Bobcat MT120 offers increased rated operating capacity, more powerful hydraulics, and an updated platform for improved comfort and visibility. Its compact size and durable undercarriage make it ideal for landscaping, material handling, and small construction sites — delivering big performance in tight spaces.



Triangle Equipment Group Exhibit #6003 Tent #2

#### Ravager

The Ravager<sup>™</sup> mortality dehydrator utilizes intuitive and innova-



tive features to provide a bio secure and cost-effective way to dispose of your mortality while simultaneously producing a useable byproduct.

Innovative Poultry Products Exhibit #6019 Tent #2

#### **Bobcat E40**

This compact excavator delivers high lift capacity, minimal

tail swing, and a standard long arm for greater reach in tight spaces. Its non-DPF engine, durable slew bear-



ing, and refined hydraulics provide reliable power and control for demanding jobs and improved productivity on any worksite.

White's Equipment Exhibit #8206 Outside

#### Rightpath

Ag Leader's new passive implement steering system keeps



the implement precisely centered on the guidance line. It ensure accurate input placement, boosts efficiency, and reduces

crop damage. Compatible with Ag Leader steering systems, RightPath supports TerraStar-C Pro, TerraStar-X, and RTK corrections to meet different operational needs.

Ag Leader Exhibit #4129 Equipment Tent

#### **Ex-Mark Radius S**

This series has been redesigned to raise the bar for commercial

zero-turns by offering the ultimate in commercial durability, reliability, performance, productivity, and comfort. Additionally, the Radius S-Series has been restyled to give it the aesthetic appeal worthy of the premium label for which it sits aton.



Power Equipment Distributors Exhibit #4027 Equipment Tent

#### W. R. Long Hydraulic Top 'n Tilt and Rear Remote Kits

Top 'n Tilt Kits are designed to fit most tractor 3-point hitch-

es and support capacities up to 12,000 lbs. With durable construction, custom-fit links, and integrated restrictors for smooth operation, these kits enhance your tractor's versatility and efficiency, making them the perfect upgrade for optimal performance.



Rear Remotes kits are available in one to four sets tailored specifically for your tractor model. They feature simple installation, heavy-duty rocker switches, and innovative bypass valve technology.

W.R. Long 225 Jim Graham Building

#### Great Plains Ag Stealth Pro™ Line

This new line of seeding and land management equipment is



designed for hunters and wildlife enthusiasts looking for

high-quality implements that are simple to operate and configured for their unique needs. The



line includes rugged Stealth Pro drills from 3' to 10', disk har rows, and a rotary cutter.

Great Plains Manufacturing 812 Jim Graham Building

#### Kaufman Tilt Equipment Trailer with 10K Axles

This heavy-duty tilt equipment trailer is designed for hauling up to 18,200 lb. of machinery. It features an 8 in. channel main

frame with a continuous cold-formed tongue and 3 in. channel



crossmembers spaced 17 in. apart. The tilting rear section uses dual hydraulic damping cylinders for smooth operation and 83" between the heavy duty fenders.

Standard components include 10,000 lb. oil bath axles with slipper spring suspension, a 2 in. treated wood floor, one-piece 3/16 in. steel fenders, a lockable toolbox, stake pockets with rub rail, and a sealed modular wiring harness with lifetime LED liohting.

Kaufman Trailers Exhibit #8314 Outside

#### **ProLift Sprayer**

Built for growers who demand performance, the all-new deliv-



ers Bestway Ag's proven durability in a streamlined package. Featuring their exclusive FiberWorks  $^{\rm IM}$  boom, V-Ride  $^{\rm IM}$  system, and up to 72' boom widths, the ProLift handles terrain with ease.

Bestway Ag Exhibit #1301 Equipment Tent

#### **Cloverdale Composter**

Customized for any size operation, this bio secure in-vessel

composter is fully automatic, insulated with temp control, had a stainless interior and a small 10' x 12' footprint. It is very efficient taking several days to complete compost and its simple design requires minimal maintenance.





APSA-80™ Concentrated Adjuvant

This proprietary surfactant and adjuvant improves water man-



agement in soil—including compacted soil—by reducing surface tension, minimizing evaporation and runoff. It enhances the spread and coverage of herbicides, insecticides, and fungicides, acts as a herbicide activator, and is safe for use on growing and harvested crops. Non-corrosive. Jugs/Barrels/Totes.

Nutriplant Exhibit #6114 Tent #2

#### **Creek View LP48**

The Creek View LP48 - a 48-inch litter pulverizer built for com-

pact tractors. Perfect for reducing moisture and improving litter conditions between water and feed lines. Trusted by Turkey and Broiler growers alike.



Harris-Moore Specialty Equipment Exhibit #6102 Tent #2

#### The Catawba Land Leveler

The Catawba Land Leveler is built from high-strength grade

50 steel, ensuring durability and performance for various levelina tasks. It features a 4"x 4"x

1/4" main



tubing support, complemented by a 3/8" fully welded hitch plate for secure attachment. Reinforcement rings, measuring 1/4" thick, are placed underneath the tube cutout to enhance structural integrity. Side plates made from 3/16" steel include replaceable 3/8" shoes, which help prevent wear to the main unit during operation. The backside of the hitch is supported by a 3" tube, while angled blade mounting plates are included for effective cutting. Compatible with Cat 1/2 hookups and adjustable with 4-hole shanks, the land leveler is equipped with reversible, USA-made blades and is compatible with quick hitches.

Catawha Attachments Exhibit #8335 Outside

#### L35 Small Articulated Loader

The Bobcat L35 is the most powerful model in Bobcat's small

articulated loader lineup, featuring a 57-hp turbocharged engine and a 2,072-lb rated operating capacity. It combines a telescop-



ing lift arm, tight-turning articulation, and turf-safe design to handle heavier work with precision and minimal ground disturbance

Triangle Equipment Group Exhibit #6003 Tent #2

#### Ivey's 3pt Cultpackers

Available with 9.5" or 16" notched wheels in 3pt or pull type. Add



a wheel kit to your pull type for easy transport. lvey's Equipment

Exhibit #8328 **Outside** 

#### **Bobcat T66**

This compact track loader combines power, maneuverability,

and comfort with minimal ground disturbance. Featuring a clear-side cab, premium operator amenities, and the



Bob-Tach attachment system, the T66 delivers versatile, tailored performance for any jobsite—whether configured for essential functionality or top-tier productivity.

White's Equipment Exhibit #8206 Outside

#### **Femac Skid Steer Mulchers**

The new Femac S15US skid steer mulcher is designed to handle

the toughest land-clearing challenges. It fits a wide range of machines for maximum versatility: 32-53 GPM of oil flow and between 90-150 hp. UtiliTough, Inc.



#### Nutriplant™ SG

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This micronutrient supplement is designed for application in



the planter box. Once seeds germinate, roots will readily absorb this nutritional supplement for greater root growth, faster emergence. and increased crop yields. Gets crops up and out of the ground faster. Produces stronger stems. Prepares crops to better compete for nutrients, water, and sunlight. 25lb buckets and liquid form in jugs.

Nutriplant Exhibit #6114 Tent #2

#### The Catawba Heavy Duty Cultipacker

The Catawba Heavy Duty Cultipacker features laser-cut and

tubing construction, is equipped with folding stands, making it convenient to clean the wheels when not in use. The unit is compatible with quick hitches



for easy attachment and features a robust 3/8" steel heavy-duty frame for long-lasting performance. Compatible with both Cat 1 and Cat 2 tractor hookups, the cultipacker is finished in a bright Cat Yellow color, which helps streamline production and reduce wait times.

Catawba Attachments Exhibit #8335 Outside

#### Ivey's Pluggers / Core Aerators

Available in 3pt or Pull Type. Fill the drum with water / sand to increase weight. Add a wheel kit to the pull type for easy

transportation or stands to the 3pt to extend the life of the plugs

Ivey's Equipment Exhibit #8328 Outside



#### TYM Series 3 T474 Hydrostatic **Compact Tractor**

Designed for landscaping, loader work, and yearround comfort, this trac-



tor features a 48.3 HP Tier 4 diesel engine, responsive HydroMax HST with autothrottle & foot pedals, a 2,688 lb

hitch lift capacity, external lever to adjust rear attachments, 2152 lbs of loader lift capacity, and hydraulic suspension seat & tilt steering wheel.

Smith's Enterprises Exhibit #107 Jim Graham Building

#### **Femac Excavator Mulcher**

The Femac T9US hydraulic mulchers provide zero vibration and

self-leveling capability, which allows better ground contact, more consistent cutting or mulching, fewer missed spots, and cleaner results.

UtiliTough, Inc. Exhibit #219 Jim Graham Building



#### Nutriplant™ AG

This liquid foliar nutritional supplement is designed for use



at specific stages of growth, when crops need the most support. Increases resistance to stress. Strengthens stems. Produces higher yields and improved quality. For use with a normal NPK fertilizer program. Jugs/Barrles/Totes

Nutriplant Exhibit #6114 Tent #2

#### TYM Series 6 T115 Cab Utility Tractor

This tractor is ready for standard agriculture work with a power-

ful 113PS Deutz diesel engine, a Powershift Transmission, LCD monitor & rear camera, 6-nort external rear remotes, LED interior, side



and rear lights, and a premium cab with heat/AC, Bluetooth stereo, and cruise control.

Smith's Enterprises Exhibit #107 Jim Graham Building

#### **Bobcat MT120**

This mini track loader offers a 1,200-lb lift capacity with best-in-



class height and reach. Just 36 inches wide, it delivers strong performance in tight spaces with smooth nilot controls, fast travel speeds, and low maintenance-combining power, precision, and

long-term value in one compact machine.

White's Equipment Exhibit #8206 Outside

#### Patriot SS Series-2026 Skid Steer Brush Cutters

Built with 100% USA-made components, this cutter includes

a direct-drive motor and is available with or without bolt-on mulching teeth and bolt-on, replaceable skid shoes.

UtiliTough, Inc. Exhibit #219 Jim **Graham Building** 



#### **Tuff Built Chute**

Quiet and easy to use, this system provides low-stress handling

and easy adjustments. They feature Diamond Deck molded floor rubberized grip coating to eliminate welded cleats rusting through, plus keeps manure build-up out from under chute. Pivot points on head



catch and squeeze have greased fittings to eliminate seizing. It provides true parallel squeeze with an adjustable squeeze handle. Deluxe alleys squeeze simultaneously from both sides, keeping the animal centered in the chute.

**Boundary Builders** Exhibit #8320 Outside

#### **Farmers Milling Feeds**

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## NCAMP Program helps with agricultural disputes

SOONER OR LATER, every farmer believes they have ended up on the short end of a stick. Sometimes, that stick comes in the form of bad weather or low commodity price. And sometimes that stick is an unfavorable decision from the USDA, crop insurance carriers, conservation agencies and other entities that farmers deal with.

In North Carolina, help for that second type of stick comes in the form of the North Carolina Agricultural Mediation Program (NCAMP). Based at Western Carolina University, it is a grant-funded free mediation service for many types of agricultural disputes. A similar organization — Farm Agricultural Resources and Mediation of Virginia (FARMVA) — operates in Virginia.

The idea of agricultural mediation has its roots in federal law. In 1987, Congress authorized the U.S. Secretary of Agriculture to support state-level agricultural mediation programs. These programs are designed to help farmers, ranchers, and agricultural stakeholders resolve disputes — especially those involving USDA decisions — without resorting to litigation or formal appeals.

In recent years, the 2018 Farm Bill expanded the scope of what agricultural mediation programs could cover, including greater emphasis on farm succession, organic certification disputes, lease and easement issues, and neighbor disputes. NCAMP has adopted many of those expanded roles.

NCAMP distinguishes between "covered" and "noncovered" cases. Covered cases are those specifically authorized under the USDA's Certified Mediation Program (CMP) rules and

are provided at no cost to the producer (i.e. free mediation).

#### **COVERED CASES (FREE MEDIATION)**

Some of the types of disputes that qualify as "covered" include:

- Disputes with USDA agencies such as FSA (Farm Service Agency), NRCS (Natural Resources Conservation Service), RMA (Risk Management Agency), Rural Development (RD)
- Adverse decisions from USDA agencies (e.g. disqualification, ineligibility, subsidy decisions, conservation program compliance)
- Disputes about wetlands determinations (e.g. whether land is considered a wetland for regulatory or program eligibility)
- Disputes involving conservation programs, compliance, or eligibility
- Disputes with agricultural lenders and credit institutions (farm loans, credit disagreements)
- Rural housing loan issues (for agricultural/rural homeowners)
- Crop insurance and related RMA disputes (e.g. coverage, loss determinations)

  In effect, any producer or agricultural stakeholder who is a "customer" of USDA or is directly affected by USDA decisions may

#### **NONCOVERED CASES**

NCAMP also offers mediation services for cases that are not covered under the federal pro-

request covered mediation under NCAMP.

gram. Though these may not always be fully free, depending on circumstances, examples include:

- Family farm succession/transition disputes
- Credit counseling
- Neighborhood or neighbor disputes (e.g. odor, noise, pesticide drift, boundary, view obstruction)
- Lease disputes (land use, subleasing, maintenance, etc.)

If a farmer or stakeholder engages NCAMP for mediation, here's how the process typically unfolds and what to expect:

#### KEY PRINCIPLES: VOLUNTARY, NEUTRAL, CONFIDENTIAL

- Voluntary: Participation in mediation is voluntary for all parties. No party is forced into mediation.
- Neutrality: Mediators act as neutrals. They do not advocate for either side. Their role is to facilitate discussion, help parties understand one another's positions, and assist in crafting potential solutions.
- Confidentiality: The mediation process is confidential. What is discussed in mediation generally cannot be used later in formal proceedings.
- Mutual consent: Any settlement must be agreed upon by all parties, not imposed by the mediator.

#### **Suspension of Appeals Clock**

If the dispute involves a USDA decision (i.e.

a covered case), when mediation is requested, the "appeals clock" is typically suspended. That means the deadline to file an administrative appeal is put on hold during mediation. If mediation does not resolve matters, the appeals process resumes from where it left off.

#### **Location & Participants**

- Although NCAMP is based at Western Carolina University in Cullowhee, the actual mediation sessions are held in the county where the farmer or the parties reside or operate.
- The parties can bring legal counsel or outside experts if needed, though their presence is subject to the mediator's agreement.
- The mediation will center on open discussion, often including sensitive financial, regulatory, or personal issues that might be harder to address in a formal appeals process or courtroom.

#### Benefits & Limitations Potential Advantages of using NCAMP

- Mediation offers a quicker route to resolution compared to long appeals or litigation.
- Mediator fees are nonexistent for covered cases.
- Parties get a chance to craft solutions tailored to their situation (flexibility) rather than be bound to rigid outcomes.
- Confidential setting may allow more candid discussion of financial or personal matters.
- Often helps preserve communication and business relationships between the farm and the agency, lender, or neighbor.
- Even if mediation fails, it does not prevent you from exercising your appeal rights; you preserve that option.

#### What Happens if Mediation Does Not Succeed?

- If the parties cannot reach agreement, mediation ends as an impasse.
- The appeals clock (for USDA cases) resumes. You may proceed with formal administrative appeals or other dispute resolution mechanisms.
- Mediation does not bind parties unless they mutually sign a settlement agreement.

If you are interested in talking to NCAMP about an issue you are having, or want to find out more about their services, stop by their exhibit in Tent #1 at the Southern Farm Show. Or you can contact NCAMP Mediation Director: Bob Holbert at rholbert@wcu.edu



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