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ADFP Trust Fund News

Current (2008 – 2009) Grant Cycle

The following information is also available on our website:
<http://www.ncadfp.org>

The Agricultural Development and Farmland Preservation Trust Fund recently awarded \$7.6 million in grants to help communities across the state protect farmland or promote agricultural development. The fund received 93 applications requesting \$29 million in grants. A total of 41 grants were funded.

Following is a breakdown on how funding was distributed. A total of 3,233 acres are being protected through these grants.

Funded projects:

Conservation easements (Perpetual):

Total amount awarded: \$4,379,500 million

Total acreage protected: 2,703

Total project funded: 16

Agricultural-term agreements (Term for a specified period of time):

Total amount awarded: \$825,771

Total acreage protected: 530

Total projects funded: 3 (two for 50-year terms, 1 for 25 years)

Enterprise projects:

Total amount awarded: \$2,432,715 million

Total projects funded: 22

For more information regarding the NC Agricultural Development and Farmland Preservation Trust Fund, please visit www.ncadfp.org or contact us at ncadfp@ncmail.net or (919)733-7125.

Project distribution by region:

West Central: 8 projects
North Central: 11 projects
South Central: 3 projects
West: 7 projects
Northeast: 2 projects
Southeast: 6 projects

Regional projects:

Statewide: 2 projects
Western NC: 1
Northeast, Southeast: 1 project
Southeast, South: 1 project

Leveraged state and federal funds:

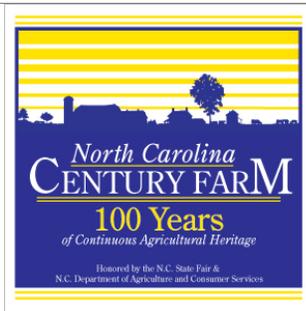
By funding the projects, the trust fund was able to leverage an additional \$10,648,253 in federal, state, and county matching funds. Around \$2.5 million was from state or non-profit matches, nearly \$950,000 was in matching federal funds, and more than \$4 million was in landowner matches.

New (2009 – 2010) Grant Cycle

The North Carolina General Assembly appropriated \$4 million for the NC ADFP Trust Fund 2008 – 2009 fiscal year. **Applications for grants from this funding became available on October 13, 2008 and are due no later than 5:00PM on December 5, 2008.** Applications are available online (<http://www.ncadfp.org>) and can also be requested from the NC ADFP Trust Fund via telephone (919-733-7125). The Trust Fund is holding Grant Application Workshops to provide interested organizations and individuals with more information and to answer questions. Two workshops, both with good attendance, were held earlier this week, and four more will be held in November. To RSVP for one of the workshops, please contact Leslie Pekrul via email at Leslie.Dixon@ncagr.gov or via telephone at 919-715-1206, ext. 12.

Website

The NC ADFP Trust Fund has been working diligently to revitalize its website, making it more comprehensive and user-friendly. While most renovations have been completed, we will continue to update and refresh our website to provide you with the best and latest information about the Trust Fund.



[NC State Fair, Century Farm Family Reunion](#)

On October 23, 2008, the NC ADFP Trust Fund participated in the NC State Fair Century Farm Family Reunion ([Click here to learn more about Century Farm](#)). We had a booth with a variety of information on display (including photographs and a PowerPoint presentation), and we gave NC ADFP Trust Fund bags and water bottles to Century Farm Family Reunion attendees.

News and Articles



[Commissioner Troxler Gives Governor Easley Award](#)

Gov. Mike Easley holds an hourglass given to him by Agriculture Commissioner Steve Troxler at a meeting Tuesday, in recognition of Easley's work on behalf of the preservation of the state's natural resources.

(Easley pushes stricter energy standards for buildings. Sep. 10, 2008. The News & Observer.)

At the Governor's Council of State meeting, Commissioner Troxler gave Governor Easley the hourglass award that he was supposed to receive at the last Annual Quad Trust reception (where Commissioner Troxler explained the award and Secretary Ross accepted it on behalf of the Governor). The hourglass means that "time is running out" to protect the state's great natural resources, and the award was for the Governor's support for funding for land conservation last year (2007).

["The High Cost of Farming: North Carolina farmers are getting squeezed by high fuel prices and the long drought" by Richard Carver \(W S Journal\)](#)

"Ed Blackburn has never had illusions about being a wealthy livestock farmer.

Like most small cattle farmers in Northwest North Carolina, the time he has spent working his family's farm in Tobaccoville -- more than 30 years -- has been more than a hobby, but less than a living. "It's my golf," Blackburn said with a chuckle.

It's a realistic mind-set, considering that local and state agricultural officials say that about 90 percent of hobby farmers -- those with two to 25 head of cattle -- don't turn a profit on their herds. But soaring costs of feed, fertilizer and fuel -- some of which have more than tripled in the past two years -- and sporadic rain teasing his dry pastures have Blackburn wondering how much longer he can maintain his cow-calf operation. He said he lost \$3,000 in 2007 and \$5,000 in 2006 when all his production costs are considered. "I really don't know what that money threshold is, but I know it's a lot closer than it used to be," Blackburn said. "If I didn't have a

daytime job, I would have quit a while ago." "It's almost worse than having a gambling addiction because of the low odds of making a decent profit these days," Blackburn said, although he does get a break on his property taxes from operating a farm..."

[Click here for full article.](#)

[From NCDA&CS Daily Clips](#)

Weather, economy hurt State Fair

RALEIGH - The bad economy did not keep people from the deep-fried mac and cheese and pecan pie. The 2008 N.C. State Fair ended with record-breaking attendance on Sunday of 101,775. That broke last year's record of 98,433 on the last day, according to Brian Long, spokesman for the N.C. Department of Agriculture. Even so, these hard economic times took a toll on the overall attendance at the fair. This year's total attendance of 765,067 was about 11 percent below last year's record of 858,611. Long noted that advance ticket sales were lower than a year ago. That makes the fair more weather-dependent, he said, and last week's weather was not that great. "Every other day, we were dealing with cool temperatures or rain or threat of rain," Long said. "That on top of people's fears about the economy made it a little tougher." Long said good weather explained the record-breaking attendance Sunday. "You probably had people waiting for a good day like that to come out," he said. "It was a great way to end." But even with ticket sales down, Long took the long view of things. "You can't find too much to quibble with when more than 700,000 people come out," he said.

<http://www.newsobserver.com/news/story/1271449.html>

Record last day turnout for state fair still doesn't push 2008 attendance mark above last year

RALEIGH - Record attendance on the final day didn't prevent the 2008 N.C. State Fair from falling below last year's overall turnout.

Sunday's attendance totaled 101,775, breaking the mark of 98,433 on the last day of the 2007 fair. But The News & Observer of Raleigh reports that this year's total attendance of 765,067 was down about 11 percent below last year's record of 858,611.

N.C. Department of Agriculture spokesman Brian Long said officials took note of the fact that advance sales for the fair were down. Long also said a combination of cool temperatures, a threat of rain and a struggling economy combined to keep attendance down.

<http://www2.journalnow.com/content/2008/oct/27/record-last-day-turnout-state-fair-still-doesnt-pu/news-ncpolitics/>

Cankerworm fight moves to next front: Tree bands

Despite this spring's aerial attack on cankerworms, City Arborist Don McSween is calling on Charlotte residents to band trees again this fall.

The effort was effective, but further spraying is not planned for the spring, making banding now even more important, he said. "That way, we can keep the numbers down and avoid having to spray as often," he said.

Wrapping trees in sticky bands prevents the cankerworms from climbing up to lay their eggs.

Cankerworms are the caterpillars of a small native moth. They don't bother most evergreens, preferring instead deciduous hardwoods such as willow oaks, which they can strip completely bare.

<http://www.charlotteobserver.com/local/story/279438.html>

Processors of poultry facing big challenges

Higher costs, lower demand amid faltering economy force officials in Carolinas to eye the situation warily.

Rising costs, wilting demand and a down economy have put poultry processors in a tight spot. That could signal tough times for the Carolinas,

which have a large stake in the industry, local officials and poultry experts say.

The chicken industry's biggest producers, Pilgrim's Pride Corp. and Tyson Foods Inc., reported major losses last quarter, and experts say they're unsure when to expect a turnaround.

What that means for workers and Carolinas communities with ties to the business isn't yet clear. Some officials say they're just waiting... and trying not to worry.

"The whole situation is troublesome," said Maurice Ewing, president of the Partnership for Progress in Union County, one of the state's top chicken-producing counties. "'Worry' is too strong a word, but we're watching." Pilgrim's Pride, the country's largest chicken producer, has been pelted by rising costs and debt. The company's stock tumbled 40 percent last month after it reported big losses and the possibility of defaulting on its loans. Some analysts have said it could file for bankruptcy or be bought by a competitor. It closed Monday at \$2.15, down from a 52-week high of \$30.15.

Company officials said Monday that they'd agreed to an extension with their lenders through Nov. 26. The company has been working on a business plan that addresses its financial challenges, it said.

<http://www.charlotteobserver.com/business/story/282977.html>

Big pork producer OKs union NC slaughterhouse vote

RICHMOND, Va. Smithfield Foods dropped a racketeering and extortion lawsuit against a union, which in turn agreed Monday to end its bitter economic and publicity campaign against the nation's largest pork producer. As part of the settlement, both sides agreed to rules for a United Food and Commercial Workers organizing election at the world's largest hog slaughterhouse in Tar Heel, N.C. The settlement was sealed, so it was unclear how or when the election would be conducted.

The company and the union announced the agreement in a joint statement as Smithfield's lawsuit was about to go to trial in federal court.

The union began its campaign against Smithfield in June 2006 in an attempt to pressure the company into unionizing the plant, which has about 4,650 employees and processes as many as 32,000 hogs a day.

The initiative included calls for product boycotts, negative publicity and other actions that Smithfield claimed amounted to extortion. Smithfield claimed lost sales, interference with contracts and other consequences costing the company about \$900 million.

<http://www.charlotteobserver.com/136/story/282184.html>

Green Roofs: They can save energy, be a source of beauty

WILMINGTON - When the Fortunas want to enjoy their garden, they climb a flight of green-marble steps that lead them outside where the Cape Fear Memorial Bridge appears at eye level in the distance.

Atop their three-story home, they're standing on downtown Wilmington's most landscaped residential roof. The flat roof bursts with different varieties of sedums, yellow and purple pansies, yellow lantana, lilies and a screen of potted pink mandevillas that hide the heating and cooling system.

The Fortunas are the first in Wilmington to sprout a residential green roof, which soaks up some of the rainwater and keeps their roof much cooler than tar tops.

<http://www2.journalnow.com/content/2008/oct/26/green-roofs-they-can-save-energy-be-a-source-of-be/>

Green Notes: Forum explores energy solutions for transition from fossil fuels

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Triad visionaries, entrepreneurs and tinkerers who want to help North Carolina's economy transition away from dependence on fossil fuels can

share ideas at a free energy forum in Greensboro on Nov. 6. The Institute for Emerging Issues will hold the regional forum at the Greensboro Embassy Suites adjacent to the airport. The public policy think-and-do tank housed at N.C. State has scheduled other forums in Raleigh, New Bern and Charlotte. The institute wants participants to share ideas on businesses that will conserve energy and expand the use of solar, wind, biomass and biofuels. http://www.news-record.com/content/2008/10/28/article/forum_explores_energy_solutions_for_transition_from_fossil_fuels