Swine News

For individuals who would like to become a Certified Operator in Charge, the following classes have been scheduled:

Type A Certification Class
February 2 and February 3, 2005 from 9AM - 4PM both days at the Greene County Museum in Snow Hill, NC. Contact Eve Honeycutt at 252.527.2191 for more information.

Type A Certification Class
April 5 and April 6, 2005 from 9:00AM - 4PM both days at the Cumberland County Cooperative Extension Center, Fayetteville. Contact Tyrone Fisher at 252.534.2711 for more information.

Type A Certification Class
October 18 and 19, 2005 from 9AM - 4PM both days at the Duplin County Extension Center in Kenansville, NC. Contact Star Jackson at 910.296.2143 for more information.

You can visit the following website to view updated OIC information:

http://h2o.enr.state.nc.us/tacu/training.html

Forms, applications, and publications can be downloaded off the following website:

http://h2o.enr.state.nc.us/tacu/forms.html

Cattle News

January 6, 2005 – The Duplin County Cattlemen’s Association will meet at the Duplin Extension Center Auditorium at 7:30PM.

February 11-12, 2005 - NC Cattlemen’s Conference, Metro Center, Hickory, NC. Contact Bundy Plyler at the North Carolina Cattlemen’s Association at 1.800.552.9216.

RUNNING SHORT ON HAY?
Consult the Southeastern Hay Directory for a listing of producers with hay in your area. The directory also provides helpful tips on buying and selling hay, how to take a forage sample, how to read a forage analysis, and many more topics. Contact your local Extension Center for a copy of go to the following website:

http://www.ces.ncsu.edu/onslow/AG/hay/
Youth Livestock News

The Coastal Plains Jr. Livestock Show and Sale will be held on March 28 & 29, 2005. Contact Eve Honeycutt at the Lenoir County Cooperative Extension Center at 252.527.2191 or your county livestock agent for more information.

Youth PQA (Pork Quality Assurance)
In order to make our sale animals more marketable, we must comply with industry standards. All youth showing hogs must be certified in youth PQA. This certification will be taught by Extension Agents. We can cover all necessary information in one afternoon. These trainings are for youth age 9-18. Youth under 9 that own their pigs cannot be certified, so their parents must be certified in Adult PQA Level III. Youth under 9 that do not own their pig may show under the owner's Level III certification. Youth that are 19 or over must take the Adult class as well. Please call the Lenoir County Extension office (252-527-2191) by January 1 and let us know which class you will need to attend. We will arrange classes for youth 9-18, and an adult class for parents of 8 and under, and youth 19-21. Age is determined by the youth's age on January 1, 2005. If you do not attend a certification class before the show, you will not be able to show.

These training dates will be offered in Lenoir County:

Saturday, January 8, 2005:
9 am to 12 pm - youth class for kids age 9-18
1 pm to 4 pm - adult class for those with kids 8 & under and youth age 19-21

Monday, January 17, 2005:
9 am to 12 pm - youth class for kids age 9-18
1 pm to 4 pm - adult class for those with kids 8 & under and youth age 19-21

Wether and doe goat sale
A clinic and sale will be held Feb.12 2005 at the Johnston County Livestock Arena. The clinic will be held at 9:00 AM and the Sale at 11:00 AM. The does and wethers will be for the 2005 show season.

If you would like to consign good wethers and does for youth shows contact Ron Hughes at (919) 989-5380 or your county livestock agent. This sale is put on by the North Carolina Meat Goat Producers Association

Other News

Agritourism: A Valuable Commodity
January 11, 2005
Time: 3:00 — 6:00 pm
Dinner 6:30 — 7:30 pm
Guilford County Agricultural Center
3309 Burlington Road
Greensboro NC 27405
Fee: $10 includes dinner and materials
To Register: 336-375-5876

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