Upcoming Events

February 23 at noon - **Soybean Production Meeting**, Chowan County Ag Center
*1 hour pesticide credit available*

February 24 at 8 a.m. - **Perquimans Corn and Wheat Production Meeting**, Perquimans Extension Auditorium

February 26 from 3-5 p.m. or 7-9 p.m. - **Private Pesticide Applicator Recertification** training, Chowan County Ag Center

March 16 at 6 p.m. - **Peanut Marketing with Dell Cotton, PGCMA**, Chowan County Ag Center
*We will provide pizza and beverages for dinner. Please call in if you would like dinner and be prepared to pay a $5 registration fee to cover the meal.*

The mention of brand names does not imply endorsement nor discrimination against similar products not listed. Users are responsible for complying with regulations and label instructions.

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Persons with disabilities and persons with limited English proficiency may request accommodations to participate by contacting Heather Lifsey, County Extension Director, at telephone # 252-482-6585 or heather_lifsey@ncsu.edu or fax # 252-482-6590, or in person at the County Extension Office at least seven (7) days prior to the event.
Soybean Production Meeting

Dr. Jim Dunphy will be in Chowan County Monday, February 23 at noon to conduct a soybean production update. We will be meeting at the Chowan County Ag Center auditorium and will have a sponsored lunch. One hour of pesticide credit will be available.

Peanut Yield Contest Winners

Congratulations to the 2008 Peanut Yield Contest Winners!
First Place - Joseph H. Ward Farms
Second Place - Parrish Brothers, LLC.
Third Place - Hayes Farm

Pesticide Disposal Collection Day

If you have unwanted pesticides on hand there are two pesticide disposal collection days coming up that may be of interest. Camden County will have a collection on Tuesday, March 3. Contact Mark Powell at 252-338-1919 for more information. Perquimans County will have a collection day on Wednesday, March 4 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Southern States. Southern States is located on Ballahack Road which intersects Edenton Road where the extension office is located. For more information call the Perquimans County office at 252-426-5428.

Soil Sampling

To keep fertilizer costs down in 2009 growers should continue to apply only the amount of Nitrogen, Phosphorus and Potassium required for optimum yields. Taking soil samples is the only sure way to know how much N, P or K you need to apply, if you even need any. Many farmers in the area have been building the phosphorous (P) and potash (K) levels in their soils for years so those soils now have a soil index of 50 or higher. A soil index, reported as K-I or P-I on a soil sample report, greater than 50 is considered high and above 100 is very high. Research has shown that additional phosphorus or potash applications to soils with indexes above 50 do not generate yield responses. Soil samples are analyzed free of charge by NCDA’s agronomic lab. Sample boxes and information sheets are available at our office in Edenton. Turn around time for samples submitted now is 6-7 weeks. Taking the time to pull soil samples and follow the recommendations will payoff in fertilizer savings. For more information on soil testing or for help interpreting your soil test results please call the extension office.

Corn Variety Information

The results from five counties’ corn variety demonstrations are attached. The goal of the demonstrations is to provide growers with more information from which to make variety selections.

We are updating our mailing list. If you would like your name removed from the Agriculture News mailing list please call us at 482-6585. If you would prefer to start receiving the newsletter electronically, please email Heather at heather_lifsey@ncsu.edu and put “newsletter” in the subject line.