

# Small Farms Week

*Deep Roots, Bright Futures*

March 24–30, 2019

## SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

### Monday, March 25

#### *Small Farms Week Kickoff*

Duplin County Cooperative Extension Center  
165 Agriculture Drive  
Kenansville, N.C. 28349

#### *Presiding*

Amanda Hatcher, director  
North Carolina Cooperative Extension,  
Duplin County

#### **9:00 a.m. – Registration and Refreshments**

#### **9:30 a.m. – Welcome and Greetings**

- ~ James Hartsfield, area farm management agent, Duplin County Cooperative Extension
- ~ Davis Brinson, Duplin County manager
- ~ Morris White III, eastern regional Extension director, N.C. A&T State University
- ~ Keith Walters, southeast district Extension director, N.C. State University
- ~ Rosalind Dale, Ed.D., associate dean and administrator, N.C. A&T State University

#### **10 a.m. – Significance of Agriculture in Duplin County**

J.W. Kilpatrick, Duplin County Agribusiness Council president

#### **10:30 a.m. – Panel Discussion**

Small Farming Past, Present and Future in Duplin County

#### *Moderator*

Deborah Johnson, NC Cooperative Extension State Advisory Council member

#### *Panelists*

- ~ Ronald Simmons, 2018 Small Farmer of the Year, pasture pork producer
- ~ Hugh Miller, pasture pork producer and row crop farmer, NC Natural Hog Growers Association member
- ~ Rook Wells, organic vegetable and row crop producer
- ~ Brad Hawkins, grape producer for Duplin Winery
- ~ Barry Jones, bee keeper, Duplin County Bee Club president

#### **11:30 a.m. – Lunch & Video Presentation**

#### **12:45-4:30 p.m. – Farm Tours (40-45 minutes at each stop)**

- ~ Ronald Simmons (Pasture Pork), 234 Paul Ed Dail Road, Kenansville
- ~ Brad Hawkins (Grape Vineyard), 777302 Southerland Rd, Magnolia
- ~ Duplin Winery, 342 Yellow Cut Road, Rose Hill

Established in 1975, Duplin Winery is North Carolina's oldest operating winery. An optional wine tasting

### Tuesday, March 26\*

#### *Educational Forum*

N.C. A&T State University

#### **8 a.m.-5 p.m.**

Alumni-Foundation Event Center  
200 N. Benbow Road  
Greensboro, N.C. 27411

#### **8:30-11:40 a.m. – Interactive Exhibits**

Representatives from different agencies, farmers' groups and universities will be displaying and providing information as it relates to small farms and farmers.

#### **Concurrent Sessions**

#### **Session 1. 8:30-11:30 a.m. – Industrial Hemp**

Sanjun Gu, Ph.D., Horticulture Specialist, Cooperative Extension at N.C. A&T

#### **Session 2. 8:30-11 a.m. – Training Sessions: Emergency Preparation Planning**

Michelle Eley, Ph.D., Community and Economic Development Specialist, Cooperative Extension at N.C. A&T

#### **11:45 a.m.-1:30 p.m. – Lunch in Williams Cafeteria**

#### **2-4:30 p.m. – Season Extension with High Tunnels Farmers Market & Farm Tours**

N.C. A&T University Farm

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## **2-4:30 p.m. – Market Bazaar**

Small farmers using high tunnels for season extension will be highlighted in a farmers market. Items can be purchased, so please bring cash. There will also be a few local chefs from the Got to be NC campaign, who will be highlighting local foods through cooking demos.

## **2:30-4:30 p.m. – Farm Tours**

Hour long tours will depart from the market at 2:30, 3 and 3:30 p.m.

## **Wednesday, March 27\***

*Small Farmers' Appreciation Day*

## **8:45-11:30 a.m. – Educational Forum Farmers' Panels**

N.C. A&T, Student Center North End Ballroom (SC-205)

## **8:45-9:30 a.m. – Growing Your Market: Moving Beyond Your Local Farmers Market**

## **9:45-10:30 a.m. – Beginning Hemp Farming: Farmers in the Field**

## **10:45-11:30 a.m. – Farm Resilience: Lessons Learned from Hurricane Florence**

## **Noon-2 p.m. – Small Farmers' Appreciation Luncheon**

N.C. A&T Alumni-Foundation Event Center  
200 N. Benbow Road  
Greensboro, N.C. 27411

### **Presiding**

Rosalind Dale, Ed.D., associate dean and Extension administrator  
Cooperative Extension at A&T

### **Welcome**

- ~ Chancellor Harold L. Martin Sr., Ph.D., N.C. A&T
- ~ Mohamed Ahmedna, Ph.D., dean N.C. A&T College of Agriculture and Environmental Sciences
- ~ Steve Troxler, North Carolina Commissioner of Agriculture N.C. Department of Agriculture

## **Lunch**

### **Introduction of Speaker**

Rosalind Dale, Ed.D., associate dean and Extension administrator  
Cooperative Extension at A&T

### **Speaker**

Howard Conyers, Ph.D.

## **Presentation of 2019 Small Farmer of the Year Award and Video**

## **Small Farms Week Video Essay Competition Award Winner**

## **Adjourn**

## **6 p.m. – Small Farms Week Student Cooking Competition**

Williams Cafeteria  
Three teams of A&T students, assisted by Sodexo chefs, will compete by preparing an appetizer, entrée and dessert using local foods. Three judges will decide the winning team. The cost to attend is \$8.81 plus tax payable at the cafeteria; university meal plans also accepted.

## **Thursday, March 28**

## **5:30 p.m. – Student Forum Panel Discussion**

Student Center  
A panel will discuss the future of women farmers. This forum will include and introduce non-agriculture students to agriculture and environmental sciences fields. Games with prizes will engage participants. Student Ambassadors will help host the forum.

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