

October Livestock E-News



Grants

Fund A Farmer Grant: Grants of up to \$2,500 are available for projects such as building mobile housing, constructing fences, laying water lines on pasture, and much more. Applications are due by December 1, 2020.

<https://foodanimalconcernstrust.org/grants/>

Farm Payment Program: If you farmed in 2019 and are still farming in 2020 you most likely are eligible for a Federal Payment Program. This program is running from now until Dec 11, 2020 and is providing significant financial payments (round 2) to farmers in almost every category: livestock, vegetables, fruits, dairy, nursery, Christmas trees, grain, hemp, and tobacco.

Begin by calling 828.649.2712 ext 2
or emailing: charles.zink@usda.gov - allison.whitt@usda.gov -
grayson.briggs@usda.gov

AgOptions: WNC Agricultural Options is now accepting grant applications from farmers diversifying or expanding their businesses. With funding from the N.C. Tobacco Trust Fund Commission, WNC AgOptions is distributing a total of \$216,000 to western North Carolina farmers in 2021. The application deadline is Nov. 20, 2020.

<https://www.wncagoptions.org/>



Upcoming Nutrition Class

November 5, 2020 10am-Noon
Free, in-person class held at the Extension office
258 Carolina Lane Marshall NC 28753

Topics to be discussed:

- Parts & function of the digestive system
- **A real cow stomach will be dissected and explained**
- Definition & examples of essential nutrients
- Feedstuffs, feed costs, hay analysis, & soil samples

COVID protocols will be followed

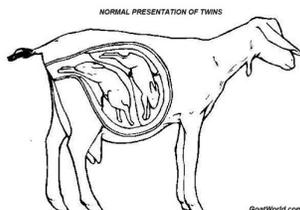
Class size is limited - Please call or email Rebecca Bradley to
RSVP 828-649-2411 ext. 4 rebecca_bradley@ncsu.edu

Hay Testing



For \$10.00 this test provides useful information about the nutritional value of feed or forage. This information can be used to adjust the amount of protein and energy supplements used with the feed or forage to meet the needs of animals.

<https://www.ncagr.gov/fooddrug/forms/documents/Forage%20Analysis%20Form.pdf>



Pregnancy Testing Your Stock

5 REASONS TO BLOOD PREGNANCY TEST

1. Convenient - collect samples when it's convenient for you, rather than working around the veterinarian's schedule.
2. Increased Animal Productivity - increase the productivity of your animals by testing for pregnancy 25 days post breeding.
3. Cost Effective - compare the cost of the tests (less than \$4/cow or \$6.50/sheep/goat) to the cost of carrying an open animal.
4. Non-Invasive - blood testing is less invasive for the animal than the traditional rectal palpation method of testing for pregnancy. Blood testing reduces the risk of damaging a pregnancy and causing embryo loss.
5. Accurate Results - open animals have a test accuracy of 99-100%. Pregnant animals have a test accuracy of 95% correct, this percentage is lower with the risk of early embryonic loss.

If you are interested in pregnancy testing your cattle, sheep, or goats please call or email Rebecca Bradley
828-649-2411 ext. 4 rebecca_bradley@ncsu.edu



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