The Cooperative Extension Program at North Carolina A&T State University
Small Farms Week Kickoff

Small Farms Week
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SPAULDING MONROE CULTURAL CENTER  
(805 Martin Luther King Jr. Drive, Bladenboro, N.C.)

Presiding  
Nelson Brownlee, Area Farm Management Agent, Bladen and Robeson counties

Greetings  
F. Daniel Shaw, Southwest District Extension Director

Welcome  
Margaret Lewis Moore, chair of the Bladen County Board of Commissioners

Marilyn Meares, Coordinator for Cape Fear Resource Conservation  
and Development Inc.

The 2006 Small Farmers of the Year Video,  
Featuring Harold and Ann Wright of Bladen County

Introductions  
Daniel M. Lyons Sr., Central Region Program Coordinator  
The Cooperative Extension Program at N.C. A&T

10:30 a.m. — Panel Discussion: Preparation = Profits for Alternative Enterprises

Moderator  
Everett Davis, Robeson County Extension Director

Panelists

• Harold and Ann Wright, whose Happy Land Farms includes pasture-raised hogs,  
and poultry, soybeans, corn, and employment for all five of their children

• Joe Thompson, an Orange County farmer who has made the switch from tobacco  
farming to aquaculture

• Marc Cox, a Columbus County farmer who has made hydroponic production  
a source of off-season income

• Nelson and Mary James, who are producing everything from cornish hens to  
brown eggs to shiitake mushrooms on their Dogwood Farm in Pender County

Noon — Lunch

Presiding  
F. Daniel Shaw

Thought for Today  
Larry Wright, Columbus County Agricultural & Natural Resources Technician

Introduction of Speaker  
M. Ray McKinnie, Associate Dean and Administrator  
The Cooperative Extension Program at A&T

Speaker  
Tony Rand, State Senator for North Carolina’s 19th Senatorial District  
and Senate Majority Leader

1 to 3 p.m. — Tour of Harold and Ann Wright’s Happy Land Farm

Tuesday, March 27, 8:30 to 10 a.m.

Small Farms Week Dedication Breakfast  
COLTRANE HALL  
(North Carolina A&T campus in Greensboro)

Steve Troxler, the North Carolina Commissioner of Agriculture, is coming to  
A&T to sign a letter congratulating The Cooperative Extension Program at  
A&T on its 21st year of celebrating Small Farms Week in North Carolina. Alton  
Thompson, Dean of the SAES, Cooperative Extension administrators and a  
delegation of farmers will join Troxler at the ceremony.
Goat & Cattle Field Day
A&T STATE UNIVERSITY FARM SMALL RUMINANT RESEARCH UNIT
(3136 McConnell Road, Greensboro)

Field Day coordinators are Mulumebet Worku and Ralph Noble of the Department of Animal Sciences, N.C. A&T State University

8 a.m. to 8:30 — Registration

8:30 a.m. — Welcome and Introductory Remarks
Ralph Noble, Chair, Department of Animal Sciences, N.C. A&T State University
Leon Moses, Farm Superintendent, University Farm, N.C. A&T

9:30 a.m. to noon — Morning lectures
• Use of Artificial Insemination for Beef Cattle — 9 to 9:30 a.m.
  Ralph Noble, Department of Animal Sciences, N.C. A&T State University

• North Carolina Meat Goat Organizations — 9:30 to 10:15 a.m.
  Todd McCloud, North Carolina Meat Goat Association

10:15 to 10:30 a.m. — Break
• What the new National Animal Identification System (NAIS) Means for Small-Scale Livestock Operations — 10:30 to 11 a.m.
  North Carolina Department of Agriculture & Consumer Sciences

• Herd Health Issues for Meat Goats in North Carolina — 11 to 11:30 a.m.
  Allen Cannedy, N.C. State University College of Veterinary Medicine

11:30 a.m. to noon — Questions and Answers

Noon to 1 p.m. — Lunch (Available for purchase)

Vendors, commodity organizations and research scientists will have exhibits and poster displays from noon to 3:30 p.m.

Goat & Cattle Field Day Supporters, Sponsors and Collaborating Agencies
* ANSC/Pre-Vet club of N.C. A&T
* The School of Agriculture and Environmental Sciences, N.C. A&T
* The Cooperative Extension Program at N.C. A&T
* The Agricultural Research Program, N.C. A&T
* Department of Animal Sciences, N.C. A&T
* University Farm Staff, N.C. A&T
* Caswell Veterinary Service, Yanceyville, N.C.
* North Carolina State University
* North Carolina Meat Goat Association
* Heifer International — Appalachia
* North Carolina Department of Agriculture & Consumer Sciences

Tuesday, March 27, 8 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Small Farms Week
March 25–31, 2007
it’s a growing business — prepare to profit

Hands-on Demonstrations and Workshops for Livestock Producers

1:30 to 3:30 p.m. — Use and Training in FAMACHA® for Determining the Need to Deworm — There is a $15 fee for participants.
  Mulumebet Worku, Associate Professor/Biotechnologist, Department of Animal Sciences, N.C. A&T; and Kevin Anderson, Professor of Ruminant Medicine, NCSU

1:30 to 2:30 p.m. — Herd Health Management Practices for Goat Production
  Gary L. Summers, Research Technician, N.C. A&T

2:30 to 3:30 p.m. — Artificially Inseminating Beef Cattle
  Ralph Noble, Department of Animal Sciences, N.C. A&T State University
Farm Equipment Show
A&T STATE UNIVERSITY FARM
(3136 McConnell Road, Greensboro)

Tour at your convenience:
• Poultry research facilities
• Crop research and demonstration sites
• Sheep and goat research unit
• Constructed wetland wastewater treatment research
• New dairy unit

There will be guided tours of other research projects at 1:30 p.m.

Safety Demonstrations
A. Research Demonstration Area — 10 a.m. and 2 p.m.
   Preventing Tractor Rollover Accidents — Jimo Ibrahim, The Cooperative Extension Program at A&T, and Charles Young, Ashe County Cooperative Extension

B. Main Farm Shelter — 10:30 a.m. and 2:30 p.m.
   Safety regulations for Preparing Fruits and Vegetables for Sale to the Public at Roadside Stands and Farmers Markets — Theresa Nartea, The Cooperative Extension Program at A&T

C. Main Farm Shelter — 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.
   Farm Biosecurity — Ralph Noble, Department of Animal Sciences, N.C. A&T State University

Biodiesel Production Demonstrations
D. Cooperative Extension Facility — 11:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m.
   Small-batch Biodiesel Production Demonstration — Matt Rudolph, Piedmont Biofuels

Manufacturers and retail outlets will have the latest in farm equipment (from tractors and sprayers to irrigation systems), supplies (equine, bovine and small ruminant), and storage and livestock buildings ready for inspection at various sites from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. Representatives will be on hand to demonstrate products and answer questions.

★ Registration (Please register on arrival)
Speaker
Hon. Eva Clayton, former U.S. Congressional Representative for North Carolina’s 1st District

In 1992, Clayton became the first African American woman elected to Congress from North Carolina. When she retired from Congress at the end of her fifth term, in 2003, Clayton’s legacy featured a commitment to small-scale agriculture, rural development and the Cooperative Extension programs at all the 1890 land-grant institutions. She served on both the House Committee on Agriculture and the House Committee on Small Business. Clayton’s public service record also includes 10 years on the Warren County (N.C.) Board of Commissioners, before going to Congress. Since leaving Congress she has worked extensively with the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) of the United Nations to combat global hunger.

Presentation of 2007 Gilmer L. and Clara Y. Dudley Small Farmer of the Year Award
Elsie Dudley Little
Dudley Products Inc.

Premiere of 2007 Small Farmer of the Year Video

Closing Remarks
Dr. M. Ray McKinnie

The 2007 Small Farmers Appreciation Luncheon is generously sponsored by Philip Morris U.S.A.

A group of distinguished guests is expected at the 2007 Small Farmers Appreciation Luncheon. In recent months Dr. Alton Thompson, the SAES dean, has signed memorandums of understanding with five of the most prestigious agricultural universities in Southeast Asia. These MOUs will open the door for faculty exchanges, study-abroad programs for SAES students, and research collaborations. Officials in the U.S. from the SAES’s new partners in Southeast Asia are:
- Rey Luis Velasco, Chancellor, University of the Philippines at Los Baños
- Bui Cach Tuyen, Rector, Nong Lam University, Vietnam
- Tran Thi Tuyet, Deputy Director of the Continuing Education Center, Nong Lam University, Vietnam
- Muhamad Ahmad Chozin, Vice Rector for Research, Bogor Agricultural University, Indonesia.
- Attachai Jintrawet, Associate Dean, Faculty of Agriculture, Chiang Mai University, Thailand

Prior to coming to Greensboro, the group was in Washington to meet with officials from the American Council on Education, the National Science Foundation and several USDA agencies. The facilitator and SAES attaché for this visit is Dr. Manuel Reyes of the Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Design.
Showcase of Excellence for student research

STALLINGS BALLROOM LOBBY

The Agricultural Research Program and the A&T chapter of Gamma Sigma Delta, the honor society for agriculture, have a research poster contest for SAES students in conjunction with Small Farms Week each year. The three top entries in both the graduate and undergraduate competitions will be on display outside Stallings Ballroom during the Small Farmers Appreciation Day luncheon.

Wednesday, March 28, 2 – 3 p.m.

Ozone Processing for Perishable Foods Workshop
BENBOW HALL, ROOM 110

Treating fresh fruits and vegetables with ozone has been found to increase shelf life. Ozone prevents the growth of mold on berries, pears, onions, apples and other produce. See the latest equipment available for sanitizing fresh vegetables using ozone technology. This workshop is specifically designed for Farmer's Cooperative members.

Small Farms Week Events across the State

The Avery County Cooperative Extension staff is coordinating a plant sale, featuring heirloom apple trees, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday, March 24, at the Newland campus of Mayland Community College. The sale will begin at 10 a.m. and continue to 3 p.m. An educational program is also planned, designed for 4-H’ers and covering the important role that the annual apple crop played in helping mountain people survive the winter months back when the varieties that are now rare heirlooms were common and necessary.

Contact: Doug Hundley, 828.733.8270, doug_hundley@ncsu.edu

On Sunday, March 25, Sampson Community College is working with Cooperative Extension to offer a workshop to small-scale farmers who are making the move into Internet marketing. The training team for the one-day Web design workshop includes Sampson County Extension Agent James Hartsfield, along with Dr. Francis Walson, Marcie Joyner and David Jones of the state-level staff in Greensboro.

Contact: James Hartsfield, 910.592.7161, james_hartsfield@ncsu.edu

On Monday, March 26, from 10 a.m. until noon, the Watauga County Extension Center will be coordinating tours of a micro-hydroelectric power system demonstration that has been generating public interest as well as electricity. Plans are to use the $15,000 system to provide energy to heat livestock barns during winters. The system should easily pay for itself in a few years. The demonstration was established with a grant from A&T.

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A group of 30 elementary school students will tour the New Hanover Arboretum and hear a talk about “Farmers’ Contribution to Wilmington’s Foods System” on Monday, March 26.

Contact: Desmond Miller, 910.798.7660, desmond_miller@ncsu.edu

On Monday, March 26, a group of eighth-graders attending Southwestern Middle School in Bertie County will get to taste foods grown on area small farms and learn about careers in agriculture at a special Small Farms Week-Agricultural Awareness Program.

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On Monday, March 26, Lenoir County Cooperative Extension will have a special Salute to Small Farmers at the County Extension Center in Kinston. A member of the staff at the Cunningham Research Station will give a talk on “Small Farmers Research and Marketing Practices.”

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On Tuesday, March 27, the Mitchell County Extension Center staff will take students in the county’s after-school program on an educational tour of county farms. The tour will last from 3 to 5 p.m.

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Martin County children will be getting a taste for the importance of small-scale agriculture at a “Bread in a Bag” educational after-school program on Tuesday, March 27.

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Rob Hawk, an A&T Extension area agent, has organized two tours of innovative small-scale agriculture and enterprises. One tour will begin at the Avery County Extension Center at 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday, March 28. Another tour will begin at the Stecoah Valley Arts, Crafts & Educational Center in Graham at 9 a.m. on Friday, March 30. Tour stops will include trout, goat meat, Christmas tree and cheese production.

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The Harnett County Extension Center has secured the assistance of Hector’s Creek Farm in coordinating an educational field day for area elementary schools. Children coming to Hector’s Creek on Friday, March 30, will get introductions to horticulture, livestock production, and a tour of the farm, which has evolved from a traditional tobacco farm to a diversified enterprise that pays its way with cut flowers, pumpkins and agri-tourism.

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