

Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza

To date North Carolina has not had any instances of the Avian Influenza (HPAI), however as birds migrate south for the winter it is likely that they will bring it south with them. Ducks, geese, hawks, falcons and owls have all had reported cases. It is **STRONGLY** recommended that you confine your birds to indoors during migrating season (which is expected to be September and October), and have a specific pair of shoes that you wear around your birds and no where else. Definitely keep your birds away from surface water where migrating birds could land and keep rodents out of your feed. In addition, don't take your dog swimming and then let them return to areas your flock are exposed to until they've been bathed with soap. If you suspect a bird has the HPAI, please call NCDA at 919-733-7601. Visit <http://ncagr.gov/avianflu> often for updates. We have a Forsyth County Poultry newsletter. Visit <http://go.ncsu.edu/ForsythPoultrySubscribe> and enter your contact information to subscribe to it or scan this QR code with your QR reader on your smart phone. Feel free to contact me and I can subscribe you.



DIXIE CLASSIC FAIR OCT. 2 - 11, 2015

Because of the risk of Avian Influenza in NC, all poultry shows and sales have been cancelled including the Dixie Classic Fair. All other livestock shows will go on as planned. You should consider attending the fair and watching the cattle shows to locate quality cattle and genetics. The show schedule is below in the calendar. If you would like to exhibit cattle at the fair, entries are due September 1st. You can enter and pay your entry fees (open cattle only; junior exhibitors are free for Saturday and Sundays junior show) on-line.

Hay Needed

We are getting calls daily requesting hay for sale. If you have any hay to sale please let me know what kind, size, price and your preferred contact information. Also, we are thinking about contracting hay from another state. If you would be interested please let me know what variety of hay you prefer (or absolutely don't want) and your contact information at awbowman@ncsu.edu or 336-703-2855. If there's enough interest then we will proceed with locating some.

Coming Up

Below are some upcoming dates. Contact me for more information on any of these events.

<http://www.forsyth.cc/CES/>

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- August 28 Registration deadline for Southern Forages (space is limited to first registered though, so don't wait)
- September 1 Dixie Classic Fair Entries Due <http://dcfair.com>
- September 3 Southern Forages Workshop, Guilford Cooperative Extension, 6 PM
- September 15 Amazing Grazing Training, Mt. Airy
- October 2-11 Dixie Classic Fair
 - Oct 8 2 PM Angus
 - Oct 8 4 PM Charolais
 - Oct 8 6 PM All Other Breeds
 - Oct 9 12 PM Hereford
 - Oct 9 3 PM Simmental
 - Oct 9 4:30 PM Red Angus
 - Oct 10 1 PM Jr. Beef Showmanship
 - Oct 11 1 PM Jr. Beef Heifer Show
- November 4 Hands-on Beef Quality Assurance Training, TBD
- January 23 4-H Livestock Judging in January, Raleigh
- February 13 NC Angus Meeting, Forsyth Extension
- February 23 Piedmont Regional Beef Conference, Greensboro, (all day)
- Feb 26-27 NC Cattlemen's Conference

We are planning a regional sheep/goat field day soon. The best way to receive that information is to subscribe to our electronic sheep/goat newsletter by visiting <http://go.ncsu.edu/ForsythSheepGoatSubscribe> and enter your contact information or scan the QR code to the right with your smart phone QR code reader. I will also be happy to subscribe you if you like. Email me at awbowman@ncsu.edu or call me at 336-703-2855.

