

# Association Report to the Commission November 2024

### 2025 Association Annual Meeting

The Sheraton Imperial has notified us that we have booked our block and overflow is in place at the Springhill Suites next door. We have started a wait list to transfer reservations that are being cancelled. If you are planning to cancel a reservation, please notify us before doing so.

#### **Disaster Assistance**

We have been working closely with our partners and Districts in the areas we can assist. The Association has submitted funding requests to state legislators and federal agency heads. In addition, I am working with my local Case IH dealer to get donations to assist farmers with needed equipment fluids.

## 2025 Basic Trainings for Soil and Water Conservation

We will host a Basic Training at the Annual meeting and the regional trainings February 4 for the Coastal region, February 18 for the Mountain region and February 25 for the Piedmont region.

## **North Carolina State Fair**

Thank you to everyone who assisted with the fair this year. Attendance to our area increased tremendously from past years.

#### **State Environmental Education Assistance**

Jessica Davis with the Randolph SWCD has been doing a great job assisting the Association with our education programs. The agreement with Randolph SWCD for these deliverables has been a great avenue to provide this. Jessica has been very active, assisting with our contest manual, the Conservation Employee Training (CET), the NC Science Teachers Association meeting as well as working on Soil and Water Conservation specific curriculum.

We are still requesting financial assistance from Districts who have not contributed to meet our goal and sustain this position into the future. We encourage Districts who have questions or concerns about supporting this effort to reach out to Bryan.