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Got to Be NC Show Pig Sale slated for June 9

The 4th Annual Got to Be NC Show Pig Sale will be held June 9 at the Johnston County Livestock Arena at 520 County Home Road, Smithfield. The show will start at 9 a.m., with the sale to begin at 1 p.m.

"This sale features top quality hogs for youth interested in show-quality animals. We are proud this sale is developing a reputation for producing winners," said Billy Lewis, livestock marketing specialist with the N.C. Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services. "In 2017, both the junior purebred gilt and barrow grand champions were purchased at the Got to Be NC Show Pig Sale, and producers have already had several champions this year at local Spring shows."

At this year's sale, fair youth participants are eligible to enter a drawing for a purebred gilt that will be given away after the sale. The gilt is provided by Nahunta Farms, and the winner must be present.

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Don't miss the Got to Be NC Festival May 18-20

With tractors, North Carolina food and beverages, music, a carnival and kids activities, the Got to Be NC Festival promises to be a not-to-be-missed event at the N.C. State Fairgrounds in Raleigh, May 18-20.

"The antique tractor and farm equipment displays, featuring a daily tractor parade, and the Homegrown Marketplace presented by Lowes Foods are two of the unique highlights of the festival," said Agriculture Commissioner Steve Troxler. "We have one of the largest antique tractor displays in the Southeast, and the marketplace features around 100 North Carolina companies and the delicious food and beverage products they offer."

The hours for the Homegrown Marketplace presented by Lowes Foods are Friday from noon to 8 p.m.; Saturday from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. and Sunday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Admission is \$3, but visitors will receive \$2

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Antique tractors and farm equipment are one of the highlights of the Got to Be NC Festival.

NCDA&CS workshops focus on voluntary ag districts

The N.C. Agricultural Development and Farmland Preservation Trust Fund will hold five workshops across the state for local government and nonprofit staff involved in protecting their communities' agricultural lands and administering their local Voluntary Agricultural District programs.

The Voluntary Agricultural District training workshops are for county leadership, Soil and Water Conservation districts,

N.C. Cooperative Extension, the N.C. Forest Service, tax assessors, planning departments, register of deeds, land trusts, and other local and nonprofit staff.

The workshops are free and open to the public, but registration is required. Interested participants may register at <https://fs30.formsite.com/ADFPTTrustFund/form24/index.html>.

Workshops will be held from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. on the following dates:

Tuesday, May 1, Alamance County Ag Center, 209 N. Graham Hopedale Road, Burlington

Tuesday, May 8, East Carolina Agriculture & Education Center, 1175 Kingsboro Road, Rocky Mount

Wednesday, May 16, Burke County Ag Center, 130 Ammons Drive, Morganton

Wednesday, May 23, Johnston County Ag Center, 2736 N.C. 210, Smithfield

Thursday, May 31, Southwest-

ern Community College, 447 College Drive, Sylva

The workshops are hosted by the ADFP Trust Fund, with help from the N.C. Forest Service, Division of Soil and Water Conservation, N.C. State University, N.C. Department of Transportation, N.C. Department of Environmental Quality, N.C. State Grange and the N.C. Farm Bureau.

For more information, visit www.ncadfp.org.

From the tractor



Commissioner Troxler

If you've been out driving on our rural, two-lane roads recently, you have probably encountered farm equipment moving between fields. Farmers are heading back into the fields, busily prepping and planting this year's crops.

That means it is a good time to remind drivers, especially in rural areas of the state, to be on the lookout for farm equipment on the road, to be patient when you encounter tractors and to be care-

ful in passing farm equipment.

We are just at the beginning of the 2018 season, and we have already heard of one accident involving a collision between a car and farm equipment. I have also heard of reports of drivers passing tractors in no-passing zones. I can also personally recall some near-misses I had on my own tractors over the years, along with some collisions that have occurred.

I sincerely hope we don't have any more accidents this year, but I know it is a challenging time for farmers who are just trying to get to work. Granted their mode of transportation may be a little less-than traditional, but it is still important for drivers to be alert so we can all safely share the road.

I want to pass along a few tips to help drivers navigate the rules of the road for a safer experience all around.



Warning signs such as this one alerts drivers to nearby farms.

-- First, slow down in rural areas. It takes 224 feet of space on dry pavement for a car traveling 55 miles per hour to stop for drivers with an average reaction time.

-- Don't tailgate farm tractors on the road. It can be especially difficult for farmers to hear when another vehicle is approaching because of noise from the tractor and tires.

-- Don't assume a farmer can see your vehicle. Stay far enough behind so he can see you in his rearview mirrors.

-- Look for yellow farmer warning signs, like the one to the left. Most roads near farms post these signs of a farmer silhouetted on a tractor. This signals drivers to be on the lookout for farm equipment.

I hope folks will remember that farmers are not on the road with farm equipment because they want to be. Trust me, they are on the road in this equipment because they need to be. At the end of the day, we all benefit from their work growing food, fiber and fuel products we all rely on and enjoy.

Slow down in farming areas and stay safe so everyone comes home to their families and loved ones.

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GTBNC Festival

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in Lowes Bucks to be used in the marketplace, excluding the purchase of alcohol.

Visitors can see tractors parade around the fairgrounds each day at 1 p.m., with all makes, ages and restorations of tractors featured.

New entertainment this year includes Dan Dan The Farmer Man, a roving grounds act; Everything that Matters in the Kitchen cooking show; and Ready, Set Grow Agri-tainment Magic Show.

Returning favorites are the racing pigs of the Hogway Speedway, Lauryn Zepeda with Gringo the Trick Pony, the Pig Patch birthing center, tractor pulls and the Kids Corral activity area.

Pig races are held Friday at 1, 4 and 7 p.m.; Saturday at 10 a.m., 2, 5 and 7 p.m.; and Sunday at 10 a.m., 1, 3 and 6 p.m. near the Martin Building.

The mechanical "horses" take over the Sam Rand Grandstand for tractor pull events Saturday and Sunday. A Kids Pedal Tractor Pull will take place at 11 a.m. Saturday, with the Antique Tractor Pull later from 2 to 8 p.m. A Garden Tractor and Lawnmower Pull will be held Sunday from 2 to 8 p.m.

The carnival features one price, ride-all-day wristbands on Friday and Sunday. Cost is \$20 for wristbands.

On May 19, the festival will host the Carolina Bluegrass Battle. Traditional and contemporary bluegrass bands can register to compete for bragging rights and prizes. The winning band earns \$500 in prize money, plus guaranteed paid performances at the 2018 N.C. State Fair and PreddyFest 2018. The second-place band receives \$250, and \$125 goes to the third-place winner.

Also on May 19, the 13th Annual Masonic Carolina Pig Jig BBQ Cook off will be held, with more than 25 Masonic chapters competing for bragging rights and top honors. At 11 a.m., the event opens to the public for an all-you-care-to-eat barbecue buffet.



Family friendly fun awaits festival goers May 18-20.

Pig sale

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In addition, the Got to Be NC Show Pig Sale committee is offering two \$250 pig "scholarships" at the sale. First-time State Fair youth participants are eligible to win, and the winners must be present to claim the prize.

For more information, contact Billy Lewis at 252-717-4529.



Deadline nears to file tobacco settlement claim

Under a proposed \$24 million class-action settlement agreement in *Speaks v. U.S. Tobacco Cooperative, Inc.*, current and former tobacco farmers who were members of the U.S. Tobacco Cooperative, formerly known as Flue-Cured Tobacco Cooperative Stabilization Corporation, or their heirs or representatives may be eligible for payouts.

The order from the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of North Carolina has been appealed, but any claims would still need to be filed by **May 26, 2018** to be eligible. If you do not file a claim, you will not get any payment from the settlement.

The class includes all individuals, proprietorships, partnerships, corporations and other entities that are or were shareholders and/or members of U.S. Tobacco at any time since the date of U.S. Tobacco's incorporation on June 1, 1946, including any heirs, representatives, executors, powers-of-attorney, successors, assigns or others acting on their behalf.

Tobacco growers who were or are members of the U.S. Tobacco Cooperative, or their

heirs or representatives must file a claim online or by mail. Claim forms can be found online at <https://fluecuredtobaccosettlement.com> or by downloading a claim form from that website and submitting the completed form to:

Settlement Claims
Administrator -5773
PO Box 2612
Fairbault, MN 55021-9612

More information and guidance on submitting claims can be found at <https://fluecuredtobaccosettlement.com> or by calling 1-866-458-3207.

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Horse Events

Gov. James B. Hunt Jr. Horse Complex, State Fairgrounds, Raleigh, 919-733-4845

May 3-6 Southeastern Reining Horse Association Show. Contact Danny Blackburn, 919-669-9486.
May 10-13 Andalusian Breed Show. Contact Kevin Kidder, 949-292-8980.
May 12-13 TWHHA Show. Contact Kim Moser, 919-201-3606.
May 19 Wake Co. 4-H Horse Show. Contact Heather Schaffer, 919-250-1093.
May 20 District 4-H Horse Show. Contact Bill Crouse, 919-624-1014.
May 23-26 Southern States Regional Morgan Show. Contact Liz Holmes, 919-672-3741.
June 2 & 3 Capital Dressage Classic. Contact Sandy Donovan, 901-218-0613.
June 9 & 10 Pinto Horse Association Show. Contact Ronnie Pope, 919-824-7311.
June 9 & 10 United Horseman of Carolinas. Contact Michelle Pope, 919-824-7311.
June 14-17 Tarheel Triple Classic QH shows. Contact Perry Davis, 910-395-4306.
June 23 & 24 NCAHA Open Summer Extravaganza. Contact Rory Meachum, 919-906-3510.
June 27-July 1 NCHJA Annual Hunter Show. Contact NCHJA Office, 919-538-4781.
July 4-8 State 4-H Horse Show. Contact Lori Stroud, 919-515-5788.
July 14 & 15 Trianglewide Horseman's Association. Contact Kim Moser, 919-201-3606.
July 20-22 NCHJA "C" Indoors. Contact Joan Petty, 919-669-9877.
July 28 & 29 Raleigh Summer Dressage I & II. Contact Janine Malone, 919-269-7307.

Sen. Bob Martin Eastern Agricultural Center, Williamston, 252-792-5111

May 3 2018 Roanoke Derby. Contact David Whitley 252-809-3267.
May 5 & 6 NC East Regional Qualifying 4-H Youth Horse Show. Contact Mason Lawrence, 252-338-3954.
June 1-3 Memorial Day Reining Classic. Contact Chris Wiley, 804-305-7398.
June 9 & 10 EHA & NCHJA "C" Horse Show. Contact Wendy Willson, 252-916-3685.
June 15 & 16 2018 NC NBHA State Finals. Contact Patty Nunnery, 910-322-8601.
June 23 & 24 June's JHR Open Horse Show. Contact the Ag Center Office, 252-792-5111.
July 14 & 15 Mounted Shooters' Shoot for Hope. Contact Pam Lohrey, 540-570-8785.
July 20-22 East Coast Color-Rama Paint Horse Show. Contact Wendy Alvanos, 252-626-7448.
July 28 & 29 SE Reining Horse Assn. Main Event and Futurity. Contact Danny Blackburn, 919-669-9486.

Southeastern N.C. Agricultural Events Center, Lumberton, 910-618-5699

May 5 & 6 Cowboy Mounted Shooting. Contact Pam Lohrey, 540-570.
May 7 Horse and Tack Auction. Contact Brad Stephens, 828-390-0878.
May 18-20 Southern Stockhorse Assn./SCHRA Reined Cow Horse/Cutting/Queen Contest. Contact Stacey Smith, 843-241-3154.
June 4 Horse and Tack Auction. Contact Brad Stephens, 828-390-0878.

Western N.C. Ag Center, Fletcher, 828-687-1414

May 5 & 6 West District 4-H Horse Show. Contact Shannon Coleman, 828-837-2210, ext. 4.
May 11 & 12 Asheville Spring Invitational. Contact Joyce Wilson, 919-365-5149.
May 18-20 Asheville Saddlebred Classic Horse Show. Contact Liz Holmes 919-672-3741.
June 14-17 Piedmont Paso Fino Horse Show. Contact Ashley Aldred, 704-778-6717.
May 25-27 West District 4-H 3-day Horsemanship Clinic. Contact Shannon Coleman, 828-837-2210, ext. 4.

*Show dates are subject to change. Call ahead to confirm.

Federal rules around hemp unsettled; lawsuits filed

Guest column by NCDA&CS Assistant General Counsel Jon Lanier

This column is not intended as legal advice, but seeks to describe the current landscape involving CBD.

Is CBD legal?

The legal status of cannabidiol (CBD), one of the many cannabinoids found in the plant *Cannabis Sativa L.* has been the topic of much discussion lately for many reasons. This article, while not legal advice, is an overview of issues that one might face regarding CBD.

First off, what is CBD? CBD is a chemical compound found mainly in the flowers of a hemp plant. It has been claimed that CBD has numerous health benefits, although these claims have not been verified or approved by relevant governmental organizations as discussed below.

Second, is CBD legal? As discussed here, the answer is not always so clear.

Generally, the federal government exercises authority over CBD through two agencies: the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) and the Food and Drug Administration (FDA).

DEA Authority

Prior to the enactment of the Agriculture Act of 2014 (the "Farm Bill"), it seemed clear that CBD fell within the Controlled Substances Act (CSA) definition of "marihuana" and DEA had the authority to regulate. The CSA does not mention THC or a particular level of THC in its definition of "marihuana." Its legality is solely dependent upon from which part of the plant CBD is derived. CBD comes primarily from the flowers of a cannabis plant, and thus falls within the definition of "marihuana" in the CSA.

The Farm Bill of 2014

The Farm Bill of 2014 legalized the growth, cultivation, or marketing of industrial hemp pursuant to state authorized pilot programs. North Carolina has such a pilot program authorized by state law. Pursuant to the Farm Bill, pilot program license holders can legally grow industrial hemp.

The Farm Bill defines "industrial hemp" as any part



Young hemp plants grow in a greenhouse as part of a North Carolina pilot program to learn more about hemp production.

of the cannabis plant with a THC level of not more than 0.3 percent. The question that has arisen is whether CBD that contains less than 0.3 percent THC and which comes from an industrial hemp crop grown as part of a hemp pilot program fits within the Farm Bill definition of "industrial hemp" or whether it would still be regulated by the DEA as "marihuana" under the definition in the CSA, which makes no mention of the amount of THC and instead relies on which part of the plant the CBD comes from.

Conflict Between the Farm Bill and DEA Rule

Under the authority of the CSA, DEA enacted a rule which lists "Marihuana Extract" as a controlled substance. The definition of "Marihuana Extract" makes no distinction between marihuana and industrial hemp. Some argue that DEA with the enactment of this rule has included CBD (from whatever source) as a controlled substance. Others argue that CBD would be legal if it comes from industrial hemp grown as part of a hemp pilot program since it comes from a legal source.

The Status of CBD regarding DEA Authority

At present, there is conflicting opinion regarding the legality of CBD. As a result of the lack of clarity in the DEA rule, the Hemp Industries Association filed a lawsuit against the DEA. The case seeks to strike down the DEA

rule, or at the very least require the DEA to clarify that the rule does not pertain to lawful industrial hemp extracts.

So, the best guidance regarding DEA's view of CBD as a controlled substance at this point is that it is unclear. There are two federal laws that appear to be at odds with each other and an ongoing lawsuit that has not been resolved.

The Status of CBD regarding FDA Authority

As mentioned above, there is another area of federal authority regarding CBD. The federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act places authority with the FDA to promote and protect the public health through regulation of many areas, including food safety, dietary supplements, and pharmaceuticals.

Here is what the FDA has to say from its website on the question of whether it is legal in interstate commerce to sell a food to which CBD has been added: No.

So, as noted on the FDA website, it considers the addition of CBD to a food product to be a "prohibited act" within its authority.

Here is what the FDA has to say from its webpage on the question of whether products that contain CBD can be sold as dietary supplements: No.

Conclusion

The law regarding CBD might best be described as unsettled. One should take every precaution to ensure that all federal and state laws are complied with when considering CBD. Again, nothing in this article should be considered as legal advice. Anyone interested in CBD for personal use or as a part of a business enterprise would be wise to consult an attorney who specializes in regulatory issues.

It should be noted however that the ability of a licensed grower to grow industrial hemp in North Carolina remains unchallenged. The pilot program, backed by federal and state law, allows the grower to grow industrial hemp as an agricultural commodity. The above issues would arise later in the supply chain as processors process the hemp and extract the CBD.

Plant pest specialists on the lookout for the spotted lanternfly

The spotted lanternfly sounds like it might be a cute bug to have around, but it's not.

Plant pest specialists are asking for the public's help in looking for this invasive pest that has the potential to seriously impact plants and trees of grapes, apples, peaches and many other commodities as

an attractive-looking plant hopper that is about an inch long and a half-inch wide (Figure 1). The pest is native to China and was introduced into Pennsylvania through international trade.

To date, 13 counties in Pennsylvania are under quarantine for spotted lanternfly, restricting movement of regulated articles

out of these locations. It also has been found in Delaware, New Jersey, New York and Virginia.

Spotted lanternfly has a wide host range,

feeding on more than 65 plant species including oak, maple, willow, peach, apple and grape. As the insect matures, the host range narrows to a few species that include tree of heaven and grapes.

These insects have the ability to multiply rapidly, with adult females being able to lay 60 to 500 eggs. The egg masses have the appearance of dried mud and may be laid on virtually any surface, making spotted lanternfly a high risk for being accidentally transported out of quarantined areas and into non-infested areas, especially over great distances.

Young spotted lanternfly feed on stems and leaves, while adults feed on woody plant parts such as branches and trunks. Large amounts of sap are digested by the insects and excreted as honeydew, which can lead to the growth of the sooty mold fun-

gus causing wilting and dying of understory plants. Additionally, large gatherings of these insects can cause weeping wounds on trunks, which can lead to wilting and death of the affected plants.

Swink said anyone who thinks they may have seen

this pest is asked to contact NCDA&CS immediately at (800) 206-9333 or email at newpest@ncagr.gov.

For more info, go to www.ncagr.gov/plantindustry/plant/entomology/documents/SpottedLanternflyPestWatch.pdf.



well as native forest species.

"This pest has not been found in North Carolina, but it was detected in Pennsylvania in 2014 and is a threat to other states on the East Coast," said Whitney Swink, an entomologist with the N.C. Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services Plant Industry Division. "We are actively engaged with other state departments of agriculture as well as USDA in monitoring this pest, but could use the extra eyes of the public in looking for it."

The adult spotted lanternfly (*Lycorma delicatula*; SLF) is

Bucolic briefs

The N.C. Sheep Producers Summer Field Day will be held June 9 from 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at Shepherds Gate Fiber Mills in Youngsville. The event features a mill tour, shearing demonstration and a vet presentation on raising sheep. Cost is \$10 per person or \$20 for a family. For more information, go to www.ncsheep.com.

The Catawba Valley Harvest Association will host its annual Harvest Show June 9 beginning at 10 a.m. at Sigmon Farm Park, 420 East N. St., Newton. The event features a working wheat harvest with vintage equipment that was common 75 to 100 years ago. The club will show visitors farming history in action. Activities include old-time harvest and farm demonstrations, wagon rides, pony rides and displays of threshing, draft horses, antique tractors, a steam tractor, steam engine, baler, binder, grist mill, Model TT truck and combines. For more information, go to catawbavalleyharvestassociation.com or contact Kim at 828-850-5808. The rain date for the event is June 16.

The Leonard-Mobley Small Farms Fund is seeking small farmers in Chatham, Durham, Franklin, Granville, Halifax, Nash, Person, Vance, Wake, Warren and Wilson counties, including women in agriculture, to apply for a \$5,000 grant to assist with projects such as development or expansion of new sources of agricultural income on their farm. Grant applications are due July 1. The grant will be awarded Sept. 9 at the 5th Annual "Dinner in the Meadow" farm-to-fork feast held at Meadow Lane Farm near Louisburg. The dinner showcases local foods prepared by 10 North Carolina chefs. For more information, please contact Ranell Bridges, board member, at 919-495-1305 or email, lmsmallfarmfund@gmail.com. More information on the grant and the dinner can be found online at www.DinnerintheMeadow.org. The fund was set up in memory of two farm family members, with proceeds from the dinner, and live and silent auctions benefiting the fund. Tickets for the dinner can be purchased at the website.

As a way to help farmers and agricultural workers stay safe at work, the N.C. Department of Labor offers safety videos on a variety of topics through its YouTube channel. Video topics include: preventing green tobacco sickness, hazard communication, tobacco harvester safety, heat stress, migrant housing requirements, forklift safety, and information about the NCDOL's Gold Star Growers program. The videos are in English and Spanish to increase understanding of safety hazards and preventing accidents. To learn more about the NCDOL and the Agricultural Safety and Health Bureau, go to www.nclabor.com or call 1-800-NC-LABOR (800-625-2267). NCDOL is also on Facebook and Twitter (@NCDOL).
