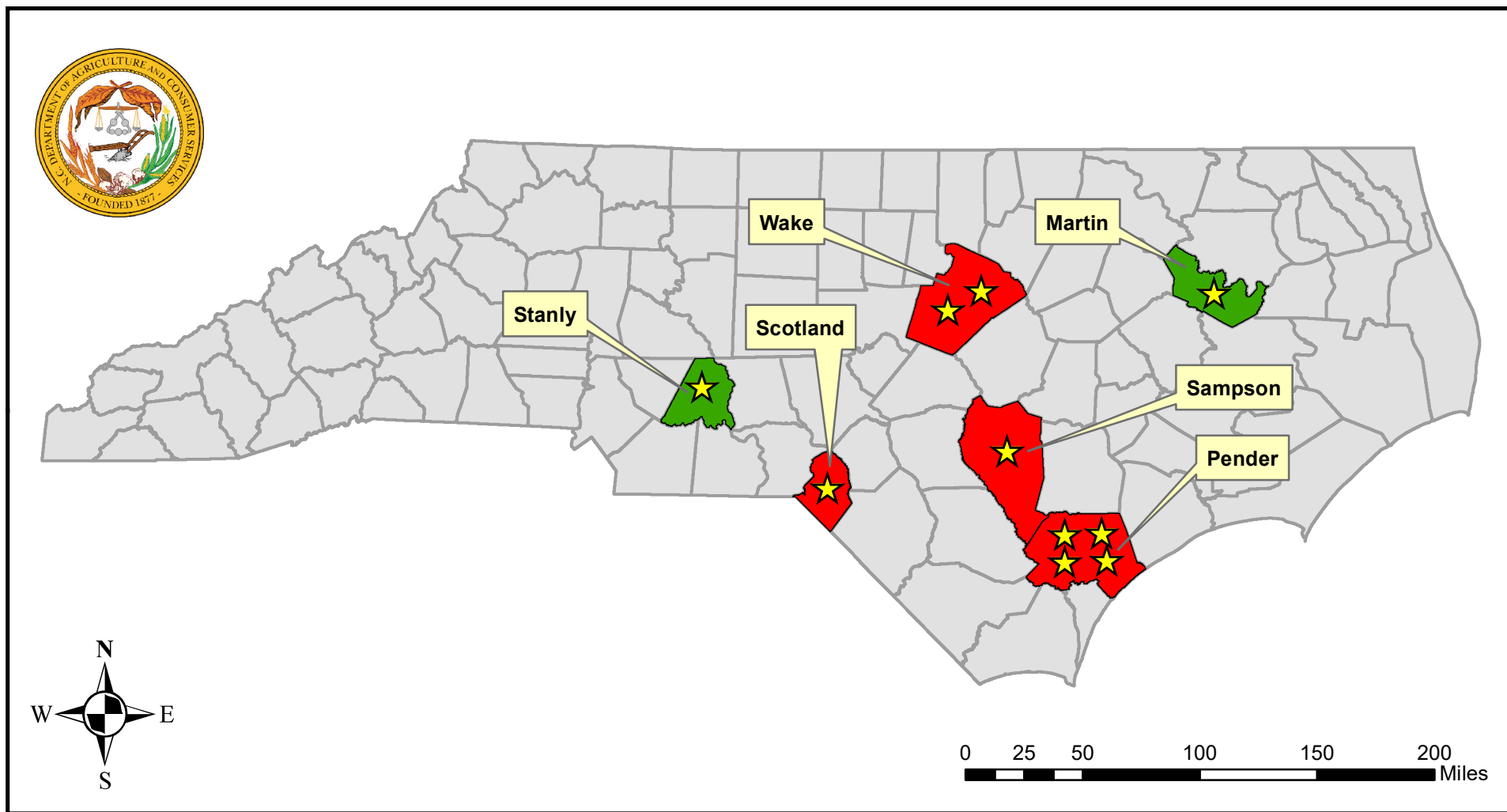


# Infestation of Cogongrass in NC



## Legend

★ CG Affected Counties as of 2017

■ CG In-Progress Counties 2017

■ Eradicated Counties

Cogongrass is on the federal noxious weed list and considered one of the top 10 weeds in the world. The grass has the ability to spread through seeds and rhizomes. The invasive weed competes with native plants, grasses and trees, choking them out with its dense root system. The grass isn't suitable for wildlife and its density makes it difficult for small animals to build habitats. It is a serious concern for land managers work with forestry, roadsides, and utility right-of-ways.

This weed has been found 10 times in NC since 2012: Pender #1 (2012), Stanly (2013), Martin (2014), Scotland (2015, In-Progress), Wake #1 (2016), Wake #2 (2016), Pender #2 (2017, Re-infest), Pender #3 and #4 (2017), Sampson (2017) *Updated September 2017*