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**February 5-7**

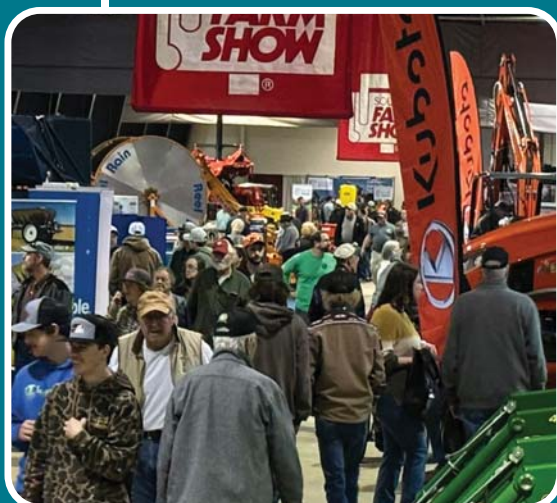
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# Message from the Show Manager

THE RESPONSE TO October's devastation in Western North Carolina reminded us all how resourceful, hard-working and generous people are in the Carolinas and Virginia. Top of that list are the good folks in agriculture and related fields who jumped to the aid of farmers and others in need, and continue to help those affected.

For the last 40 years, it's been my honor to be associated with, and hopefully help these same remarkable individuals through producing the Southern Farm Show. My hope is that the show can

somehow make their lives better through an idea generated, an investment made, knowledge learned, or a personal connection found.

Hats off to all of you from throughout the Carolinas and Virginia who make a difference in everyone's lives.

**David J Zimmerman**

Show Manager  
Southern Farm Show



DAVID ZIMMERMAN

## 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.

**Where is parking?** The main parking for the show is located on Trinity Road near the corner with Blue Ridge Road. Parking within the fairgrounds is not allowed during the show.

**Is handicapped parking available?** Vehicles with handicapped tags may enter Gate 9 off of Trinity Road.

**Are wheelchairs or motorized scooters 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 North Carolina State Fairgrounds, but are not allowed in the exhibit halls and tents. Exception for qualified service animals.

**Are motorized vehicles allowed?** Only battery-operated wheelchairs are allowed. Golf carts and four-wheelers are not permitted.

**Is RV parking available?** RV parking is available through the N.C. 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.



## 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 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 [SouthernFarmShow.com](http://SouthernFarmShow.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 N.C. State Fairgrounds has a first-class camping area. It's complete with water, sewer and electrical. And it has free wi-fi and 24-hour security. Details can be found at [ncstatefair.org/facilities/camping](http://ncstatefair.org/facilities/camping).

If you're looking for restaurants and entertainment, [VisitRaleigh.com](http://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.



## Show provides year-round resource

### Exhibitors 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](http://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. You can also do a key-word search — it can be helpful if 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.

## "Search by Brand Name" Now Show Website Feature

A COMMON QUESTION at the Southern Farm Show comes from someone looking for a specific brand of equipment or product, but doesn't know where to find it. While they know Kubota tractors will be in the Kubota exhibit, it's tougher to figure out that the McHale baler they are looking for is in the ACI Distributors exhibit or that the Westfield auger they're interested in is in the Gaston Sealey Company's space.

That conundrum has been solved with a new By Brand listing on the show website. Simply click on the brand you're looking for and it will take you to the exhibitor listing and link to their location on the show map.

## Like us on Facebook



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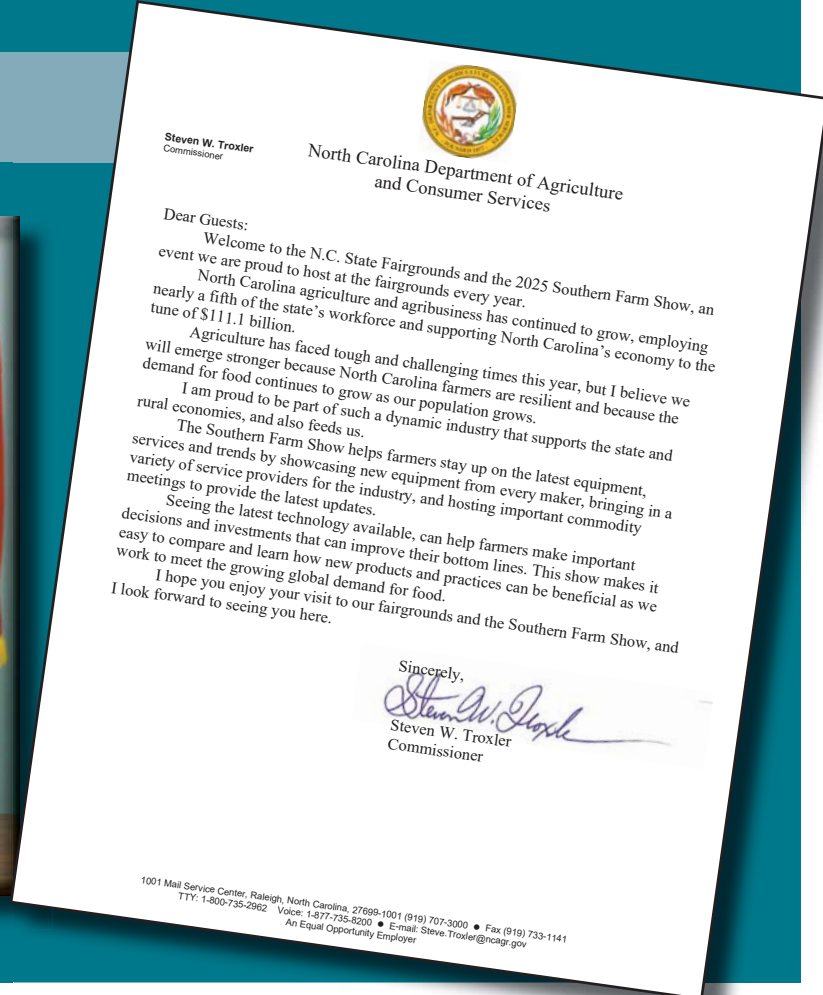
You may even discover a new friend or two.



# 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.



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# Southern Farm Show: Trusted partner in both good and difficult times



IN BOTH GOOD times and difficult times, farmers from across the Carolinas and Virginia have turned to the Southern Farm Show over the years as a trusted partner to help them succeed in producing the crops and livestock that feed the world.

Southern Farm Show Manager David Zimmerman, marking his 40th year in 2025 managing one of the South's largest and most important farm shows, says the Southern Farm Show is needed most in difficult times.

"Every farmer in the country uses the winter months to think about what changes they need to make for the upcoming growing season. That is especially true when they come off a tough year like the one they just had. This is why the Southern Farm Show is held at the beginning of February. It's designed to help farmers answer those questions, and make good decisions," Zimmerman says.

The Southern Farm Show is set for Wednesday, February 5, to Friday, February 7, at the N.C. 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.

The Southern Farm Show is the largest and most well attended farm show in the Carolinas and Virginia, with more than 400 manufacturers and suppliers exhibiting. It is also the second largest event held each year at the state fairgrounds, second only to the N.C. State Fair, and draws a crowd of more than

30,000 each year.

All seven 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.

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

The Southern Farm Show kicks off with the annual Kickoff Breakfast, set for 7:15 a.m., Wednesday, February 5, at the James Hunt Horse Complex. Featured speaker will be Ray Starling, general counsel and president of the N.C. Chamber Legal Institute, who will discuss the new N.C. Ag Leads strategic planning initiative to strengthen North Carolina's position as a leader for agriculture and agribusiness.

This new planning initiative is a collabora-

tive effort between the Golden LEAF Foundation and the N.C. Chamber Foundation, with support from N.C. Farm Bureau and Google. It is overseen by a steering committee that includes Commissioner of Agriculture Steve Troxler in addition to representatives of Golden LEAF, N.C. Farm Bureau, and the N.C. Chamber.

The North Carolina Growers Association (N.C. Growers) will again 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 1:00 p.m. on Wednesday, February 5, in the Holshouser Building. N.C. Growers Deputy Director Lee Wicker says the meeting will review the 2024 season and provide members with a look ahead to 2025.

A highlight of the Southern Farm Show will be the Ag Development Forum set for 9:30 a.m., Thursday, February 6, at the Holshouser Building. 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.

Breakfast with the Commissioner, held

each year to benefit the Tobacco Farm Life Museum in Kenly, will be held on Friday, February 7, at 7:30 a.m. in the Holshouser Building. The breakfast has recognized many prominent ag industry leaders over the years, with this year's honor going to Parker Phillips, whose career of 49 years has focused on agri-business commerce related to the marketing of farm chemicals.

For the past 24 seasons, Phillips has been employed by Fair Products, which manufactures premium tobacco sucker control chemicals and is based in Cary, N.C. Throughout his career, Phillips has been very involved in the agricultural community and has received numerous awards and recognitions.

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](http://www.TobaccoFarmLifeMuseum.org)

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., Friday, February 7, at the Holshouser Building. An economic and policy update will be presented, and the meeting concludes with a catered lunch.

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 Friday, February 7. Advance tickets are available in the Graham Building at the Southern Farm Show.

For more information on the Southern Farm Show, call (800) 849-0248 or visit the show website at [www.SouthernFarmShow.com](http://www.SouthernFarmShow.com).

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# SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

## WEDNESDAY, February 5 Show Hours: 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

- 7:15 a.m. .... Kickoff Breakfast,  
James Hunt Horse Complex
- 9:30 a.m. .... Continuing Education, NCDA Pesticide,  
Holshouser Building
- 9:30 a.m. .... South Atlantic Woodsmen Association  
Lumberjack Show, sponsored by STIHL, Midway
- 10:00 a.m. .... FSA Presentation, Presented by USDA,  
James Martin Building
- 10:45 a.m. .... Continuing Education, NCDA Pesticide,  
Holshouser Building
- 11:00 A.M. .... FSA Presentation, Presented by USDA,  
James Martin Building
- 11:00 a.m. .... Farm Credit Show sponsored by the Farm  
Credit Associations of NC, featuring the  
Brothers N' Bluegrass Band,  
Jim Graham Building
- 11:30 a.m. .... South Atlantic Woodsmen Association  
Lumberjack Show, sponsored by STIHL, Midway
- 1:00 p.m. .... FSA Presentation, Presented by USDA,  
James Martin Building
- 1:00 p.m. .... Farm Credit Show sponsored by the Farm  
Credit Associations of NC, featuring the  
Brothers N' Bluegrass Band,  
Jim Graham Building
- 1:00 p.m. .... NC Growers Association Annual Meeting,  
Holshouser Building
- 2:30 p.m. .... Farm Credit Show sponsored by the Farm  
Credit Associations of NC, featuring the  
Brothers N' Bluegrass Band,  
Jim Graham Building
- 2:30 p.m. .... South Atlantic Woodsmen Association  
Lumberjack Show, sponsored by STIHL, Midway
- 4:00 p.m. .... Show Closes**

## THURSDAY, February 6 Show Hours: 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

- 9:30 a.m. .... South Atlantic Woodsmen Association  
Lumberjack Show, sponsored by STIHL, Midway
- 9:30 a.m. .... Agricultural Development Forum —  
NC Department of Agriculture,  
Holshouser Building
- 10:00 a.m. .... FFA Truck and Tractor Driving Competition,  
James Hunt Horse Arena
- 11:00 a.m. .... Farm Credit Show sponsored by the Farm  
Credit Associations of NC, featuring the  
Brothers N' Bluegrass Band,  
Jim Graham Building
- 11:30 a.m. .... South Atlantic Woodsmen Association  
Lumberjack Show, sponsored by STIHL, Midway
- 1:00 p.m. .... Farm Credit Show sponsored by the Farm  
Credit Associations of NC, featuring the  
Brothers N' Bluegrass Band,  
Jim Graham Building
- 2:30 p.m. .... Farm Credit Show sponsored by the Farm  
Credit Associations of NC, featuring the  
Brothers N' Bluegrass Band,  
Jim Graham Building
- 2:30 p.m. .... South Atlantic Woodsmen Association  
Lumberjack Show, sponsored by STIHL, Midway
- 4:00 p.m. .... Ag Institute Event  
Tobacco Pavilion
- 4:00 p.m. .... Show Closes**



## FRIDAY, February 7 Show Hours: 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

- 7:30 a.m. .... Breakfast with the Commissioner, To Benefit  
the Tobacco Farm Life Museum,  
Holshouser Building
- 8:30 a.m. .... NC Crop Improvement Association Annual  
Meeting, James Martin Building
- 9:30 a.m. .... South Atlantic Woodsmen Association  
Lumberjack Show, sponsored by STIHL, Midway
- 10:00 a.m. .... Tobacco Growers Association of  
North Carolina Annual Meeting,  
Holshouser Building
- 11:00 a.m. .... Farm Credit Show sponsored by the Farm  
Credit Associations of NC, featuring the  
Brothers N' Bluegrass Band,  
Jim Graham Building
- 11:30 a.m. .... South Atlantic Woodsmen Association  
Lumberjack Show, sponsored by STIHL, Midway
- 1:00 p.m. .... Farm Credit Show sponsored by the Farm  
Credit Associations of NC, featuring the  
Brothers N' Bluegrass Band,  
Jim Graham Building
- 2:15 p.m. .... Farm Credit Show sponsored by the Farm  
Credit Associations of NC, featuring the  
Brothers N' Bluegrass Band,  
Jim Graham Building
- 2:15 p.m. .... South Atlantic Woodsmen Association  
Lumberjack Show, sponsored by STIHL, Midway
- 3:00 p.m. .... Show Closes**
- 6:00 p.m. .... Southern National Draft Hose Pull and  
Coon Mule Jump  
James Hunt Horse Arena  
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# Free Pesticide Continuing Education Credits offered at Show



FARMERS, LANDSCAPERS AND other holders of a N.C. Department of Agriculture pesticide application license will have the opportunity to gain two hours of continuing education credits at this year's show. These sessions will take place Wednesday morning in the Hols-

houser Building. 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 a.m.**  
**Wednesday, February 5**  
**Holshouser Building**

### *The Importance of Nozzle Selection in Agricultural Spray Application: Why Are There So Many Options?*

■ Presented by Clay deGruy, Greenleaf Technologies

This presentation will focus on nozzle selection based on application requirements and best practices. There are many different styles and sizes of nozzles to choose from, and attendees will learn the reasons and uses for each. We will also cover new methods and technologies in agricultural spraying, and the ideal application uses for these innovations. Seminar attendees will become familiar with nozzle application selection guides to best help applicators choose the size and style of nozzle that best serves each individual application.

This course has been approved for one hour of the following credits by the Pesticide Division of the N.C. Department of Agriculture: N O D X

Clay deGruy, with Greenleaf Technologies, was born in Mandeville, Louisiana. He attended LSU and graduated from the College of Agriculture with a degree in Agri-Business. In 2017 Clay started his career with Greenleaf Technologies, which is considered a leader in the world of high-tech agricultural spray nozzles. Clay has hands-on experience working with growers, custom applicators, and golf course superintendents, as well as with chemical companies, universities, weed scientists and the EPA.



**CLAY DEGRUY**

**10:45 a.m.**  
**Wednesday, February 5**  
**Holshouser Building**

### *The Juncture of Turfgrass Management and Pest Management*

■ Presented by Grady Miller PhD, N.C. State University

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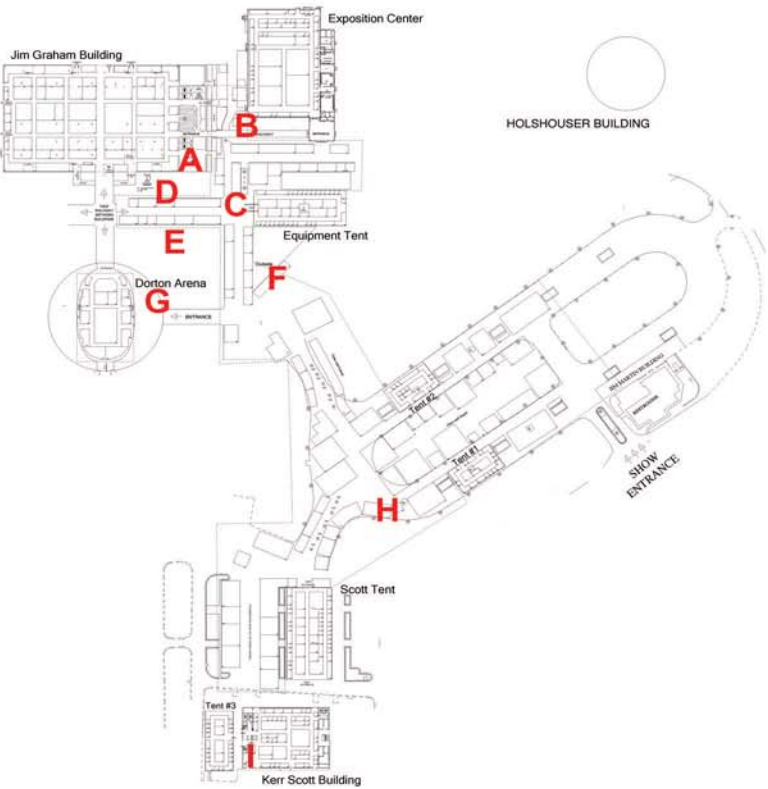
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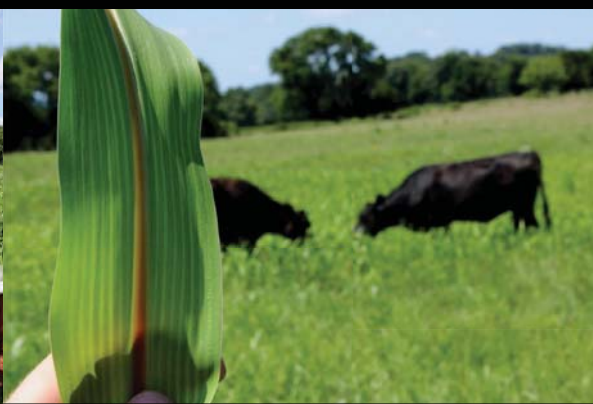
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# Zimmerman marks 40th year leading the Southern Farm Show

# Q&A

DAVID ZIMMERMAN'S TENURE directing the Southern Farm Show started with the 1985 show, making this his 40th time leading the annual event. Zimmerman grew up in the trade and consumer show business. His parents Robert and Joan Zimmerman produced their first event — a flower and garden show — in the N.C. State Fairground's Dorton Arena in 1961, the same year David was born. David went to work for the family business, Southern Shows Inc., the day after he graduated from college in 1983. It wasn't long after that when his father decided he knew enough to put him in charge of the Southern Farm Show, which had debuted at the N.C. State Fairgrounds seven years earlier in 1978.

We asked Zimmerman about his time with the show.

**Question:** *Two years out of college seems a bit young to be put in charge of a show like this. Were you ready?*

**Answer:** "In charge" is a bit of a stretch. I had the title of Show Manager and did most of the work, but my father definitely kept an eye on what I was up to. I guess I proved that I could handle it, so the oversight soon faded. The show was not as big then. It filled the Graham Building and Kerr Scott Building and there were a few outdoor spaces.

**Question:** *Have you been the manager the entire time?*

**Answer:** As I helped my parents grow the company to around 20 annual events and a staff of 30, and took over management of the company, there were a few years along the way that other staff members managed the show. However, like my father, I kept a close eye on everything and was at every show from move-in through move-out.

**Question:** *What changes have you seen over the years?*

**Answer:** The basics of the show, which is farmers coming to the show to see equipment and talk to experts, has not changed one bit. That is still what the show is about and always will be. The show has certainly grown a lot, with the biggest part of that growth being the expansion of outdoor exhibit space. In 1985 there were a few exhibitors just outside the Jim Graham Building. Now there are over 110 spread over a large area, plus another 140 exhibitors in the five exhibit tents.

Another thing that has changed is the size and the number of activities surrounding the show. In 1985, the show did not use the Holshouser Building. Now there are seven major meetings and events that happen just in that building. Plus, the show now uses the Hunt Horse Arena and the Martin Building for meetings and events, and there are other show-related activities that take place outside the fairgrounds.

**Question:** *What were some of the major milestones for the show?*

**Answer:** There are a few things that have helped the show progress. Early on, there was another farm show that took place in Wilson and Greenville. When that show stopped being produced, the focus was all on the Southern Farm Show. Another boost was in 1996, when we started to use large tents to accommodate overflow exhibitors. The opening of the Exposition Center in 2005 was another big help, though we still had to use the tents. There are now five large tents to take care of exhibitors the buildings will not hold. But mainly, the show has experienced a slow steady growth over the years.

**Question:** *Any major hiccups along the way?*

**Answer:** The only major roadblock we have encountered was the pandemic a few years ago. It of course affected all major events, but fortunately it all started after the 2020 show. We had to forgo the 2021 show and returned in 2022. In a way, we were fortunate in that many annual events were cancelled for two or three years.

Another situation was in 2000, when the week before the show it snowed 20 inches in two days. It happened before exhibitors started moving in, but after the Equipment Tent had been set. That tent collapsed and we had about four days to figure out what to do with all those exhibitors. We squeezed them in wherever we could and actually ended up continuing to use some of those newly-created areas the following years. What saved the show was an unbelievable job clearing snow by the N.C. State Fairgrounds crew. Also, by the time the show started, the roads were clear, and the fields were soaked, so the farmers flocked in. In many ways it was a lemons-to-lemonade situation, but it did not feel like it at the time.

**Question:** *What has been your philosophy about the show?*

**Answer:** There are a couple of principles I have stuck with that may sound counterintuitive. At last year's show, a radio personality interviewing me was a bit surprised at my response after he commented that the show is a great place for everyone to come out and learn about



agriculture. I replied that while that's true, I don't really want the general public at the show, and that the N.C. State Fair is a much better opportunity for public exposure to agriculture.

I said that because I have always viewed the Southern Farm Show as a trade show for farmers. The show is produced for them. While that sounds obvious, many farm shows around the country are in rural areas and are more of a community event, which works well for them. The reason I don't want the general public here is that the farmers and company representatives only have so many hours at the show, and they need to spend that time talking to each other, not to curious urbanites. One way I've accomplished this is by only allowing agricultural companies and organizations to exhibit. Each year, I turn down dozens of companies wanting to sell everything from jewelry to gutters at the show.

The second principle is that I want the show to be nice but not too nice. Again, it gets back to the farmers — I don't believe they care that much what the show looks like, or if companies bring in big corporate displays. They just want to see the equipment and talk to someone who can help them make decisions. While I want the show to be well produced and organized, I also want it to be approachable for farmers. That's why we do not charge admission or register guests. I also try my best to make the show an easy and cost-effective experience for exhibiting companies. If they need something, they talk to me as show manager. That's not the case at most events.

**Question:** *Have the participating companies changed over the year?*

**Answer:** It's amazing how many of the same companies have been a part of the show for the entire time. While the number of ag companies has increased, the number of companies in affiliated industries has also grown. Those industries include land clearing and construction, forestry, and landscaping. Much of this increase is because many farmers are also involved in these industries, so they are also interested in that equipment. Also, many people who are full-time in these affiliated industries grew up on a farm and still own land. Much of the growth in landscape equipment is also due to the growth of the Raleigh area. Wake County alone has grown from 350,000 to 1.2 million in the 40 years I've been running the show.

**Question:** *Any plans for the future?*

**Answer:** Despite having done this for 40 years now, I'm only 63 and I really enjoy producing the show, so I plan to keep on making it happen each year. As for the show, I hope to continue the steady and deliberate growth it's enjoyed for years. The available facilities at the fairgrounds restrict the show from expanding too much, but we have been able to make growth happen. At the last show, I kidded Commissioner Troxler that while I'm his biggest fan, I am kind of looking forward to him retiring so they can build a new exhibit hall and put his name on it.



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# Show closes with popular Draft Horse Pull



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 and coon mule jump serve as the grand finale of the Southern Farm Show. It is set for Friday night, February 7. Starting at 6 p.m., pre-pull entertainment includes a parade of antique farm equip-

*The Southern National Draft Horse Pull and Coon Mule Jump is set for Friday evening, February 7 at the Hunt Horse Arena on the N.C. State Fairgrounds.*

ment and the ever-popular Coon Mule Jump. Show attendees can watch giant teams of draft horses match their strength to determine the winner.

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 Show 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 \$12 at the door with \$10 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 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 required 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. We finish when one team pulls farther than the others," Davis said.

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# Kickoff Breakfast

## Kickoff Breakfast to focus on N.C. Ag leads

RAY STARLING, General Counsel and President of the N.C. Chamber Legal Institute will be the speaker for the show's annual Kickoff Breakfast. He will be speaking on the new N.C. Ag Leads strategic planning initiative to strengthen North Carolina's position as a leader for agriculture and agribusiness. This new planning initiative is a collaborative effort between the Golden LEAF Foundation and the N.C. Chamber Foundation, with support from N.C. Farm Bureau and Google. It is overseen by a steering committee that includes Commissioner of Agriculture Steve Troxler in addition to representatives of Golden LEAF, N.C. Farm Bureau, and the N.C. Chamber.

Ray will be sharing with the attendees what the N.C. Ag Leads steering committee have agreed as their set of priorities, both aspirational and attainable, and if given effect, would significantly strengthen the productivity, economic vitality, and community spirit of the industry, charting a prosperous future for North Carolina agriculture.

The breakfast is sponsored and organized by the Wake County Partners in Agriculture. It will take place at 7:30 a.m. on Wednesday morning, February 5 in the restaurant of the James B Hunt Horse Complex. Please contact Katherine Williams at [katherine.williams@wake.gov](mailto:katherine.williams@wake.gov) to register for the event.



RAY STARLING

### About the Speaker

AS GENERAL COUNSEL of the N.C. Chamber and president of the N.C. Chamber Legal Institute, Ray sets strategy for litigation of the N.C. Chamber, the N.C. Chamber Legal Institute, and its affiliated entities. He also serves as the lead for public policy development functions of the N.C. Chamber, assessing and advising on current and emerging laws, rulings, and regulations affecting the N.C. Chamber and business in North Carolina.

Prior to joining the N.C. Chamber team, Ray served as chief of staff to U.S. Secretary of Agriculture Sonny Perdue where he coordinated execution of the Secretary's policy agenda for the U.S. Department of Agriculture, a \$140 billion agency with more than 100,000 employees. Ray focused on regulatory and deregulatory initiatives and acted as a point of contact for stakeholders throughout agricul-

ture and rural communities. In the fall of 2022, Starling released his book *Farmers Versus Foodies* in which he shares some perspective on the question of who will call the shots for the future of the farming and food system in the United States and beyond. The book is an Amazon best seller and has been nominated for a Pulitzer Prize. He has a bachelor's degree in agricultural education from North Carolina State University and a law degree from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. He grew up on a Century Family Farm in southeastern North Carolina and credits that experience as having more to do with his career path than any other influence or opportunity. His parents continue to farm, as does his eldest brother. Starling was a National FFA Officer and is a former 4-H member.

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# N.C. Growers to meet Wednesday

THE NORTH CAROLINA Growers Association (N.C. Growers) will again 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 1:00 p.m. on Wednesday, February 5, in the Holshouser Building. N.C. Growers Deputy Director Lee Wicker says the meeting will review the 2024 season and provide members with a look ahead to 2025.

N.C. Growers' mission is to help farmers continue to be productive by providing a stable, legal and reliable workforce. North Carolina has many crops that are not easily harvested by machines. They include sweet potatoes, blackberries, lettuce, tomatoes, strawberries, and Christmas trees. Seasonal workers are often needed for this challenge, and many farmers rely on the federal H2A program to meet that need.

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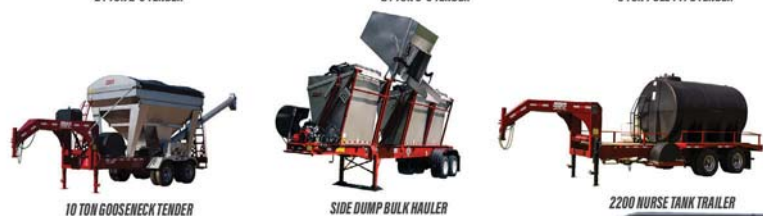
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## Online show map helps with planning and visiting the show

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# N.C. Crop Improvement Association to meet at Show

THE N.C. CROP IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION (NCCIA) will hold its annual meeting at the Southern Farm Show for the third time this year. The NCCIA is a non-profit educational and service organization recognized as the official agency for seed certification in North Carolina.

The meeting, which is open to NCCIA members and others involved in seed production, will be on Friday, Feb. 7, in the James Martin Building. It will start 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 N.C. Foundation Seed Producers and the N.C. Seedmen's Association.

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## NCSU's Ag Institute Club helps Show shine

EACH YEAR, THE student-led Ag Institute Club at N.C. State University helps the show shine by providing equipment, power washing and detailing services to many show exhibitors. Starting the Friday before the show, a team of members are on-site washing off dirt, salt and anything else that equipment picked up on the way to the show from the manufacturer. Once washed, other mem-

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Money the club raises does some serious good. Their activities include donating to the Raleigh Rescue Mission and volunteering at the N.C. Dairy Council Milking Booth at the N.C. State Fair. Professional development also is a focus, and industry representatives come to campus and speak to students.



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# Tobacco Farm Life Museum Breakfast

## *This Year's Excellence in Ag Award Honoree Parker Phillips*

BREAKFAST WITH THE Commissioner, held each year to benefit the Tobacco Farm Life Museum in Kenly, seems to get bigger each year. This year's breakfast will be held on Friday, February 7, at 7:30 am in the Holshouser Building. Always a popular annual event 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 Parker Philips.

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](http://www.TobaccoFarmLifeMuseum.org)

FRANK PARKER PHILIPS, III, son of Frank P. Philips, Jr., and Naomi Fisher Philips, made his debut on February 20, 1953, at Park View Hospital in Rocky Mount, N.C. A lifelong resident of the Twin Counties of Nash and Edgecombe, he was reared

on Oak Forest Farm near Battleboro. Graduating from Northern Nash High School in 1971, Parker subsequently graduated from Wake Forest University in 1975, where he majored in Speech Communications.

His career of 49 years has focused on agri-business commerce related to the marketing of farm chemicals. For the past 24 seasons, he has been employed by Fair Products, which manufactures premium tobacco sucker control chemicals and is based in Cary, N.C. His territory includes Eastern North Carolina and Southside Virginia. In conjunction with his agriculturally based employment, Parker is very involved in the agricultural community. He has served on the Agri-Business Committee of the Rocky Mount Chamber of Commerce and on the Board of Directors of the North Carolina Pesticide Association. Assisting for several years with Opening Day activities of the Rocky Mount Tobacco Market, Parker composed the lyrics of a song to accompany the motto of

the Chamber of Commerce, "Tobacco is Gold in Rocky Mount." Parker also wrote a poem, "That's What Tobacco Means to Me", which chronicles the history of the tobacco industry and his nostalgic reflections of the industry. In addition to his recounting the history of the tobacco industry through his poetry, another one of his poem creations celebrated the life of Eugenia VanLandingham of the Extension Service of Edgecombe County. Another one of Parker's poems paid tribute to Dr. Bill Collins, Tobacco Specialist and Professor Emeritus of N.C. State University. To commemorate the 135th opening of the Wilson Tobacco Market which began in 1890, Parker composed a poem titled, "One Hundred-Thirty-five Years and Counting."

Parker has assisted with the Farm-City Breakfasts for both Nash and Edgecombe Counties for many years. He has worked as an auctioneer with the Tri-County Nash, Edgecombe, and Halifax 4-H Livestock Meat & Animal Show and Sale since 1975. He likewise auctions for the annual Hertford/Northhampton counties 4-H Animal Show and Sale. Parker himself was a member of the Nash County 4-H when he was in High School at Northern Nash. He focused on the public speaking competition which he won at the county level in 1971 and progressed to the district competition held at Campbell College. In June of 2017, Parker was inducted into the local Nash County 4-H Hall of Fame, and in July of 2017, he was inducted into the N.C. State University 4-H Hall of Fame.

In 2018 Parker received the Tobacco Great Award from N.C. State University's College of Agriculture and Life Sciences. This award recognizes members of the agricultural community who have exhibited an exemplary dedication, loyalty, and passion for the support of tobacco farmers and the enhancement of the tobacco industry in North Carolina. Some of Parker's awards include the Gold Leaf Award, presented collectively by the Rocky Mount Chamber of Commerce and the Tobacco Board of Trade, the Elk of the Year Award, and the Ruritan of the Year Award.

Other farm-related activities include assisting with the booth sponsored annually by the N.C. Tobacco Growers Association at the N.C. State Fair and serving as a Supervisor of the Nash County Soil and Water District. He has also been a member of the Extension Advisory Councils of both Nash and Edgecombe Counties and a Nash County representative to the



PARKER PHILLIPS

N.C. State University Foundation Board. He also does a weekly agri-business farm report for the local Rocky Mount television station, WHIG.

Parker's civic involvement includes his membership at St. John's Episcopal Church, Battleboro, where he has been a Lay Reader since 1969; he also taught the Senior Ladies Sunday School Class at Battleboro United Methodist Church for about 30 years. He is a member of the Rocky Mount Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks where he has served as Chaplain and Esquire, has progressed through the Chairs, and conducts both the annual Memorial Service and the Flag Day Ceremony. Parker is a past-President of the Leggett Ruritan Club, now the Leggett Civic Club, and he is the Secretary-Treasurer of the Roanoke and Tar River Gun Club (Big Field).

Parker is a part-time auctioneer for various organizations. He conducts the annual auctions at both the Battleboro United Methodist Church and the Boddie-Noel Boy Scout Classic Auction at Southern Pines. He also auctions for the Wild Turkey Federation, for Ducks Unlimited, and for numerous charity groups. He enjoys composing his own story poems and giving after-dinner entertainment for civic organizations where he shares his repertoire of classic country songs and his treasury of personal and other poetry recitations.

Parker's hobbies include listening to vintage country music and studying its history, reading, and enjoying his family's pet dog, Lily.

Parker currently resides in Battleboro, N.C., and is married to the former Carolyn Staton of Scotland Neck, N.C. They are blessed with their son, James Patrick Philips.

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# Exhibitor Profile:

## Hardee by EVH Manufacturing Company continues Eldred Hardee's vision

BACK IN 1958, Eldred V. Hardee built his own tobacco sprayer to use on his farm in Loris, S.C. His neighbors were so impressed with what he did that they asked him to build sprayers for them and he had orders for 12 additional sprayers before he could even finish his own.

With that tobacco sprayer, Hardee launched a new business to build quality farm equipment. He named his business Hardee Manufacturing Company, and it didn't

the highest standards. A commitment to excellence and quality was the vision of Eldred V. Hardee.

Yes, Hardee still makes sprayers that are widely used across much of the United States. They also make hydraulic boom mowers, rotary mowers, disc harrows, high volume water pumps, and landscape and garden equipment, all in the signature Hardee red color. Today, Hardee employs 50 skilled workers who work out of Hardee's 100,000-square-foot facility in Loris.

The equipment Hardee makes is well known for its durability and robust design and build. A key is that all of the equipment is manufactured, not just assembled, by experts in Loris.

Hardee is still owned by some of the original Hardee family. Eldred Hardee died in 2005 at the age of 80. The legacy he established from the start still remains. Eldred Hardee believed in hiring local people and contributing to the local economy, and that continues today.

From the start, Eldred Hardee used the slogan "farmers building equipment for farmers," and that same philosophy remains. Today, the company sells its products through dealers in 25 states as well as overseas. The company made its first overseas sale in 1966 to a farmer in Athens, Greece. The Caribbean and South America are important export markets for Hardee.

The good news is members of the Hardee family continue to serve customers. Blaine Hardee, Eldred Hardee's great nephew, joined the company in January 2021, while attending Coastal Carolina. After graduation, he was offered a full-time position in marketing but wasn't long he got the opportunity to hit the road doing outside sales.

Blaine's grandfather, Waldo Hardee, Eldred Hardee's brother, went into the fuel/oil business in Columbia after serving in the Air Force during the Korean Conflict. Blaine's father, Joey Hardee, opened up his own restaurant business in 1985. Blaine was born and raised in the restaurant industry, and worked most of his young life there before earning his business degree from Coastal



Hardee by EVH founder Eldred V. Hardee and his wife Barbara "Bobbie" Hardee shown in a vintage photo.

Carolina University in Conway, S.C.

Blaine says he has discovered a passion for agriculture and considers it an honor to be part of his family's company that has been known and respected for almost 70 years. He says his job is rewarding because he represents a high-quality brand that delivers value to farmers and landowners.

Blaine says Hardee's signature product is its boom mowers. "Our boom mowers really stand out. We are one of the very few companies in the United States that make boom mowers, here in the states. Although, our rotary cutters and other lines are second to none."

Blaine stresses that farmers remain their target customer. "Farmers have one of the toughest jobs in the world, and we at Hardee want to continue building quality and reliable equipment to make their job a little easier."

North Carolina is Hardee's biggest state in terms of revenue. Blaine says the Southern Farm Show is the best way to reach out to its customers. Hardee by EVH has participated in every Southern Farm Show since the first one in Raleigh in 1978.

"The Southern Show has always been very important to us. We can greet our current customers and meet new ones as well," Blaine says. "We hope everyone will stop by and see us at our regular spot in the Graham Building."



Members of the Hardee by EVH team, from left, Blaine Hardee, David Starnes, and Frankie Nelson, visit with Southern Farm Show Manager David Zimmerman at the Hardee by EVH booth in the Graham Building during the 2024 Southern Farm Show. (Photos by John Hart)

take long for the company to grow and expand beyond sprayers.

Today, Hardee by EVH (the EVH for Eldred V. Hardee) is one of the most respected names in farm equipment, manufacturing more than 100 products from its original site in Loris. Hardee is known and respected for the high quality of its equipment that is manufactured to



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AccesS	Agroliquid
Ace	BestWay Ag
Acra-Plant	S.I. Distributing
Adama	Getsco
Aerway	Brock Equipment Company Inc. Salford Group Inc.
Ag Leader	Ag Leader
Ag Spray	Ag Spray Equipment
AgFiniti	Ag Leader
Agri Spray	Agri Spray Drones
Agri-inject	John Leggett and Sons LLC
AgriCraft	Evans Machinery, Inc.
AgriTec	Agritec International
AgroVision	Coastal AgroBusiness
AGSouth	Mixon Seed Service
AGT	Oak City Equipment Company
Agventure	Sweetwater Creek Seeds
AirMix	Greenleaf Technologies
Albuz	Greenleaf Technologies
alliance	Colony Tire
Altoz	Altoz
ALUMA	Capps Trailers.com
Alumline	Smith Farm Trailer Sales
Amadas	Brock Equipment Company Inc. Amadas Industries
Ambrogio	Virginia Highlands BCS
AmeriAg	AmeriAg LLC
Annovi-Reverberi	CTS Cleaning Systems, Inc.
Anvil Trailer	TJ's Trailers Inc.
Apache	Apache Palco Henke Buffalo
Apache Sprayers	Apache Sprayers
APV	Cummings & Bricker Inc.
Arcusin	Atlantic & Southern Equipment, LLC
Arrowquip	Farm Systems Inc.
ascenso	Colony Tire
ASV	National Equipment Dealers Sound Heavy Machinery
Augusta	Augusta Seed
AUSA	Sound Heavy Machinery
Avery	Newton Crouch Company, LLC
Axis	Tidewater Seed Getsco
B&W	Raleigh Apex Hitch Capps Trailers.com
Backwoods	BestWay Ag
Bad Boy	Capps Trailers.com Bad Boy Mowers

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BAK Industries	Raleigh Apex Hitch
Bale Baron	Marcrest Manufacturing Inc / Back Creek Ag
Ballymore	Mobilift of Burlington
Banjo	BestWay Ag Newton Crouch Company, LLC
Battle Motors	Velocity Truck Centers
Baumalight	Implement Sales 2, LLC
BBi	Salford Group Inc.
BCS	Virginia Highlands BCS
Befco	Befco
BeltWide	Greenhouse Green, llc
Beluga	Greenleaf Technologies
Bennett Pump	Petromen's Inc.
Bergmann	Ascendum Machinery, Inc.
BestWay Ag Equipment	Harris-Crisp Specialty Equipment
Bin Valve Lever	Innovative Poultry Products LLC
BIOvator	Southeastern Composting Systems LLC
Bison	Oak City Equipment Company
bkt	Colony Tire
BLUE	Timac Agro USA
Blue Diamond	CCS Equipment Sales, LLC
Blue1Energy	Petromen's Inc.
BMC	Cummings & Bricker Inc.
Bobcat	Carswell Distributing Company Triangle Equipment Group Mobilift of Burlington
Bolondi	CTS Cleaning Systems, Inc.
Bradford Built	Smith Farm Trailer Sales
Brandt	John Leggett and Sons LLC
Brent	Unverferth Mfg. Co., Inc.
Bridgestone	Petromen's Inc.
Brillion	Landoll Company, LLC
Brown	Atlantic & Southern Equipment, LLC
Brush Wolf	National Equipment Dealers Cummings & Bricker Inc.
BruteForce	BruteForce Distributing
Bulldog	Bulldog Mfg LLC
Bush Hog	Atlantic & Southern Equipment, LLC Bush Hog LLC
Bushmaster	Bushmaster Hydraulic Cutters
BYD	Tri-Lift Industries Inc
Cadman	Brock Equipment Company Inc.
Calico	H & H Farm Supply & Trailer Sales
CalSip	Agroliquid
Cammond	Cammond Industries, LLC
Can-am	Performance East Can-Am
Canag	Jesse Rast Enterprises
Carolina Cooker	Agri Supply

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Caroni	Agri Supply
Carry-On	Capps Trailers.com
Case IH	Case IH B and S Enterprises Inc.
CAT	CTS Cleaning Systems, Inc.
ceat	Colony Tire
Central Boiler	Altoz
Chevrolet	Capital Chevrolet
Chore-Time	Farm Systems Inc.
CID	CCS Equipment Sales, LLC Jesse Rast Enterprises Reidsville Equipment
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Cim-Tek	Petromen's Inc.
CLAAS	Carolina HarvesTrax
Clark	Tri-Lift Industries Inc
Clement	Velocity Truck Centers
Cloverdale	Trissel Equipment Sales, LLC
CM	H & H Farm Supply & Trailer Sales
Comet	CTS Cleaning Systems, Inc.
Construction Attachments	Implement Sales 2, LLC
Cooper	BTS Tire & Wheel / Black's Tire & Auto
CoopWorx	CoopWorx Feed & Water Silos
Corona	Timac Agro USA
Corteva	Corteva Agriscience/Pioneer/PhytoGen
Country Clipper	Country Clipper
Covered Wagon	TJ's Trailers Inc.
Cox	CTS Cleaning Systems, Inc.
Creek View Manufacturing	Harris-Crisp Specialty Equipment
Crop Care	General Fertilizer Equipment Inc.
Cross Creek	Cross Creek Seed Inc.
Crown Royal Stoves	Crown Royal Stoves - Greentech MFG
Currahee	H & H Farm Supply & Trailer Sales
Curt	Raleigh Apex Hitch Capps Trailers.com
Danuser	ACI Distributors Cummings & Bricker Inc.
DeCloet	De Cloet SRL
DeIMorino	Cummings & Bricker Inc.
Delta	H & H Farm Supply & Trailer Sales
Denis Cimag	National Equipment Dealers
Deutz-Fahr	Deutz-Fahr America
DeWalt	Tidewater Power Equipment Company
Diamond	H & H Farm Supply & Trailer Sales
Diamond Bar	Boundary Builders
Dickey-John	Ag Express
Digga	UtiliTough, Inc.
Digistar	Ag Express
Dion Ag	Cummings & Bricker Inc.



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Doebler	Getsco
Dondi	ACI Distributors
DONMARIO	Mixon Seed Service
Doolittle	TJ's Trailers Inc. H & H Farm Supply & Trailer Sales
Doosan	Ascendum Machinery, Inc.
Dorsey	Southeastern Pneumatic Inc.
Drexel	Drexel Chemical Company
Duo Maxx	Timac Agro USA
Dyna Wipes	Petromen's Inc.
East	Pinnacle Trailer Sales, Inc.
easyFlow	Greenleaf Technologies
ECHO	Outdoor Equipment Distributors, Inc.
Eco-Lawn	Tidewater Power Equipment Company
Ecodrum	Ecodrum Composter
Econo Wrap	Tar River MFG
Econoline	Smith Farm Trailer Sales
eForce	Outdoor Equipment Distributors, Inc.
Einbock	FarmPower Distribution
eKonomics	Nutrien Premium Fertilizer Technologies
Elite	Capps Trailers.com
Elliott Manufacturing	Ag Express
Encore	Carswell Distributing Company Hayward Distributing
eNhance	Agroliquid
Enorossi	Tar River MFG
ENSESO	ENSESO4Food
EnSoil Algaeac	Enlightened Soil Corp
Environmentally Smart Nitrogen (ESN)	Nutrien Premium Fertilizer Technologies
Ever.Ag	Waters Agricultural Laboratories, Inc.
Everdigm	UtiliTough, Inc.
Exapta Valion	S.I. Distributing
Excelis Maxx	Timac Agro USA
Exmark	Power Equipment Distributors
Extreme	WestLift Industrial Equipment
EZ-Hauler	Capps Trailers.com
FAE	CCS Equipment Sales, LLC
Farm Credit	Farm Credit Associations of NC
Farm King	Implement Sales 2, LLC
Farm-MAXX	Unifarm Machinery Corporation
Farmco	Back Creek Ag LLC
FASCO	Pasture Management
Fecon	Fecon LLC
Federal Process	Petromen's Inc.
FELLA	Tarver Sales
Fendt	Atlantic & Southern Equipment, LLC

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Ferrari Contruzioni	Granville Equipment
Fertiactyl	Timac Agro USA
Fertileader	Timac Agro USA
FertiRain	Agroliquid
Fill-Rite	Agri Supply
Fimco	Agri Supply
firestone	Colony Tire
FMT SmartFill	Petromen's Inc.
Fontaine	Hale Trailer Brake & Wheel
Ford	Capital Ford Commercial Truck Center
Fransgard	Hayward Distributing
Freightliner	Velocity Truck Centers
FuelMaster	Petromen's Inc.
galaxy	Colony Tire
GEA Houle	Brock Equipment Company Inc.
General Industries	Petromen's Inc.
General Pumps	CTS Cleaning Systems, Inc.
Genie	Mobilift of Burlington
Geostar	Boundary Builders
GIANT	CTS Cleaning Systems, Inc.
Gleaner	Atlantic & Southern Equipment, LLC
Global Equipment	Apache Palco Henke Buffalo
Golden Grove	Golden Grove USA, Inc
GoldLeaf	GoldLeaf Seed Co.
GoodGuys	Capps Trailers.com
Goodyear	BTS Tire & Wheel / Black's Tire & Auto Colony Tire
GPI/GPRO	Petromen's Inc.
Grain Systems (GSI)	Gaston Sealey Co., Inc.
Granville	Granville Equipment
Grasshopper	Grasshopper Company
Grassworks	GrassWorks
Great Plains	Great Plains Mfg., Inc.
Greenscape	Tar River MFG
Greenworks	Carswell Distributing Company Right of Way Equipment Company
Gripple	Pasture Management
Grizzly	Agri Supply
GS1	ENSESO4Food
Gypsoil	Gypsoil - Pellet Division
Gyro-Trac	Jesse Rast Enterprises
H&H	H & H Farm Machine
Hagedorn	Back Creek Ag LLC
Halverson	Reaves Timber of Virginia, Inc
Handlair	Frey Mfg & Dist
Hannay	CTS Cleaning Systems, Inc.
Harbor Pilots	ENSESO4Food
Hardee	Hardee by EVH Manufacturing Co.
Harvey's	Harvey's Fertilizer & Gas Company
Hawke	Capps Trailers.com
Haygrove	TriEst Ag Group

BRAND	EXHIBITORS
Hays-LTI	Hays-LTI
Henke Buffalo	Apache Palco Henke Buffalo
Herd Pro	S & B Custom Innovation/ Herd Pro
Highland Tank	Highland Tank Petromen's Inc.
HighNRG-N	Agroliquid
Hightop	Oak City Equipment Company
HLA	Cummings & Bricker Inc.
Hog Slat	Hog Slat Inc.
Homesteader	McKeever RV H & H Farm Supply & Trailer Sales
Honda	Tidewater Power Equipment Company
Honeyville	Grain Systems Distribution
Hooker	Hooker Pumps, LLC
Horst	Cummings & Bricker Inc.
Hotsy	Hotsy Equipment Company
Hurrican Ditcher	Hurricane Ditcher Company Inc.
Husky	Petromen's Inc.
Husqvarna	Husqvarna
Hustler	Right of Way Equipment Company Tidewater Power Equipment Company
HydraKicker	Innovative Poultry Products LLC
Hypro	BestWay Ag Agri Supply
Hypro	Newton Crouch Company, LLC
Hyundai	National Equipment Dealers UtiliTough, Inc.
ICON	Landoll Company, LLC
InCommand	Ag Leader
Intellislope	Ag Leader
Intercomp	Ag Express
Ironcraft	Smiths Enterprise
Isuzu	Velocity Truck Centers
Jacto	Cummings & Bricker Inc. Tidewater Power Equipment Company
Jaylor	Cummings & Bricker Inc.
JCB	Asheboro JCB Company Wrench
Jeep	Capital CJD Inc
Jobe	Pasture Management
John Blue	BestWay Ag Quality Equipment Newton Crouch Company, LLC
John Deere	Quality Equipment James River Equipment
Kalibrate	Agroliquid
Kanga	UtiliTough, Inc.
KAPITALIZE	Agroliquid
Karcher	MVP Services, Inc
Kaufman	Kaufman Trailers
Keeton	S.I. Distributing



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Keith Manufacturing	Hale Trailer Brake & Wheel
Kidd	Hayward Distributing
Killbros	Unverferth Mfg. Co., Inc.
King Kutter	Agri Supply
Kioti	KIOTI Tractor
KMC	Kelley Manufacturing Co.
Knapheide	Knapheide Truck Equipment
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Kuhn	Kuhn North America
Kuhn Knight	Brock Equipment Company Inc.
KX7 Concaves	Kondex Corporation
LANDA	MVP Services, Inc
Landoll	Landoll Company, LLC Mobilift of Burlington
Lane	GF Equip Sales
Legacy	AmeriAg LLC
Liberate	Agroliquid
Liberty	Capps Trailers.com
Liberty Acres	TriEst Ag Group
Lindsay Zimatic	Quality Equipment
Little Wonder	Carswell Distributing Company
Liugong	CCS Equipment Sales, LLC
LMC	LMC-Ag, LLC
Loflin	Loflin Fabrication, LLC
Loftness	Loftness Specialized Equipment
Logstor	Portage & Main Boilers / Polar Furnaces
LS	LS Tractor USA Reidsville Equipment
LS Tractor	Reidsville Equipment
Lucas	Bailey's Inc.
LVI	Back Creek Ag LLC
MAC Trailer	Southeastern Pneumatic Inc.
MacDon	MacDon - Short Line Sales
Mach Pro	Oak City Equipment Company
MAGNUM	CTS Cleaning Systems, Inc.
Mahindra	Mahindra Agriculture North America
Malone	Atlantic & Southern Equipment, LLC ACI Distributors
Mandako	Jesse Rast Enterprises
Manitou	National Equipment Dealers
Marcrest	Back Creek Ag LLC
Martin	S.I. Distributing
Martin Till	Martin Till

BRAND	EXHIBITORS
Maruyama	Hayward Distributing
Maschio Gaspardo	Maschio Gaspardo North America
Massey Ferguson	Atlantic & Southern Equipment, LLC AGCO Corporation (Massey Ferguson)
maxam	Colony Tire
May Wes	S.I. Distributing
McHale	Atlantic & Southern Equipment, LLC ACI Distributors Cummings & Bricker Inc.
Mechanical Transplanter	B and S Enterprises Inc.
Meridian	Jesse Rast Enterprises
Merlo	Atlantic & Southern Equipment, LLC
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-track	Ag Express
Micro-Trak	Newton Crouch Company, LLC
Mission	Capps Trailers.com
mitas	Colony Tire
Montague	Montague Farms, Inc
Montezuma	S.I. Distributing
Morra	Agri Supply
Morrison Bros.	Petromen's Inc.
Morton Buildings	Morton Buildings, Inc.
MudBuddy	Performance East
Multivator	Hayward Distributing
NACHURS	NACHURS
Netafim	TriEst Ag Group
New Holland	Premier Equipment
Newton Crouch	Newton Crouch Company, LLC
NobleLift	WestLift Industrial Equipment
Nolan	TJ's Trailers Inc. Nolan Manufacturing, LLC
Noland	H & H Farm Supply & Trailer Sales
Norac	Ag Express
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.
Nuseed Carinata	Nuseed Carinata
NXP	ENSES04Food
Oasis	CTS Cleaning Systems, Inc.
Omnivore	Innovative Poultry Products LLC
OMNTEC	Petromen's Inc.
ORSI	Tar River MFG

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Pacer	BestWay Ag Agri Supply Newton Crouch Company, LLC
Palco	Apache Palco Henke Buffalo
Parker	Unverferth Mfg. Co., Inc.
Pasture Management	Pasture Management
Patriot	AmeriAg LLC Pasture Management
Pearson	Pearson Livestock Equipment
Pee Dee	Petromen's Inc.
Peerless	Hale Trailer Brake & Wheel
Penta	Back Creek Ag LLC
Pequea	Pequea Machine
Perdue	Perdue AgriBusiness LLC
Performance Livestock and Feed Company	Performance Livestock and Feed Company
Perkins	Atlantic Power Solutions, Inc.
Phoenix	Unifarm Machinery Corporation
Phoenix Sentry	Innovative Poultry Products LLC
PhytoGe	Corteva Agriscience/Pioneer/PhytoGen
Pioneer	Corteva Agriscience/Pioneer/PhytoGen
PIUSI	Petromen's Inc.
PJ	Capps Trailers.com
Polar	Portage & Main Boilers / Polar Furnaces
Polaris	Performance East
Portage & Main	Portage & Main Boilers / Polar Furnaces
Poultry Hawk	Innovative Poultry Products LLC
Precision Ag Resources	Waters Agricultural Laboratories, Inc.
Precision Planting	S.I. Distributing
Precision Tank	Newton Crouch Company, LLC
Priefert	Priefert Rodeo & Ranch Equipment
Princeton	Mobilift of Burlington
Prinoth	Company Wrench
Pro-Germinator	Agroliquid
Progeny	Progeny Ag Products
Prospector	TJ's Trailers Inc.
PROVEN	Pivot Bio
Radura	S.I. Distributing
Rainbow	Rainbow Fertilizer LLC
Ram	Capital CJD Inc
Raven	BestWay Ag
Raven Industries	Newton Crouch Company, LLC
Rawhide	Rawhide Portable Corral
Red Dragon®	Flame Engineering / Red Dragon Torches
Reddick	Reddick Equipment Co of NC LLC TriEst Ag Group
Redmax	Carswell Distributing Company
Reel Rain	Amadas Industries



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BRAND	EXHIBITORS
Reinke	Brock Equipment Company Inc.
Retrax	Raleigh Apex Hitch
RETURN	Pivot Bio
Rhino	B and S Enterprises Inc.
Rhino	Petromen's Inc.
Rippa	Oak City Equipment Company
RIPSAW	CTS Cleaning Systems, Inc.
RIVEER Environmental	CTS Cleaning Systems, Inc.
Rivulis	TriEst Ag Group
Rizon	Velocity Truck Centers
Road King	Capps Trailers.com
Rubble Crusher	GF Equip Sales Sound Heavy Machinery
Salford	Salford Group Inc.
SaMASZ	Hayward Distributing
SCAG	Scag Power Equipment
Schneider	Petromen's Inc.
Schulte	Schulte Industries Inc.
Schumacher	S.I. Distributing
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
Smart Nutrition MAP+MST	Nutrien Premium Fertilizer Technol- ogies
Smucker	BestWay Ag
Snorkel	WestLift Industrial Equipment
Southern Utility	TJ's Trailers Inc.
SouthLand	Mixon Seed Service
Spartan	Spartan Mowers H & H Farm Supply & Trailer Sales
SpeedRite	Boundary Builders Pasture Management
Speedy Spread	General Fertilizer Equipment Inc.
SpillTech	Petromen's Inc.
SplitForce	Reaves Timber of Virginia, Inc
Sporhaven	TJ's Trailers Inc.
Stalk Claw	Kondex Corporation
Steel Eagle	CTS Cleaning Systems, Inc.
SteerCommand	Ag Leader
Steinbock	Mobilift of Burlington
Stertil-Koni	Stertil-Koni Truck Lifts
STIHL	STIHL Triangle Equipment Group
Straw Claw	Kondex Corporation
Sukup	John Leggett and Sons LLC
Summit	Velocity Truck Centers

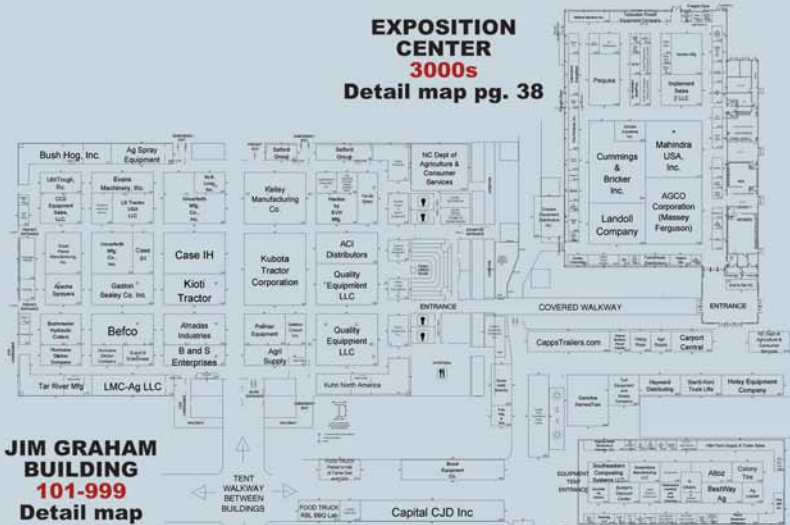
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Sunward	GF Equip Sales
SuperTrak	Atlantic & Southern Equipment, LLC
Sure-K	Agroliquid
Tailboard	S.I. Distributing
Tailift	WestLift Industrial Equipment
Takeuchi	CCS Equipment Sales, LLC
Tar River	Tar River MFG
Tarter	Southern States Cooperative Agri Supply
TARZAN	Tarver Sales
Teagle	Cummings & Bricker Inc.
Tecalemit USA	Petromen's Inc.
TeeJet	BestWay Ag TeeJet Technologies
TeeJet	Newton Crouch Company, LLC
TerraStar	Ag Leader
TerraVest	Highland Tank
tianli	Colony Tire
Tidewater	Tidewater Fabrication
Tifone	H & H Farm Machine
Timacal	Timac Agro USA
Timeless	Boundary Builders
Timpte	Southeastern Pneumatic Inc. Pinnacle Trailer Sales, Inc.
titan	Colony Tire
TM Manufacturing	Reaves Timber of Virginia, Inc
TMR	Kuhn North America
Top	Unverferth Mfg. Co., Inc.
Topcon	Ag Express Newton Crouch Company, LLC
Toro	Turf Equipment and Supply Company CCS Equipment Sales, LLC Right of Way Equipment Company H & H Farm Supply & Trailer Sales
Toro Ag	TriEst Ag Group
TracMow	Virginia Highlands BCS
Trail King	Southeastern Pneumatic Inc.
trelleborg	Colony Tire
TriCal	TriCal Superior Forage
Trimble	Newton Crouch Company, LLC
Trinity	Southeastern Pneumatic Inc.
Triple Crown	Capps Trailers.com
Tru-Test	Pasture Management
True North	Boundary Builders
TruTest	Boundary Builders
Tuff Built	Boundary Builders
TurboDrop	Greenleaf Technologies
Turner Tanks	Petromen's Inc.
TYM	Smiths Enterprise
Udor	CTS Cleaning Systems, Inc.
Unverferth	Unverferth Mfg. Co., Inc.

BRAND	EXHIBITORS
USG	UniSouth Genetics, Inc.
Utilitough	UtiliTough, Inc.
UWS	Raleigh Apex Hitch Capps Trailers.com Agri Supply
Valco	Farm Systems Inc.
Valley	BestWay Ag
Valmar	Salford Group Inc.
Vanguard System	Ag Express
VENIERI	VF VENIERI
Vermeer	Vermeer
Virnig	CCS Equipment Sales, LLC
Virtue	Mixon Seed Service
Vision Works	Newton Crouch Company, LLC
Volvo	Ascendum Machinery, Inc.
VST Hoses	Petromen's Inc.
Vytelle	Windy Hill Farms, LLC/Vytelle
W.R. Long	W. R. Long
Wabash	Southeastern Pneumatic Inc.
Wacker Neuson	WestLift Industrial Equipment CCS Equipment Sales, LLC
Walker	Outdoor Equipment Distributors, Inc.
Wallenstein	Cummings & Bricker Inc.
Watchdog	TJ's Trailers Inc.
WeatherMate	Greenleaf Technologies
Weaverline	Cummings & Bricker Inc.
Werk Brau	National Equipment Dealers
Western Star	Velocity Truck Centers
Westfield	Gaston Sealey Co., Inc.
westlake	Colony Tire
Whiting Systems	CTS Cleaning Systems, Inc.
Wilger	Wilger Inc
Wilson	Wilson Trailer Sales and Service
Wingfield	Wingfield American Harrow
Wintex Agro	Waters Agricultural Laboratories, Inc.
Wood-Mizer	Wood-Mizer, LLC
WoodChuck	Trissel Equipment Sales, LLC
WoodMaster	Reaves Timber of Virginia, Inc
Woody	Hayward Distributing
Wright	Outdoor Equipment Distributors, Inc.
XRTS	Tire Solutions Inc.
Yakta	Smiths 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
ZeeLine	Petromen's Inc.
Zimmatic	John Leggett and Sons LLC
Zimmerman	Zimmerman MFG
Zuidberg	Jesse Rast Enterprises



# FIND YOUR WAY AROUND THE SHOW GROUNDS

**EXPOSITION CENTER**  
**3000s**  
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**JIM GRAHAM BUILDING**  
**101-999**  
Detail map pgs. 36-37



**DORTON ARENA**  
**2000s**  
Detail map pg. 39

**EQUIPMENT TENT**  
**4000s**  
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**OUTDOOR EXHIBITS**  
**8506-8617**

**MIDWAY EXHIBITS**  
**8100-8153**

**TENT 2**  
**6000s**  
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**TENT 1**  
**5000s**  
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**SCOTT TENT**  
**7000s**  
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**KERR SCOTT BLDG.**  
**1000s**  
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**TENT 3**  
**9000s**  
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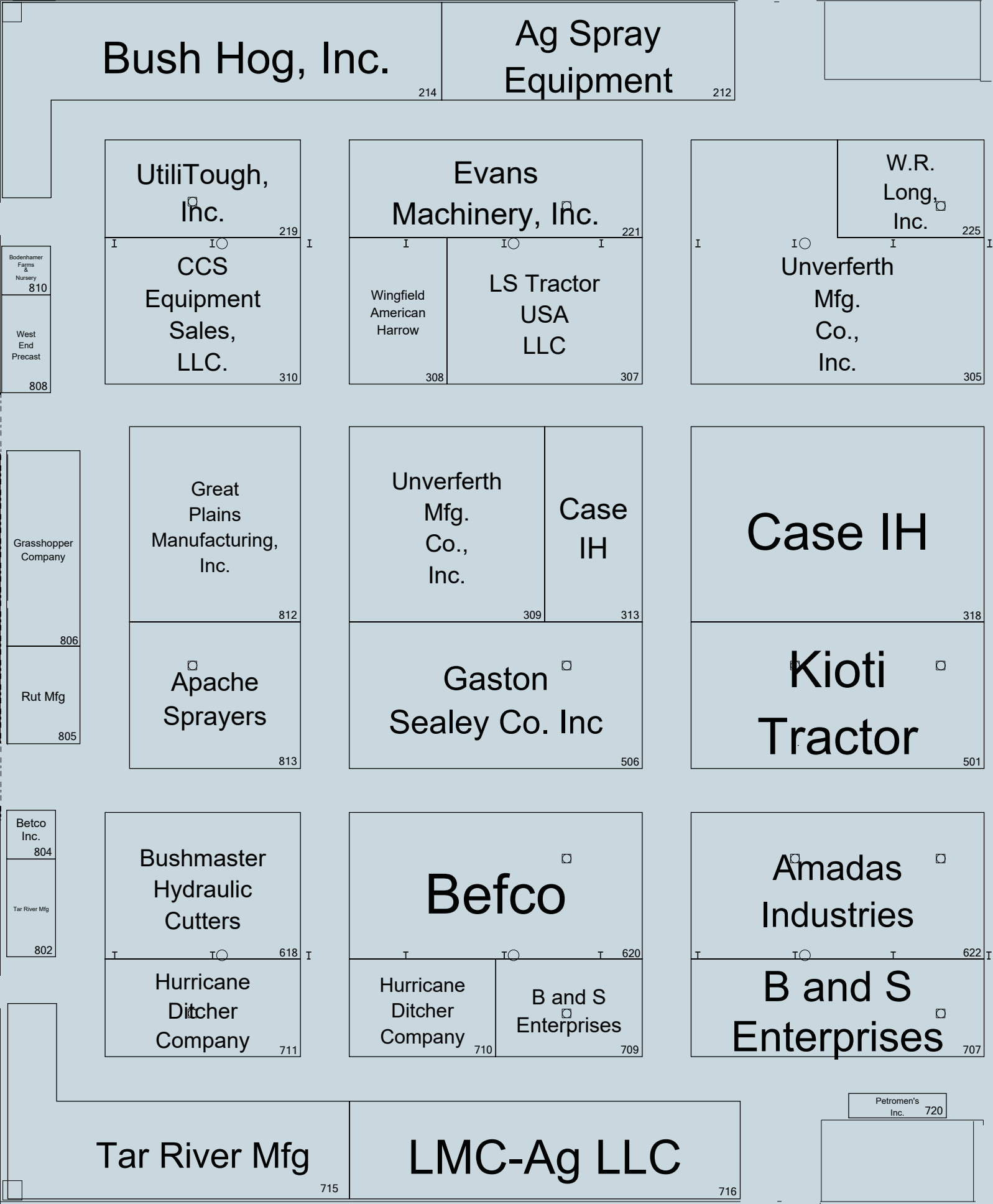
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**JIM MARTIN BUILDING**

**RESTROOMS**

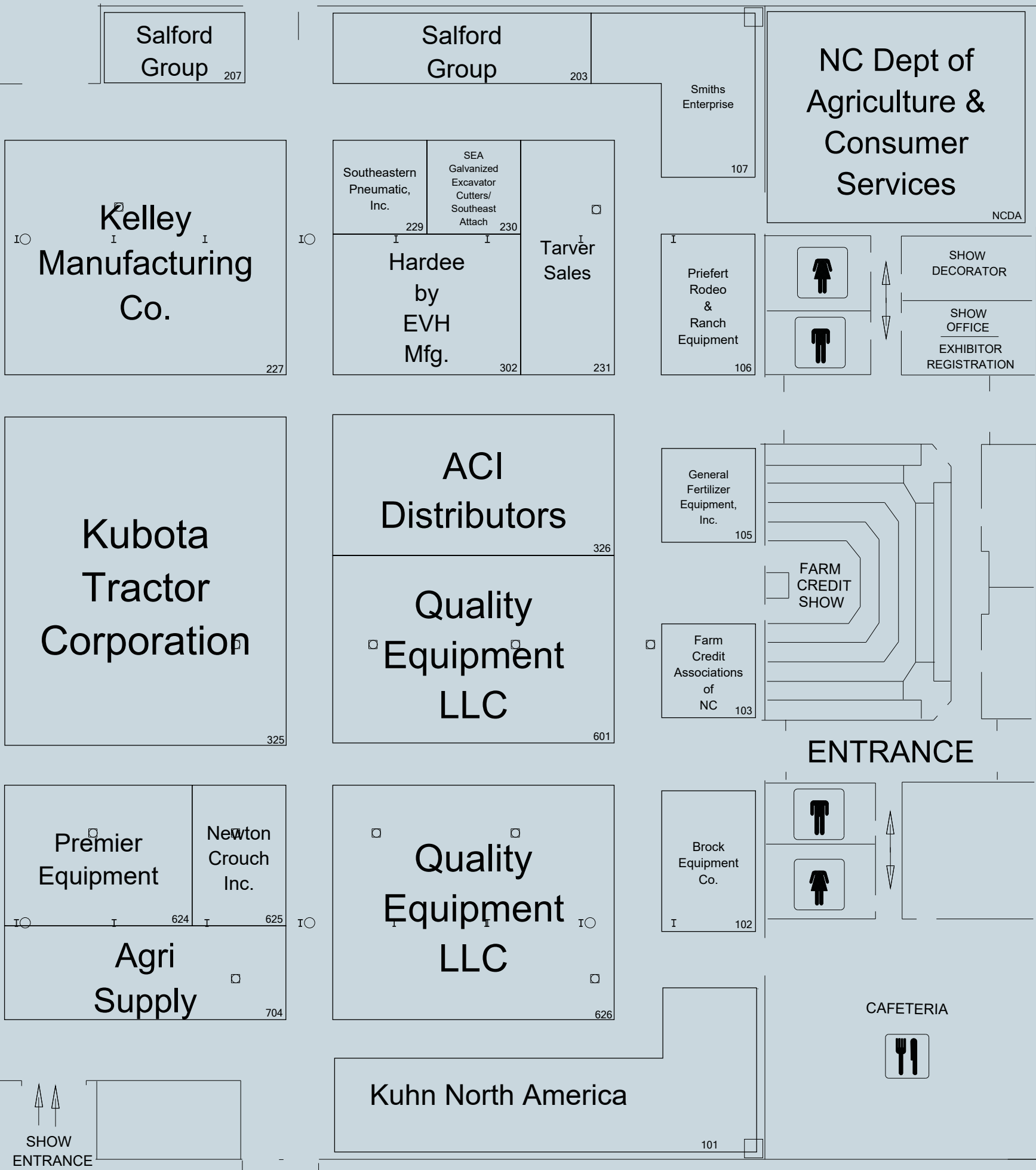








— Exhibits 101-999





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Tidewater Power  
Equipment Company  
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Archer Forest  
Management  
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Fleet  
Radio  
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Windy Hill  
Farm LLC  
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Wilger Inc.  
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Perdue  
Agribusiness  
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S.I.  
Distributing  
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Interstate  
Lighting  
R&E  
3439

Loop Electronics  
Inc.  
3340

Clear  
Choice  
Water  
Solutions  
3437

Tobacco Growers  
Assoc. of N.C.  
3433

Flame Engineering/  
Red Dragon Torches  
3334

Kongsle  
Industries  
Inc.  
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South East Propane  
Alliance (SEPA)  
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Campbell  
Oil  
Company  
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Timac  
Agro  
USA  
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Buildog  
Mfg  
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Norden Mfg  
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Implement  
Sales  
2 LLC  
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American  
Insurance  
Group  
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Southern  
Container  
Corp.  
of  
Wilson,  
Inc.  
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Greenleaf  
Technologies  
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Shoup  
Manufacturing  
Co.  
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MVP  
Services  
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Precision  
Ag  
Resources  
Inc.  
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AgriSampo  
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Mobile  
FarmWare  
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Dean Cullen  
Feed &  
Treat Store Co.  
3111

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Farmer's  
Connection  
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Ag  
Technologies  
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Cammond  
Industries  
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Digfarm  
VBN  
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First Products, Inc.  
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Farmer's  
Harvest  
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RCIS  
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Ag  
Express  
Electronics  
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Sweetwater  
Crack  
Seeds  
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Kondex  
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Atlantic  
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Solutions  
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Rainbow  
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United  
Country  
Virginia  
Refrigeration  
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FarmPower  
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Silo  
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MarCo  
Manufacturing  
3605

Pequea  
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Schulte  
Industries  
Inc.  
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Cummings  
&  
Bricker  
Inc.  
3509

Landoll  
Company  
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Mahindra  
USA,  
Inc.  
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AGCO  
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<p>Carolina Packers Inc.</p> <p>9021</p> <p>Mountain Phone Quality</p> <p>9020</p> <p>NC Ag Aviation</p> <p>9018</p> <p>Harvest Hawk AG</p> <p>9017</p>	<p>Agri Spray Drones</p> <p>9025</p> <p>Pinion</p> <p>9029</p> <p>Lithos Carbon</p> <p>9034</p> <p>Farm Sip Supreme</p> <p>9035</p>	
<p>Southern Marketing Alliance</p> <p>9015</p> <p>Farm Bureau Crop Insurance</p> <p>9014</p> <p>North Carolina Farm Bureau</p> <p>9012</p> <p>Red Angus Association of the Carolinas</p> <p>9011</p>	<p>AgriNet International</p> <p>9116</p> <p>NC Solar Now</p> <p>9105</p> <p>North Carolina Black Hereford Assoc.</p> <p>9104</p> <p>Apache Palco Hanks Buffalo</p> <p>9103</p> <p>Ag Container Recycling Council</p> <p>9117</p> <p>Tri-Lift Industries Inc</p> <p>9101</p>	<p>USA Farm Labor</p> <p>9001</p> <p>Colonyphedias</p> <p>9002</p> <p>Tri-Lift Superior Forage</p> <p>9004</p> <p>PAUS</p> <p>9005</p>
<p>Dycor Ventures</p> <p>9010</p>	<p>City of Raleigh Public Utilities</p> <p>9008</p>	<p>Cent.ender</p> <p>9006</p>

**Booths:**

- Carolina Packer Repair 1102
- GoldLeaf Seed Co. 1104
- Tidewater Seed LLC 1108
- Nutrien Premium Fertilizer Technologies 1112
- Cross Creek Seed Inc. 1116
- Greenhouse Green Inc. 1120
- Augusta Seed 1122
- Triangle Risk Advisors 1005
- Diesel Chemical Company 1004
- TriEst Ag Group, Inc. 1002
- Carolina Greenhouse & Soil Company 1201
- Choice Ag LLC 1302
- NACHURS 1203
- Seitec Genetics 1304
- Pasture Management 1207
- Quality Equipment LLC 1301
- Corteva Agriscience/Pioneer/PhytoGen 1402
- Mixon Seed Service 1406
- Southern States Cooperative 1307
- Harvey's Fertilizer & Gas Company 1401
- Wako Stone Corp./McCal Ag Line 1405
- Advance Ag Service 1407
- Pivot Bio 1409
- Golden Grove USA 1311
- Agri Sciences Bio 1313
- SEA Gatedriver Encoder Custom/Manufacture 1315
- Crompter Plastic Pipe 1317
- Getsco 1416
- Williamson Greenhouses 1415
- Carolina Custom Traders 1419
- Atticus 1006
- VaCarolina Buildings, Inc. 1007
- NC Agromedicine Institute 1009
- Clifton Seed Co. 1011
- Unisouth Genetics, Inc. 1012
- Yara North America 1015
- General Timber 1016

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**Other Features:**

- Restrooms (Men and Women icons)
- Stairs
- Exits (Arrows)
- Large outdoor area with stage and 'H&H Farm Machine' sign

Farm Systems Inc.	5027	EcoSunPro	S & B Custom Innovation/ Herd Pro			5003	Lewis Cattle Ollers /MB Enterprise	Leading Edge Aerial Technologies	
	5022	5106	Everlasting Signs	5110	5111	5101	Minnesota Pneumatic Products	5004	North Carolina Agricultural Mediation Forum
5019	5018	5017	5014	Bella Cotton	5013	5012	5009	NCSU Agronomy Club	Royal Oil Company
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The diagram illustrates the organizational structure of the Triangle Equipment Group. The group is divided into several divisions, each represented by a box. The divisions are: Advance Land and Timber (6012), Maxco Lubricants (6013), Innovative Poultiy Products, LLC (6019), Southeast American Metal Sales (6114), Harris-Crisp Specialty Equipment Co. (6102), Carswell Distributing Company (6104), Better Garden Tools (6101), Stewart's Wood Products (6023), Clean Energy Heating Systems (6001), Trissel Equipment Sales (6028), Red Renewables (6027), and Southland Organics (6024). The divisions are connected by lines, indicating a hierarchical relationship. The Southeast American Metal Sales division is the largest and contains the most sub-divisions.

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# Lumberjacks Return

A POPULAR SHOW FEATURE since the 2017 Southern Farm Show, the South Atlantic Woodsmen's Association (SAWA) returns for the 2025 show for three days of lumberjack, chainsaw and woodsmen demonstrations. Their appearance will again be sponsored by STIHL, which will also be at the show with their selection of forestry products.

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.

Three daily demonstrations are planned for the Midway area of the fairgrounds near 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. Then it's on to the power equipment, with competitors using STIHL chainsaws to demonstrate the safe and efficient use of these popular forestry essentials.

SAWA leader Jimmy Lawrence says they will again this year modify their normal lumberjack show to appeal to farmers, landscap-

ers 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

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# Exhibitor Profile:

## Gaston Sealey Company treats customers like friends, family



BACK IN THE DAY, Gaston Sealey wore a cowboy hat when most of the men in Eastern North Carolina wore fedoras. That cowboy hat soon became the signature item for the much-respected farm equipment distributor.

As Fitzhugh Sealey, Gaston Sealey's son explains it, the owner of Continental Belting, based in Texas, gave Gaston Sealey one requirement for Sealey to sell his products. He brought out a box, opened it, and revealed a brand-new cowboy hat.

"Sure, Gaston, you can sell my products. But you have to wear this cowboy hat. It will set you apart and people will remember you if you wear this cowboy hat. It became his trademark, a sales feature that worked," Fitzhugh Sealey says.

From that point on, Gaston Sealey was known for that cowboy hat he would always wear.

Gaston Sealey began his career as a mailman in Charlotte, N.C., but with a desire to return home to Fairmont, N.C. The young Sealey accepted a position to sell farm equipment for Carl Meares, a North Carolina state senator and owner of a local tractor dealership. Sealey worked for Meares for several years, but soon decided to branch out on his own and launch a new business.

In 1951, he started Gaston Sealey Company, Inc., to sell farm equipment and grain handling equipment. The company started as a wholesale distributor selling sprayers,

seeders, other types of farm equipment and even some grain handling equipment.

The company began to grow and expand, with its good location not far from Interstate 95 and close to the South Carolina border. Farmers, both large and small, all the way from Florida and Georgia and up to Virginia, became loyal Gaston Sealey Company, Inc. customers.

Over the years, 74 to be exact, the company diversified into grain handling equipment, grain bins, grain storage and grain dryers. Gaston Sealey died in 1990 at the age of 69. Gaston Sealey's children, sons Wade Sealey and Fitzhugh Sealey, both completing their studies at N.C. State University, and one of his daughters, Velvet Sealey Leggette, a graduate of both Peace College and Campbell University, all joined the business operations.

Wade specialized in grain storage and grain handling equipment while Fitz concentrated on farm equipment. Velvet handles all the business accounting. Wade passed away in 2016 at the age of 64.

"We're a small family business. We started out sweeping the floors for our dad and worked our way up. The good Lord has really blessed us over the years," Fitz says.

Today, Gaston Sealey Company has 10 full-time employees. Fitz handles sales and distribution while Velvet serves as the finance manager. The company specializes in designing grain storage and handling equipment for farmers, large

and small.

"We've always believed in having parts on hand and providing excellent service. We keep all of the equipment out of the weather elements. We have always strived to offer immediate service," Fitz says. He emphasizes that no customer is too large, or too small. They serve farmers with just a few hundred acres all the way to those very large farmers, with thousands of acres.

"We have sales representatives that call on dealers and sales representatives that call on farmers on their farms to help them with their grain handling and storage. We can help farmers customize and design their dryers, bin and augers, according to the way they want or need it," Fitz says. "We have been around a long time. That really goes a long way towards our success. Word of mouth really helps us gain new customers."

Fitz says it all comes down to respect.

"I've learned two simple things. One, if you tell a man that you are going to call him back, call him back. When you call him back, be honest with him. If you can't provide him with a service, then be up front and tell him. If you can't protect the price, tell him. He can live with that, and he will appreciate it. If you lie to him, it's bad news," he says.

Fitz says the key to success is to treat each customer as a friend, even family. He says this is very rewarding and what their business is all about.

"In this day and time, to feel good about people and to help them succeed means a lot. That's what we try to do, and we hope that our customers feel good about us. Our customers know that any time they need something, within reason, we will do all we can to help them. You don't see a lot of companies do that these days. Most say, 'it's 5:00, the door is locked and that's it.'"

Gaston Sealey Company has exhibited at the Southern Farm Show every year since the very first show held at the N.C. State Fairgrounds in Raleigh in 1978. Fitz says a lot of the old timers still come by our booth, remembering his dad's famous cowboy hat, which he always wore at the show in those early days.

Fitz says the Southern Farm Show is a "wonderful show for us" because it is always well attended by farmers and is held at a time of year when the farmers are not busy working in the fields.

"Today, every other industry is online. Our customers use the internet, but they still want that personal connection. They want to see you and talk to you. That personal contact and personal connection is very important. Customers want to talk with you one-on-one and the Southern Farm Show is great for that," Fitz says.



Members of the Gaston Sealey Company, Inc. team include, from left, Andy Leggette, Velvet Sealey Leggette and Fitzhugh Sealey.



# Construction Equipment again to be extensive

LAND CLEARING AND forestry operations continue to remain strong throughout the Carolinas and Virginia. This has kept the grading, excavating and mulching equipment area a popular show destination. The expanding use of traditional construction equipment as part of large farm operations is also driving interest in this



equipment and has established the Southern Farm Show as the largest annual display of construction equipment in the three-state area.

Grading and excavation brands on display at the show will include JCB, Komatsu, Bobcat, Yanmar, New Holland, Hitachi, Takeuchi, Liugong, Kubota, Doosan, VF Venieri, Sunward, Volvo, AUSA, Hyundai, John Deere, Bergmann,

Virnig, Manitou, Kobelco, Werk Brau and ASV.

Land clearing equipment to be found at the show will include brands like Vermeer, Fecon, FAE, Blue Diamond Attachments, Baumalight, Loftness, Wallenstein, Denis Cimaf, Shearex, Prinroth, Brush Hound, Seppi, Rubble Crusher, Shearex, Gyro Trac and Simatech.

Other exhibiting attachment companies include Carolina Attachments, Construction Implements Depot, Southeast Attachments and Utilitough.



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# TGANC annual meeting returns to Southern Farm Show

EACH 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 2025. The annual membership meeting of TGANC is set for 10 a.m. Friday, Feb. 7, in the Holshouser Building on the N.C. 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.

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 industry associates met at a barbecue restaurant in Kinston, right in the very heart of North Carolina tobacco country, 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 dic-

tated 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.



The annual membership meeting of the Tobacco Growers Association of North Carolina is set for 10 a.m. Friday, Feb. 7, in the Holshouser Building.



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# Trailer Selection Expands

TWO NEW EXHIBITORS offering trailers will do a lot to expand that category for the 2025 show.

Kauffman Trailers joins the show with a large area devoted to their extensive line of utility, gooseneck, flatbed, equipment, dump, detach, log, and fixed neck trailers. McKeever RV is also new this year with a selection of Homesteader horse, dump and other trailers.

They will be added to returning exhibitors Nolan Manufacturing; Smith Farm Trailer Sales with Alumline, Bradford Built, and Econoline; TJ's Trailers with Anvil, Covered Wagon, Doolittle, Prospector, Southern Utility, Sporthaven and Watchdog; and

Capps Trailers with Aluma, B&W, Carry-On, Curt, Elite, EZ Hauler, GoodGuys, Hawke, Liberty, Mission, Road King, and Triple Crown.

Companies with larger semi-trailers include Wilson Trailer Sales and Service; Hale Trailer Brake and Wheel showing Fontaine and Peerless; Pinnacle Trailer Sales will have East, Timpote, and Wabash; and Southeastern Pneumatic will be displaying Dorsey, MAC, Trail King, Trinity and Timpote. For semis to tow those trailers, Velocity Truck is also new this year with vocational and on-highway trucks, tractors and trailers.



## The Ag Institute to hold gathering

THE AGRICULTURAL INSTITUTE at N.C. State University will celebrate 65 years of hands-on technical education in agriculture at this year's show. The event will take place at the Tobacco Pavilion on the N.C. State Fairgrounds on Thursday, February 6th, from 4:00 to 5:30 p.m. Alumni and friends of the Agricultural Institute will enjoy light refreshments and hear testimonials from past and current students, as well as future directions for this dynamic and impactful degree program. There is no registration for this event. It is open to everyone affiliated with the Agricultural Institute.

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where you will find over a dozen exhibits by agencies of the North Carolina Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services. Department personnel will be on hand throughout the show to answer questions and educate the public.

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





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# Ag Development Forum: A highlight of Southern Farm Show

WHEN STEVE TROXLER became North Carolina agriculture commissioner in 2005 he 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 Ag Development Forum soon became a must attend event for ag industry leaders and for farmers as they planned the new crop year ahead. The forum became key for highlighting the policies and economic factors impacting North Carolina agriculture.

Troxler says the forum is particularly important in 2025 as North Carolina farmers come off one of the most difficult and challenging years they have ever faced. He says he hopes this year's forum will help farmers find success as the new crop year begins.

The 19th annual Ag Development Forum is set for 9:30 a.m., Thursday, Feb. 6, at the Holshouser Building on the N.C. State Fairgrounds. The program was still being finalized as the Southern Farm Show program went to press, but as in year's past, Troxler will deliver his annual State of North Carolina Agriculture address, and an economic outlook will be presented. A highlight of the program will be the presentation of the department's prestigious "Exporter of the Year" award.


The forum is open to all attendees of the Southern Farm Show and concludes with a catered lunch.


"Staying up to date on the latest information about agriculture is always important, but it is even more critical in challenging years like this one has been for our ag community," Troxler said. "I encourage farmers to plan to attend


the Ag Development Forum to hear the latest updates on the state's ongoing disaster efforts and ag economy, plus insights from other state and national leaders."



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# USDA to present on Farm Service Agency Programs

## Wednesday — Jim Martin Building

SPECIALISTS FROM THE U.S. Department of Agriculture will be at this year's show to help farmers understand how to apply for, and benefit from the various programs offered by the Farm Service Agency. These sessions will take place in the James Martin Building on the opening day of the show, Wednesday, February 5. There is no cost to attend, and reservations are not required.

### ■ *Unlocking the USDA Toolbox and Farm Service Agency Programs with Easy Access Steps*

— **Wednesday at 10 a.m.**

— **Presented by Chiquita McDowell**, Agricultural Program Specialist, USDA — N.C. Farm Service Agency

Are you curious about what the USDA Farm Service Agency (FSA) can do for you? Join Agricultural Program Specialist Chiquita McDowell as she dives into a treasure trove of programs and services specifically to support farmers and ranchers. From risk management to operational growth, Chiquita will introduce the resources to make a difference in your day-to-day operations. For those new to the FSA, she will break down a simple, four-step guide on becoming an official FSA customer, which will get you one step closer to the support you deserve.

### ■ *Sustaining Your Land with FSA Conservation Programs for Long-Term Success*

— **Wednesday at 11 a.m.**

— **Presented by Starla Harwood**, State Agricultural Specialist — Conservation USDA — N.C. Farm Service Agency

Ready to enhance the sustainability of your farm? Starla Harwood, State Agricultural Specialist for Conservation, will share insights into the FSA's conservation programs that help farmers protect their resources while improving productivity. She'll delve into the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP), which offers farmers incentives to convert environmentally sensitive land into conservation reserves. Discover how this and other FSA initiatives can help you conserve your land for future generations while maximizing your farm's potential today.

### ■ *Beyond FSA with NRCS Conservation Resources for a Thriving Future*

— **Wednesday at 1 p.m.**

— **Presented by Jeb Minarik**, Resource Conservationist — Programs USDA — N.C. Natural Resources Conservation Service

Building on the FSA conservation programs, State Resource Conservationist Jeff Minarik will guide you through additional USDA conservation tools available through the Natural Resources Conservation Service.



Jeb's session will highlight the Conservation Stewardship Program (CSP), which supports sustainable practices on working lands, and the Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP), designed to help farmers address natural resource concerns. Learn how these NRCS programs work hand in hand with FSA initiatives to support your conservation goals and contribute to a more resilient agricultural landscape.

### ■ *Financing Your Farm with USDA Loan Opportunities from FSA*

— **Wednesday at 2 p.m.**

— **Presented by Dock Jones**, Farm Loan Specialist — USDA — N.C. Farm Service Agency

Dreaming of expanding your operation, upgrading your equipment, or simply looking for some financial peace of mind? Dock Jones, State Farm Loan Specialist with the Farm Service Agency, will guide you through the USDA's farm loan opportunities tailored to new and seasonal farmers. Dock's session will outline the financial programs that can fuel your growth, and he'll share tips on navigating the loan application process. Don't miss this opportunity to learn how USDA funding can bring your farming vision to life.

## The Presenters

**Chiquita McDowell**  
Agricultural Program Specialist  
USDA — N.C. Farm Service Agency



CHIKUITA MCDOWELL is an Agricultural Program Specialist with the USDA Farm Service Agency (FSA) state office. She oversees various programs and offers guidance to FSA county offices on policy and program implementation.

Chiquita joined the state USDA FSA team in 2002 as a Temporary Program Technician

in N.C. With her previous assignments, Chiquita has over 20 years of combined experience with USDA. Previously, she served as a Program Technician and County Executive Director for 13 years in Virginia and two years in N.C. She has also served as a Trainer and Mentor to County Executive Director Trainees.

Chiquita holds a Bachelor of Science in Animal Science from North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University. She was born in Edgecombe County, where she currently resides.

**Jeb Minarik**  
Resource Conservationist  
— Programs USDA — N.C. Natural Resources Conservation Service



JEB MINARIK serves as the Resource Conservationist for Programs with the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) in North Carolina. In this role, he oversees program initiatives focused on resource conservation and sustainable agricultural practices across the state.

Jeb began his career with NRCS in 2007 as Soil Conservation Technician in Montana. Since then, he has held various roles, including Soil Conservationist, District Conservationist, and Area Resource Conservationist, with assignments in offices throughout Virginia and Arizona.

Jeb earned a Bachelor of Science in Forestry from Virginia Tech in 2000. His diverse experiences and commitment to conservation make him a valuable asset to the NRCS team in North Carolina.

**Dock Jones**  
Farm Loan Specialist  
USDA — N.C. Farm Service Agency



DOCK JONES serves as a Farm Loan Specialist with the USDA Farm Service

Agency (FSA) in North Carolina. With 13 years of experience, Dock supports farmers and rural communities by helping them secure essential financial resources.

Dock joined the FSA in 2010 and has served in various county offices, including

Duplin, Granville, Nash, Sampson, and Wake, before joining the State Office in 2016. He specializes in primary loan servicing, litigation, and field staff support. Dock also serves as the North Carolina Appeals Division Coordinator and recently completed a four-month detail with USDA's National Office on the Inflation Reduction Action Extraordinary Measures Program.

Prior to his FSA role, Dock worked with the North Carolina Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services.

Dock holds a Bachelor of Science in Agricultural Business Management with a minor in Economics from North Carolina State University (NCSU). Outside of his work, he is involved in his church as a moderator and supports student mentoring at NCSU.

**Starla Harwood**  
State Agricultural Specialist  
— Conservation USDA — N.C. Farm Service Agency



STARLA L. HARWOOD is a distinguished expert in the agriculture sector. She started her tenure with the Farm Service Agency (FSA) in August 2008 at the Stanly County Office, where her dedication and work ethic were evident early in her career.

In 2019, due to her exemplary leadership, she and a team of other selectees paved the way for the first USDA FSA Leadership Excellence for Program Technicians Program, which consisted of a year-long training event in Kansas City and Washington, DC.

By June 2022, Starla's outstanding performance earned her a promotion to the Conservation Key Program Technician (KPT), ultimately leading to her advancement to the FSA State Office in March 2023 as the State Agricultural Specialist for the Conservation Program. Collaborating with the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), Starla spearheads FSA conservation initiatives, championing sustainable agriculture throughout the state. Her leadership prowess, meticulous approach, and unwavering dedication consistently yield superior results.

Before her FSA journey, Starla served for a decade at the N.C. Cooperative Extension Office in Stanly County, amassing invaluable experience in agricultural education and outreach, fostering collaboration with farmers and stakeholders to advocate best practices and inspire impactful change.



# Bringing the Horse Power

BY KATIE PRATT

AMID A DENSE southeastern forest, Chad Miano and his Suffolk draft horses “Alabama” and “Chief” can be found moving in harmony as they harvest and remove felled trees from the forest floor.

Miano is the owner of Miano Horse Powered Logging and in his 30th year of business. He and his team of horses will harvest a diverse set of tree species and will operate in large and small timber parcels. They move on average between 100,000 and 150,000 board feet of timber each year.

Miano grew up playing sports and working on his family farm in rural southwest Virginia. He credits this upbringing with helping him prepare to enter the physically demanding logging industry. After he graduated from college, he landed a job at a farm that had draft horses and became passionate about them. He headed to the forest and started his career shortly thereafter.

“I always wanted to run my own business. At 22 years old, I applied for a business loan to start logging,” he said. “I like the work. I like cutting timber, working with the horses, being in the woods and being my own boss.”

Miano started out with a part-Suffolk mare named “Sally” and a Belgian gelding named “Rocky.” He liked what he saw from other loggers using the Suffolk breed and purchased his first purebred pair of geldings in 2000. Today, he has seven Suffolks — four he currently uses for work and three he is training.

“These horses have been bred for physical and mental attributes that make them perfect for logging,” he said. “They are very willing horses. You just have to get them to

understand what you need them to do. It’s more of a working relationship than a confrontational one.”

Throughout his career, Miano has always had help from his family. In the early days, help came from his younger brothers Todd and Dylan. Today, it often comes from his four children Victoria, Frank, Elliemay and Craig.

“It’s always been a family affair,” he said. “I always wanted to stay a small business.”

He usually stays within a 40-mile radius of his home in southwest Virginia, but over the years, he has logged all over the eastern United States. Landowners usually find him through word-of-mouth.

“We are a good fit for landowners who want the lightest logging footprint possible,” he said. “We use sustainable methods; selective hewing and we hand cut our trails. When we are done, the landowners will still have an intact ecosystem,” he said.

He has also seen an uptick in work through media exposure, which culminated in 2012 when he was featured on the History Channel show, “Ax Men.”

“I have never been without work,” he said. “Now, we have seen our share of tough times, but as long as I have a tree or some sort of boundary to work, my horses have never let me down. When times get tough, I can always go get my horses and we can get a load out.”

## SOUTHERN FARM SHOW HORSE PULL

When they are not in the forest, Miano and his team can be found on the horse pulling circuit. Since 1998, Miano has participated in many Southern Farm Show horse pulls. The Southern National Draft Horse Pull is often the opening event for the Blue Ridge Horse



Elliemay Miano, Chad Miano's daughter, with draft horses Alabama and Chief.

Puller Association's season.

“I like the competitive aspect of horse pulling,” he said. “In a competition that is often dominated by Belgian horses, it gives me an opportunity to showcase the Suffolk breed and what these horses can do.”

In 2024, “Alabama” and “Chief” made him the points champion in the heavy

weight pulling division of the Blue Ridge Horse Pullers Association. They finished third at the 2024 Southern Farm Show and had several other high placements throughout the pulling season.

The 2025 Southern National Draft Horse Pull is scheduled for Friday, Feb. 7, at the Hunt Horse Arena.



Chad Miano with his draft horses, Alabama and Chief.

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# Brothers'n'Bluegrass returns to Southern Farm Show

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

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 in performing all the bluegrass favorites.

Attending 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 in 1978 and will return again in 2025.

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 began in 1972. The group got its name from brothers Bil-

ly Wall and Needham Wall, 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, playing banjo.

Members of Brother '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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## Duke Energy Power Line Safety Demonstrations

A TEAM OF Duke Energy training specialists will attend the 2025 Southern Farm Show to conduct power line safety demonstrations and training. The team will discuss how outages occur and how power is restored. They will also demonstrate what could happen if an object contacts an overhead or underground live power line. Power line safety demonstrations are for all area first

responders to help them prepare for accidents, storms and other events that knock down power lines and damage equipment, they are also to educate the general public about the dangers of power lines. Demonstrations will be conducted on Wednesday and Thursday, February 5 and 6, at 10 a.m., 1p.m. and 3 p.m., and on Friday, February 7, at 10 a.m., 12:30 p.m. and 2 p.m.



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# North Carolina FFA State Career Development events

THE BEST HIGH SCHOOL equipment drivers and operators from around the state will gather in Raleigh on February 6. They'll be there for the annual North Carolina FFA Association State Tractor and Truck Driving Career Development Events, now in their 44th year as a part of the Southern Farm Show.



Brayson Williamson from the West Columbus FFA Chapter is presented the 2024 1st Place Tractor Driving trophy from FFA state officers.



The events, sponsored by Kubota and Chevrolet, are the culmination of practice and competition within each FFA chapter. And while there are bragging rights for the even-

tual winning drivers and schools, the real mission, according to FFA State Advisor and State Agricultural Education Leader, Josh Bledsoe, is teaching safety. Bledsoe notes that each event revolves around 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."



Dalton Blevins from the Alleghany FFA Chapter is presented the 2024 1st place Truck Driving trophy from FFA state officers.

## Hands-on Excavation

COMPANY WRENCH IS returning to the show with their popular area that allows show guests to operate Kobelco excavators. Kolbeco factory representatives will be on hand to help those 21 and older understand how the excavators operate. 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 will also have an additional exhibit area this year dedicated to Prinoth mulching and other equipment. Both carrier vehicle and attachment models will be on display. Their traditional exhibit area will be filled with JCB loaders, telehandlers, and other construction equipment.



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# Fencing tips for livestock producers

BY KATIE PRATT

WELL-CONSTRUCTED FENCES not only keep livestock in, and boundaries well marked, but if properly built and maintained, they can last for many years and have a great return on investment. Matthew Whitt, general manager of Pasture Management, offers these tips for producers interested in improving their fencing.

■ **Understand wire labels** — Producers may notice a series of numbers when they go to buy fencing wire, such as 10-47-6-330 12.5ga C3, but may not know what these numbers mean. The first number (10 in this example) is the number of horizontal wires, next is the height of the fence in inches (47), followed by the vertical wire spacing in inches (6) and the length of the fencing roll in feet (330). Next, is the wire diameter (12.5) and last is the class of the wire (C3).

■ **Know correct post spacing** — Producers should match their post spacing to the wire they choose. Class 1 wire is less expensive but requires more posts than



Look for durability when selecting wire. The class of wire refers to the coating that protects the steel and prevents rust. (Photos by Pasture Management)



If properly built and maintained, fences can last for many years and have a great return on investment.

class 3 wires, which are more expensive.

"Neither wire is incorrect, but you need to take post pricing and wire pricing into account," Whitt said. "Generally, by selecting a high-tensile, class 3 wire that is a little more expensive, you save time and money because you do not need as many posts to retain the integrity of the wire."

■ **Choose wire strength** — Wire comes in different strengths including low carbon and medium and high tensile. To keep their livestock contained, producers need strong wires.

"Low carbon wire is not ideal for fences that need to keep cattle contained," he said. "It may be a good option for gardens, though. High tensile wire is always recommended for perimeter fences and for big livestock."

■ **Look for durability** — The class of wire refers to the coating that protects the steel and prevents rust.

"At Pasture Management, we like to say, 'The higher the class, the longer it lasts.' Class 3 coated wire is the industry standard

for durability and longevity," Whitt said.

■ **Select the right knots** — Different wire joining methods work for different situations. The fixed knot woven wire is the strongest, but there are many types of knots on the market.

"If you want the strongest, longest-lasting fence you can build, look for high tensile, class 3, fixed knot wire," Whitt said. "There are other knot types, such as smooth knot, or s-knot, which is great for horses or goats because it does not have ends that may nick or scratch hides."

■ **Protect your fence** — Keep livestock from damaging the fence by installing an electric wire on the top or the middle of the fence to prevent animals from rubbing on the fence and damaging the wires.

Based in Mt. Pleasant, N.C., Pasture Management tries to attend each Southern Farm Show to connect with their dealers and customers.

"We have the opportunity to interact with and educate the attendees on tried-and-true Pasture Management products as

well as the products we are introducing into the marketplace over the next year," Whitt said. "Additionally, we gain valuable feedback and knowledge about what producers are experiencing in the industry and how we can help meet their needs."

This year, they have a new product, Speedrite Hot Tip Outrigger, that they are excited to show to attendees.

"Speedrite Hot Tip Outrigger is the only live hot top outrigger on the market," Whitt said. "It reinforces perimeter fencing by deterring livestock and predators from damaging the existing fence. It works with wood posts, comes in two lengths and is made from 6mm galvanized spring steel. It is UV stabilized for long-lasting durability."

They will also showcase many of their existing products including Pasture Management posts, medium tensile fence and fixed knot high tensile class 3 wire.

Pasture Management is exhibit 1207 in the Kerr Scott Building.

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# New companies to discover

A BIG WELCOME goes to the following companies that were not part of the 2024 Southern Farm Show

**Agritec International**, 9116 Tent #3 — Liquid calcium and fertilizers

**Apache Palco Henke Buffalo**, 9103 Tent #3 — Creep Feeder, Feeder Wagon, Feed Bunks, Working Chutes, Tub and Alley, Pannels and Fencing.

**City of Raleigh**, 9008 Tent #3 — Class A biological and non-biological residual.

**Coopworx**, 8505 Outside — Chicken feed and watering silos.

**Cottonspindlepress**, 9002 Tent #2 — Cotton spindle presses.

**Direct Metal Structures**, 8335 Outside — Metal structures.

**EcoSunPro**, 5027 Tent #1 — Val-6 portable heating and cooling units for many different applications.

**ENSESO4Food**, 3107 Exposition Center — A food traceability solution designed to meet FSMA 204 requirement.

**Farm Sip Supreme**, 9035 Tent #3 — Tractor cab accessories that enhance the everyday experience of farmers.

**Grain Systems Distribution**, 4109 Equipment Tent — Grain handling equipment. Grain bin handling and unload equipment.



**Great Lakes Petroleum**, 7027 Equipment Tent — Fuel management technology, fuel tanks and accessories we provide, and service related services.

**Harvest Hawk AG**, 9017 Equipment Tent — Agricultural drone spraying services including agricultural solution products such as seed treatments, micronutrients, and surfactant/adjuvants.

**Hayward Distributing**, 8609 Outside — Skid steer and tractor attachments, zero turn mowers, handheld equipment, forestry products, fruit and vegetable specialty products.

**Highland Tank**, 7319 Scott Tent — Propane and fuel storage tanks.

**Hooker Pumps, LLC**, 7039 Scott Tent — Transfer pumps, IBS tote agitation and discharge systems and high pressure pumps for subterranean watering.

**JABB of the Carolinas Inc.**, 7021 Scott Tent — Seed treatments.

**Kaufman Trailers**, 8341 Outside — Utility, gooseneck, flatbed, equipment, car hauler, dump, detach, log, and fixed neck trailers.

**Lithos Carbon**, 9034 Tent #3 — Custom application of an aglime alternative (basalt).

**McKeever RV**, 8019 Outside — Horse and dump trailers.

**Oak City Equipment Company**, 7001 Scott Tent — Mini diggers, Mini skid steers, implements, trailer equipment, AGT, Bison, Hightop, Ripa, Mach Pro.

**Penderlea Farms**, 5110 Tent #1 — Live, Swamp Chestnut and Swamp White Oaks.

**Performance Livestock and Feed Company**, 4113 Equipment Tent — Livestock Feed.

**Quality Oil Company**, 8221 Outside — On-road/off-road fueling, job-site tanks, propane, lubricants, on-site fleet fueling, generator refueling, space heaters, portable propane heaters, tank monitors.



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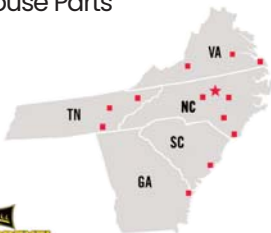
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**Raleigh Apex Hitch**, 7328 Scott Tent — Tool boxes, 5th wheel hitches, goosenecks, adjustable hitches, fuel transfer tanks.

**Red Renewables**, 6027 Tent #2 — Solar PV systems for agricultural and commercial customers.

**Reidsville Equipment**, 8342 Outside — LS Tractors and construction skid steer attachments.

**Rut Mfg**, 805 Jim Graham Building — Skid steer and excavator brush cutters, disc mulchers, and drum mulchers.

**Southeast American Metal Sales**, 6114 Tent #2 — Metal trusses, pole barn kits and metal roofing.

**Southern Marketing Affiliates**, 9015 Tent #3 — Aftermarket tillage, cotton picker parts, etc.

**Stewarts Wood Products**, 6023 Tent #2 — treated fence posts and dry kiln firewood bundles.

**Thomas Tires**, 8309 Outside — Commercial tires.

**Tri-Lift Industries Inc**, 9109 Tent #3 — Forklifts and other material handling



equipment for the agricultural industry.

**Triangle Equipment Company**, 6003 Tent #2 — Bobcat dealer.

**USA Farm Labor**, 9001 Tent #3 — A full service H2A provider helping farmers and farm contracting companies fill their seasonal labor needs.

**Velocity Truck Centers**, 8250 Outside — Vocational and on-highway trucks, tractors and trailers.

**Virginia Highlands BCS**, 5111 Tent #1 — Tracmow remote controlled slope mower, 3 Ambrogio robotic lawnmower, BCS two wheeled tractor.

**VF VENIERI**, 8236 Outside — Telehandler, wheel loader and other construction equipment.

**WW LiveStock Systems**, 7032 Scott Tent — Cattle chutes and livestock working systems.

**WestLift Industrial Equipment**, 8046 Outside — Pneumatic and rough terrain forklifts and telehandlers.

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# Flue-Cured Tobacco Production in 2025 – A Focus on Yield



The focal point for yield is variety selection. Tobacco farmers today have access to a diversity of genetic material that is superior to what was available even a decade ago. (Photos by Matthew Vann)

BY MATTHEW VANN

THE 2024 GROWING season was filled with adverse growing conditions from seeding to selling. Despite these challenges, tobacco producers remained optimistic and persistent. As July wound to a close, the 2024 flue-cured crop was one of the best many had seen in quite some time. This observation was true across the entire production belt, from Florida to Virginia. Of course, Mother Nature had other plans as Hurricane/Tropical Storm Debby made landfall in early-August and made her way through each production region. With massive yield losses in 2024, thoughts for yield and economic opportunity are front and center as we begin to focus on 2025.

The first and most obvious focal point for yield is variety selection. We're fortunate that we have access to a diversity of genetic material that is superior to what was available even a decade ago. A recent analysis of modern varieties shows that breeders have broken through the yield plateau of the 1980s and have found methods to incorporate better disease resistance along the way. Producers should strongly consider planting modern varieties.

The second talking point is really a list of different management strategies producers should consider. Tobacco is a difficult crop to manage and is one that

requires constant attention to detail. While one or two small changes may not be detrimental to yield on their own, the cumulative effect of numerous issues is believed to play a part in commercial yield reductions. Producers are encouraged to consider the following practices:

- \* **Site selection:** plant only the best areas of a field, avoid low spots or areas with a history of disease.

- \* **Planting date:** results from planting date studies are variable, but better yields are more consistently achieved when tobacco is planted as early as possible.

- \* **Layby cultivation:** layby cultivation should be done as early as possible to minimize root damage (which leads to reduced root health and creates entry points for pests).

- \* **Timeliness:** this applies to all management activities but is especially true with fertilizer application, first and second cultivation, pesticide applications, and topping.

- \* **Topping and sucker control:** Tobacco plants lose 1% of their full yield potential everyday they are in full flower, as such early topping will result in higher yield when compared to later topping.

- \* **Irrigation:** Tobacco is relatively drought tolerant but should be irrigated in times of severe drought. A good rule of thumb is to apply one inch of water per week.

\* **Harvest timing:** leaves are at their maximum weight when they become ripe and will lose mass as they transition into a state of being over-ripe. Most modern varieties have at least a two-week window between ripe and over-ripe stages before significant yield reductions are observed. Producers must balance this against leaf styles that are in demand by purchasers.

\* **Input selection:** fundamental inputs for tobacco have not changed in recent years; however, there is a growing trend to apply products that have not been tested by Extension. In most cases, these products have no agronomic value and can have negative impacts on crop vigor and growth.

The upcoming tobacco season appears to be one with great promise. Farmers are



MATTHEW VANN

uniquely situated to obtain good yield (and economic return) when making sound decisions and with a lot of help from Mother Nature.

Matthew Vann is associate professor and tobacco Extension specialist at North Carolina State University.

## Farm Structures

EQUIPMENT SHEDS, maintenance buildings, hay barns, greenhouses, grain storage, stables and cowsheds. They are all important structures to farmers who use them, and the people who build them can all be found at the Southern Farm Show.



If it's a round top steel building you need, then Legacy Steel Buildings will have one set up in their outdoor exhibit area. If you're looking for more traditional pole or metal buildings, there will be plenty of companies to see including Builders Discount Center, Carport Central, Direct Metal Structures, JD Miller Construction, Morton Buildings, Superior Metal Structures and Concrete, Trinity Metal Buildings and VACarolina Buildings.

For those looking for grain storage, options at the show include John Leggett and Sons representing Shivvers and Sukup, Grain Systems Distribution, and Virginia Silo representing Sioux, Shivvers and Britespan Building Systems.

And if you're looking to tackle construction yourself, or maybe need to repair what's already on your property, exhibitors including Betco, New South Metals, Triad Corrugated Metal, Stewarts Wood Products, General Timber and Southeast Metal Sales have everything from metal trusses, siding and roofing, to pole barn parts and kits.





# Soil health takes center stage at the Southern Farm Show

BY KATIE PRATT

HEALTHY SOIL HAS numerous benefits for producers, and the industry's understanding of how to improve the soil is evolving. Southern Farm Show vendors are available to help attendees improve the composition of their soil.

"Healthy soils allow producers to reduce inputs, which saves them money; and at the same time increase crop yields and improve profitability," said Yazmeen Rodrigues, marketing director for Enlightened Soil Corp. "Healthy soils help create a cropping system that can sustain itself."

Southern producers can face challeng-

farmers to balance the budget and operate with a positive revenue basis, it is nearly to the point where ignoring soil health or not taking advantage of improving soil health can be extremely detrimental to the farmer and the farming operation."

Nutrient deficiencies are a big concern for producers as they can dramatically impact yields. Calcium deficiency is one issue that is common throughout the Southeast. Fritsche will be on hand to discuss this deficiency and how AgriTec's liquid calcium products Pro-Cal or Adv-Cal can improve their ground.

"Low pH levels in the Southeast also are prone to leach N-P-K along with mi-



Healthy soil has numerous benefits for producers, and the industry's understanding of how to improve the soil is evolving.

es with their soil including reduced nutrient uptake, nutrient deficiencies and low numbers of beneficial bacteria.

By improving their soil, producers can reduce nutrient inputs and raise crops that better withstand stressful situations. Healthy soil can reduce input costs and increase crop yields which has a positive impact on producers' bottom lines.

"Healthy soil supports robust plant growth by providing essential nutrients, water retention and good aeration," said Caleb Fritsche, soil advisor with AgriTec International. "A healthy soil can drastically cut down on input costs such as herbicides, and fertilizers. In a world where input costs are becoming increasingly more difficult for

cronutrients such as boron, zinc and manganese," he said. "Pro-Cal and Adv-Cal are great options for raising soil pH and increasing organic matter with a 16% humic acid mixed in our calcium that helps bind nutrients to the soil and prevent leaching and loss, especially in sandy soil."

He said that Adv-Cal can improve soil pH within 30 to 90 days, and its effects will last for three to four years. It also includes a prebiotic package that can increase microbial activity, provide 52 trace minerals, as well as amino acids, seed starter, germinator and root growth promoter.

Increasing biodiversity within the soil also provides many benefits for producers. Enlightened Soil Corp sells a product

Ensoil Algae, a product that naturally improves soil health by improving nutrient uptake and availability and increasing good soil micro-organisms.

"Ensoil Algae has lots of benefits," said Camille Newsom, director of grower support and education for Enlightened Soil Corp. "It improves soil health, helps increase soil biodiversity with more microbes in the soil and species of microbes. It also helps plants increase nutrient uptake and better withstand stressful situations, such as drought."

Rodrigues said years of testing shows that algae can improve the soil in most any situation and growers in the Southeast are successfully using the product.

"We've tested the product all over the world, and there is no crop that it hasn't benefited," Rodrigues said.

Russell Hedrick, a North Carolina corn and soybean producer, has seen improvements in his soil since he started applying the algae including an increase in the uptake of nitrogen in plants by 30%, doubling plants' uptake of phosphorus and elevating soil levels of boron, manganese and molybdenum.

This is the second year Enlightened

Soil Corp will be on hand at the Southern Farm Show. Both Newsom and Rodrigues said they enjoy connecting with a diverse group of growers at trade shows.

"We enjoy talking to growers about their goals and challenges," Newsom said. "It's also a good opportunity for us to educate people on soil health and answer any grower questions about regenerative approaches to agriculture."

It is AgriTec International's first Southern Farm Show. Fritsche said they are excited to meet with growers, get feedback and talk about their product.

"Face-to-face interactions with farmers and potential dealers allow us to gather insights on regional needs, soil challenges and perceptions about liquid calcium," Fritsche said. "It is a great chance to introduce our brand and establish it as a trusted resource for soil health in the Southeast. Highlighting product effectiveness and field success stories can resonate with farmers looking for reliable, innovative soil solutions."

AgriTec International Inc. is exhibit 9116 and located in Tent No. 3.

Enlightened Soil Corp. is exhibit 7316 and located in the Scott Tent.

## Ag Industry Groups throughout Show

AGRICULTURE IS KNOWN for its multitude of commodity groups, government agencies and non-profits all designed to help farmers and farming. 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**, 9117 Tent #3

❖ **Bay State Organic Certifiers**, 7017 Scott Tent

❖ **Corn Growers Association of N.C.**, 4015 Equipment Tent

❖ **N.C. Ag Aviation**, 9018 Tent #3

❖ **N.C. Agromedicine Institute**, 1009 Kerr Scott Building

❖ **N.C. Cattlemen's Association**, 4011 Equipment Tent

❖ **N.C. Crop Improvement Association**, Friday Program

❖ **N.C. Department of Agriculture**, Meeting Room in Jim Graham Building

❖ **N.C. Future Farmers of America**, Thursday Program

❖ **N.C. Growers Association**, Wednesday Program

❖ **N.C. Grange**, 7323 Scott Tent

❖ **N.C. Small Grain Growers Association**, 4019 Equipment Tent

❖ **N.C. Soybean Producers Association**, 4117 Equipment Tent

❖ **N.C. State Extension/N.C. Farm Link**, 5017 Tent #1

❖ **NCSU Agricultural Institute**, 4020 Equipment Tent

❖ **NCSU Agronomy**, 5008 Tent #1

❖ **N.C. Agricultural Mediation Program**, 5007 Tent #1

❖ **N.C. Black Hereford Association**, 9104 Tent #3

❖ **N.C. Pecan Growers Association**, 4014 Equipment Tent

❖ **N.C. Upland Wildlife Federation**, 7320 Scott Tent

❖ **Piedmontese Association of U.S.**, 9005 Tent #3

❖ **Red Angus Association of the Carolinas**, 9011 Tent #3

❖ **Tobacco Growers Association of N.C.**, 3433 Exposition Center

❖ **USDA Aphis PPQ/VS**, 4010 Equipment Tent

❖ **USDA FSA**, Wednesday Program

❖ **USDA Natural Resources Conservation Services**, 5013 Tent #1



# New products featured at this year's show

## MF 1M.25 Compact Tractor

From loader work to mowing to snow removal, the Massey Ferguson 1M.25 Compact Cab Tractor, you'll feel right at home in the brand-new cab equipped with heating and air conditioning, LED work lights in both front and rear, and a sleek new instrument panel.

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## Newton Crouch Model 20 3-Point Hitch Spreader

Newton Crouch's 3-Point Hitch spreader is a combo spreader designed for fertilizer and lime application. Using Newton Crouch's



proven hydraulic drive system and heavy duty manufacturing, this spreader built tough while giving growers the flexibility of a hitch mount spreader with a conveyor chain.

**Newton Crouch Company, LLC**  
625 Jim Graham Building

## Loftness® Vegetable Shredder

This shredder uses a specially designed rotor that utilizes our contour knife system, enabling the knives to follow the shape of your vegetable beds. Bed rollers follow the contour of the ground and help push the vegetables into the ground to reduce exposure to the sun.

**Loftness**  
8336 Outside



## Grain Bin Rescue



This rig comes with a VacBoss Grain Vacuum System to fit the user's needs, a large front box with a roll up door for equipment, and LED lighting throughout.

**Frey Manufacturing**  
8525 Outside

## Poultry Washer

This new poultry washer from Bestway Ag features a heavy-duty frame and is equipped with a Comet dia-



phragm pump.

**Bestway Ag**  
4121 Equipment Tent

## Wingfield Contractor Harrow

The Wingfield Contractor Harrow can attach to both a skid steer and a Cat #1-#3 tractor. The harrow attaches to the frame with chains for quick adjustment — so the harrow can be either pushed or pulled at any harrow tine angle.

**Wingfield American Harrow**  
308 Jim Graham Building



## Kaufman 25,000 GVWR Flatbed Trailer

This 30'/25' trailer with a 5' Dovetail has mega ramps, 10,000 lb. Dexter oil bath axles, a 12" pierced I-beam frame, dual 12K jacks, a lockable toolbox, and sealed wiring harness w/ LED lights.

**Kaufman Trailers**  
8341 Outside



## Apache Portable Feed Bin

This feed bin includes a 33" fill opening, 180-degree ground opening lid, 14-gauge sheet steel construction, and 12-gauge sheet steel bottom slide panel. Functional additions include welded steel ladder with easy reach roof handles, 2 bucket brackets, forklift pockets and lift rings, and 8" sight glass for material level visibility.

**Apache Palco Henke Buffalo**  
9013 Tent #3



## CoopWorx Poultry Feed & Water Silos

These units feature a rust proof, rotomolded body with a roost-resistant, lockable hinged lid and elevated design to prevent scratch-out. CoopWorx Feed Silos are available in 80 lb. and 40 lb. capacity models, as well as the new 8 gallon Water Silo featuring an "AutoFill" water valve system.

**CoopWorx**  
8505 Outside



## Premium Series Rakes\*

Rated for excavators up to 20,000 lbs, it's offered in 36", 48" and 60" widths. It has a 1-1/2" digging tine thickness and interchangeable mounting system

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



## AlfaTed

The new Norden AlfaTed reel style tedder gently and efficiently fluffs windrows of alfalfa and other leafy legumes for drying. Its reel design with adjustable RPMs and cam action minimizes crop damage. This tedder offers a reliable alternative to traditional rotary tedders without compromising speed.

**Norden Mfg**  
3134 Exposition Center



## Kondex Box Inserts

Kondex now offers specialty box inserts for its KX7 concaves, including its MaxGrate box, optimized for small grain separation. In small-grain crops like wheat, this ensures maximum separation while greatly reducing shoe loads. It is recommended for use behind traditional X7 MaxThresh concaves, and is available for John Deere S/STS and Case IH combines.

**Kondex**  
3627 Exposition Building



## GeoStar Waterers

The latest innovative solution to energy efficient livestock watering, it works for horses, cattle, deer, sheep, and goats. Provides clean, fresh water. No concrete pad required, energy free, simple installation.



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8228 Outside

## Highland Tank's Skid Tank

Highland Tank's Skid Tank provides an excellent solution where portability is required. These tanks are UL-142 labeled and meet NFPA 30 codes. They range from 185 gallons to 15,000 gallons and have a wide range of available options and accessories. Custom designs



are also available.

**Highland Tank**  
7319 Scott Tent

## Hawkes Dump Trailer

This Hawkes 6x12 Low Profile Dump Trailer is rated for 10,000 lb. GVWR. It has a scissor hoist, ramp package, combo tailgate, ADJ coupler, sealed wiring harness with LED lights, dexter axles, and radial tires.

**Capps Trailers.com**  
8600 Outside



## ASV VT-100 Compact Track Loader

The Yanmar-powered MAX-Series™ VT-100 Forestry Posi-Track® loader is an operator's answer to forestry-grade performance in a 103.5 hp compact track



loader. It takes on mulching, right-of-way clearance, site prep, and more with elevated comfort, visibility, and performance features. The VT-100 Forestry features a 3,700-pound rated operating capacity and 11,714-pound tipping load.

**Sound Heavy Machinery**  
8110 Outside

## Defender SxS

The Defender is a capable Can-Am Side-by-Side for work. On worksites, in agribusiness & anywhere you need it.

**Can-Am**  
9108 Outside



## Ferris IXS 3300

Featuring next-generation suspension technology — Fore-  
Front™ Suspension, a redesigned 2-belt iCD™+ cutting system, heavy-duty dual commercial Hydro-Gear® ZT-5400 drive system, and travel speeds up to 12 mph. Plus, select



models feature EFI-ETC technology for fuel savings, easy starting, and smooth, consistent productivity.

**Ferris**  
7236 Scott Tent

## Teejet EM Flow Meter

The TeeJet FM9380-F75 is a newly designed electromagnetic flow meter with no moving parts which means no service or maintenance requirements. It has a wide flow range



from 0.6 GPM to 100 GPM (max pressure of 200 PSI) and a low pressure drop of 4 psi at 100 GPM. The flow meter is factory calibrated for life, which means no in-field calibration is necessary. This flow meter is fully compatible with TeeJet® 75 series and Banjo® 200 series flanged liquid connections.



**Teejet**  
1214 Kerr Scott Building

### Prospector Trailer

2025 Prospector, 7x20 14k Bobcat Equipment Trailer.  
**TJ's Trailers Inc.**  
8327 Outside



### Venieri VF 1.63D TL

This compact telescopic wheel loader includes a heavy duty telescopic boom. Standard specs include: operating weight of 7900 lbs; speed of 25 mph, 6,000 lb. breakout force, and 15 gpm poil flow. It has a 0.65yd3 standard bucket capacity and 20° rear oscillating axle.

**VF VENIERI**  
8236 Outside



### Scag Jackal

Featuring a 1,125-lb. lift capacity with a 3,142-lb. tip capacity, the Jackal has a 83" hinge pin height that delivers a high lift and dump point to help reach into large dumpsters, containers and truck beds. And with a 15 GPM auxiliary hydraulic flow at 3000 psi, it has the power and efficiency for whatever challenges await you.

**Scag**  
2308 Dorton Arena



### Country Clipper Mowers

Country Clipper has completely reimagined their 2025 Residential Series and revamped their 2025 Commercial Challenger models. The Avenue and Boulevard include a major upgrade

— a new height-of-cut foot assist, making it easier to raise and lower the deck. The Residential line and the Challenger, now feature modern fenders with deeper storage pockets. Plus, every 2025 model now comes with removable foot pans for easy



access to belts and maintenance.

**Country Clipper**  
7120 Scott Tent

### Stertil-Koni Wheel Dolly

The Stertil-Koni WD-5P is a fully hydraulic high lift wheel dolly, simplifying the task of wheel and tire maintenance. Manufactured to high ergonomic standards with robust steel framing and covers for foot protection.

**Stertil-Koni Truck Lifts**  
8613 Outside



### Spartan Mowers Shield & Shield-HD

New entry-level options of the Shield and Shield-HD are available in 42- or 54-inch decks with a Kawasaki 23-horsepower engine. Both models feature Hydro-Gear transmissions,



20-inch Carlisle Turf Armor rear tires, a five-inch cut height, and a top speed of seven miles per hour.

**Spartan Mowers**  
7104 Scott Tent

### BLUE Homogeneous Granular Fertilizer

BLUE is an ammoniated, homogeneous granular fertilizer formulated with patented ingredients proved to improve fertilizer efficiency. BLUE fertilizer products are comprised of superior homogeneous granular technology and a mixture of natural substances that benefit agronomic production. They can be used as a singular source for all necessary nutrients, or as part of a blend to reap the benefits of enhanced fertilizer efficiency across every acre. BLUE grade products will empower growers in a variety of field situations such as pre-plant, bedded fertilizer, and top-dress.

**Timac Agro USA**  
3335 Exposition Center



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

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

### Karcher KM 70/20 C

This 36" walk-behind floor sweeper with two side brushes replaces a broom and dustpan.

**MVP Services Inc.**  
3123 Exposition Building



### Exmark Lazer Z X-Series

The Lazer Z X-Series has been redesigned for commercial zero-turns by offering the increased durability, reliability, performance, productivity, and comfort. It has also been restyled to give it the aesthetic appeal.

**Power Equipment Distributors**  
4027 Equipment Tent



### Wilger NozzleBody

The Dual-Spray 4+1 [DS41] Nozzle Body is engineered for the next-generation of sprayers that focus on responsiveness of spray, spot spray + broadcast functionality, and in a smaller form factor nozzle body size that fits in the most compact sprayer booms. The DS41 is equipped with an ultra-compact 4-outlet turret, together with a single bypass nozzle outlet.

**Wilger Inc.**  
3538 Outside



### PPS Closing Wheel Brackets

PPS cast closing wheel bracket with flange bushings installed. Includes all hardware to mount closing wheel bracket to planter. Will fit



John Deere and Kinze planters.

**SI Distributing**  
3438 Exposition Center

### APSA-80™

Decreases the surface tension of water which allows for better water management. Utilizing this product helps enable the water getting into the soil faster and more efficiently, decreasing runoff and evaporation. Can be



used throughout the growing season to help aide other applications — Provides more uniform spread and coverage of spray herbicides, insecticides and fungicides.

**Harvest Hawk AG**  
9017 Tent #3

### Biosolids

The Neuse River Resource Recovery Facility is a domestic wastewater treatment facility. Biosolids are the nutrient-rich organic materials resulting from the treatment of domestic sewage. The solids are further processed utilizing heat and high pressure to reduce or eliminate pathogens and minimize odors. This results in forming a safe, beneficial agricultural product.

**City of Raleigh**  
9008 Tent 3



### Stewarts Fence Posts

Stewarts Wood Products will be displaying their newest product — high quality CCA treated fence posts.

**Stewarts Wood Products**  
6023 Tent #2



### Window Wonder



Your solution for holding all that stuff that is in your cabs from your phone, to snacks, to paperwork and a drink. Three flip lever suction cups keep it securely in place.

**Farm Sip Supreme**  
9035 Tent #3

### Freak Factor Deer Attractor

This supplement for deer corn from Luck Buck Mineral is designed to attract deer, prevent mold, reduce the amount of corn consumed, and provide the minerals and fat deer crave.

**Lucky Buck Mineral**  
7009 Scott Tent



### Metal Barn

This 16 x 20 x 12 metal barn is perfect for storing farm equipment, livestock, feed, hay, or anything else you need to keep your working farm running smoothly, efficiently, and without the worries of a standard wooden structure.

**Direct Metal Structures**  
8335 Outside





## EnSoil Algae™

This live-cell green algae bio-stimulant rapidly builds soil biodiversity. Applied at 8 oz. per acre, it boosts nutrient cycling, crop resilience, and water efficiency, reducing the need for chemical inputs and increasing yields and profitability. EnSoil Algae™ is registered and licensed for sale in all 50 states, OMRI-listed in both the U.S. and Canada for organic use, and has been studied across 48 states, 11 countries, and 4 continents.

**Enlightened Soil Corp**  
7316 Scott Tent

## MF 1842S Small Square Baler

Looking to achieve denser, more consistent bales and better forage quality? With the Hesston by Massey Ferguson® 1800 Series Small square balers you can. Our exclusive in-line design makes every small bale produced easier to handle, stack and feed.

**AGCO Corporation (Massey Ferguson)**  
3102 Exposition Center

## Model NC1500N – Orchard Spreader

Newton Crouch's new narrow body 1.5-ton Fertilizer Spreader, NC1500N, has a compact size and a robust build. It is designed for smaller to medium-sized per-

manent crop operations. Its ability to cover large areas with consistent spread patterns while maintaining ease of maneuverability is perfect for orchards, vineyards, and other tight-field settings.

**Newton Crouch Company, LLC**  
625 Jim Graham Building

## Liberty Trailers Telescopic Dump Trailer

The Liberty Trailers LD14K83B8 14K Telescopic Dump Trailer is equipped with a heavy-duty telescopic hoist, a 7-gauge steel floor, 7,000 lbs Dexter axles, their Max Endurance formed top rail and integrated bulkhead & board brackets. Available in 13 vibrant color options, it is complete with a tarp kit. It is built with American pride and quality — hallmarks of Liberty Trailers.

**Capps Trailers.com**  
8600 Outside

## Venieri VF 5.63C

This 12,800 lb wheel loader features 25mph standard speed, 32gpm high flow, and 11,000 lb tipping load.

**VF VENIERI**  
8236 Outside



## AUSA D601AHG Dumper

AUSA's new dumper has a 180-degree swing skip and 13,200 lb. payload and hydrostatic transmission for maximum comfort and safety. Efficient and environ-

mentally friendly, it is equipped with the ECO Mode which automatically regulates the machine's RPM at low speeds, and the optional Smart Stop feature, which switches off the engine when it is not in use to significantly improve fuel consumption, maintaining low CO2 emissions.

**Sound Heavy Machinery**  
8110 Outside

## Kanga Kid with Auger\*

The Kanga Kid is the world's smallest multi-task compact skid steer loader. Power to the attachment is cut when the controls are released, ensuring maximum safety for the operator. With a narrow width you can access the worksite through side gates and standard doorways.

A wide variety of attachments to handle every job.

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

## Kaufman 17,000 GVWR Flatbed Trailer

This trailer features a 13,270 lb. hauling capacity, 8' fixed deck and 14.5' tilt deck 82" of clearance

between the fenders. It has a large lockable toolbox, 12k drop foot jack, 17" oc cross-member spacing, sealed wiring harness / led lights, dampening cylinder, adjustable coupler (3-bolt ball or pintle), single handle tilt bed release system, stake pocket and rubrail.

**Kaufman Trailers**  
8341 Outside

## Spartan Mowers Defender

The Defender is an all-new model with folding ROPS, full-beam LED light kit, 22-inch Carlisle Turf Armor rear tires, a premium seat, and a top speed of eight miles per hour.



Deck sizes include 48, 54, or 60 inches along with Kawasaki engines of either 23 or 24 horsepower.

**Spartan Mowers**  
7104 Scott Tent

## True North Wire Mesh Gates

Wire-mesh gates with 1 5/8" 16 gauge round tubing for strength and durability. Includes

an extra horizontal bar for extra strength, and easy to adjust hinges and change configurations

**Boundary Builders**  
8228 Outside

## Nutriplant™ AG

This liquid foliar nutritional supplement is designed for use at specific stages of growth — when crops need the most support to help take in and use the nutrients they need. For use with a normal npk fertilizer program, it helps to increase resistance to stress, strengthens stems, produces higher yields and improved quality.

**Harvest Hawk AG**  
9017 Tent #3

## Highland Tank Above and Below Ground Tanks

These aboveground and underground domestic propane tanks range from 330 to 1,999 U.S. Water Gallons (USWG). They are vacuum-purged and feature Rego valves and Rochester gauges, forged lifting lugs. They are designed and constructed in accordance with ASME Section VIII division 1 (U stamp) CRN. Are registered with the National Board of Boiler & Pressure Vessels, and comply with the requirements of the NFPA 58.

**Highland Tank**  
7319 Scott Tent

## KOBELCO SK26SR-7 Mini-Excavator

The new KOBELCO SK26SR-7 Mini Excavator features an integrated-flow pump system, which sustains maximum power to the boom, arm, and bucket circuit in a variety of use cases, giving users smooth, responsive performance. Operators will find elevated comforts such as wrist rests to reduce operator fatigue, slide-open windows for ventilation and communication, and in-cab air conditioning to work through any weather conditions.



## Sound Heavy Machinery 8110 Outside

## Premium Series Ripper\*

Rated for excavators up to 20,000 lbs. it features 1-1/2" tine thickness, 3/4" gussets, a replaceable tooth and an interchangeable mounting system.

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



## Kaufman 14' Dump Trailer

This trailer is 80" inside wall to wall, has a 11,800 lb load capacity, 8,000 lb axles with 17.5" (16 ply) tires, 1 Piece HD

3/16th floor w/ d-rings, sealed wiring harness, LED lights, and scissor lift. It includes a mesh tarp, 6' loading ramps, a combination dumper/spreader gate, a 12K drop foot jack, and 2' sides with raised bulkhead and rear post that will accept side boards.

**Kaufman Trailers**  
8341 Outside

## Nutriplant™ SD supplement

Designed for application in the planter box.

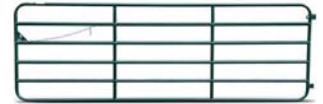
Once seeds germinate, roots will readily absorb this nutritional supplement for greater root growth, faster emergence, and increased crop yields. It is designed to get crops up and out of the ground faster, produce stronger stems, and prepare crops to better compete for nutrients, water, and sunlight.

**Harvest Hawk AG**  
9017 Tent #3

## Diamond Bar Gates

LongStrong, dependable 1.25" 14 gauge gates with square tubing turned on a diamond for strength.

**Boundary Builders**  
8228 Outside



## Spartan Intimidator FRX

As the first utility vehicle manufactured under the Spartan brand, the FRX is built specifically to meet the demands of farms and ranches. With a 2500-lb towing capacity, 2050-lb payload capacity, and whisper soft 1000cc inline four-cylinder engine, the FRX is made to get the job done quietly and efficiently.

**Spartan Mowers**  
7104 Scott Tent





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