

**NC ADFP Trust Fund  
2008 - 2009 Grant Recipients**

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Alamance County	\$235,000	Easement	Braeburn Farm has 460 acres, 120 acres of which are being given for easement. The remaining 340 will be offered in stages as developing rights money becomes available. In addition to the owned acres, the farm leases 230. This is a working farm with 320 head of cattle (grass-fed beef), 850 poultry, 18 sow pasture-raised pork production system, and a horse training center.	Phil Ross, Alamance SWCD / Paul Walker, Alamance Cooperative Extension	(336) 228-1753, ext. 3; (336) 570-6740
Appalachian Sustainable Agriculture Project	\$12,000	Agricultural Plan	The Purpose of this project is to create a document: The Mixing Bowl- a listing of local food buyers and suppliers.	Charlie Jackson	(828) 236-1282
Avery County Farmland Preservation Board	\$16,500	Agricultural Plan	Grant Monies would be used to establish a VAD program and develop a countywide farmland protecting plan.	Jerrold T. Moody, County Extension Director / Adam Keener, Extension Agent, Agriculture	(828) 733-8270

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Blue Ridge Rural Land Trust	\$9,300	Easement	The Baldwin Farm was purchased in 2001 (previously it had been leased for cattle grazing). Immediately Mr. Baldwin began making significant improvements to the farm by installing new farm roads, fencing, barns, and livestock watering stations. The farm now is home to an Angus cattle operation as well as meat goats and miniature donkeys. Mr. Baldwin is a beginning farmer who plans to shift more of his income stream to farming as he more fully develops his agricultural operations. The conservation easement is for 87 acres.	Walter Clark, Deputy Director	(336) 384-2774; (336) 359-2909
BRAC Regional Task Force, Inc.	\$400,000	Agricultural Plan	Providing funding for farmland protection plans as they are completed. \$30,000 to write each plan, \$2,500 for meetings, and \$1000 for printing and supplies per county. Project director's salary of \$31,500 to oversee the entire project.	Donald R. Belk, AICP; Regional Planner	(910) 436-1345
Cabarrus County	\$675,000	Agricultural Development	Funding is to be provided for a slaughter facility, food council, and marketing plan. These funds will not completely provide funding for the slaughter facility. The county is expected to provide the rest of the funding.	Deborah G. Bost, County Extension Director	(704) 920-3310

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Carolina Mountain Land Conservancy	\$291,500	Easement	Mr. Whitmire is a fourth generation farmer who purchased part of the farm from his uncle and inherited the other part from his father. For the past 40 years, he has raised replacement dairy heifers on contract for several dairies in Buncombe and Henderson counties, as well as South Carolina. He also produces hay, corn silage, sweet corn, and straw. The Whitmires plan to keep the farm in the family; 78 acres are up for easement.	John Bonham, Farmland Preservation Coordinator	(828) 697-5777
Carteret County	\$100,000	Agricultural Development	The project is to build and equip a facility in which farm members may deliver, cool, and distribute crops from a central location. ADFP funds will provide essential equipment for this facility.	Mr. John Langdon	(252) 241-4918
Chatham County	\$35,000	Agricultural Plan	In response to unchecked development and farmland loss concern, Chatham County proposes the development of a Farmland Preservation Plan. Their strategy included selecting an experienced consultant to oversee the project.	Charlie Horne, County Manager / Lisa West, Grant Writer	(919) 542-8201
Cherokee County	\$33,500	Agricultural Plan	Cherokee County will develop a farmland protection plan and move towards VAD adoption.	David Badger, County Manager	(828) 837-5527
Craven County Cooperative Extension	\$6,195	Agricultural Plan	Craven County will move towards establishing a VAD ordinance and a Farmland Protection plan.	Mike Carroll, Extension Agent, Agriculture	(252) 633-1477

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Duplin Soil and Water Conservation District	\$232,000	Easement	The Hargrove Farm has been family owned since the 1950s. For the past 30 years, the farm has been used for small grain and tobacco production, but they are transitioning to livestock and hay production. The placement of an easement will allow the continued sustainability of production on the farm as well as maintain open space in an area where development pressures are increasing; 87 acres are up for easement.	Michael Aldridge, County Manager (POC: Eric West, District Conservationist)	(910) 296-2120, ext. 3
Durham County	\$398,000	Easement	Mr. Tilley and his ancestors have farmed this property for over 200 years. Tobacco has been the primary crop since the turn of the century, but since the tobacco buyout Mr. Tilley has grown corn and soybeans (as well as a few acres of tobacco this year). This easement will preserve 165 acres in agriculture and forestry production	Jane Korest, Open Space and Real Estate Manager	(919) 560-7955
Durham Soil and Water Conservation District	\$30,000	Agricultural Plan	Durham county will prepare an Agricultural Development and Farmland Protection plan.	Jennifer Brooks, Watershed Conservationist, Durham Soil and Water Conservation	(919) 560-0558

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Fishing Creek Soil and Water Conservation District	\$157,500	Easement	The Shorts (both 26 years old) purchased the farm from older friends of the family that were physically unable to manage the farm properly anymore. The farm had been a combination of agriculture and silviculture in the past, but the new landowners wanted to focus on timber production and wildlife management. Since the announcement of the Randy Parton Theater, land speculation and development from outsiders has increased dramatically in Halifax County. This easement on 108 acres will help the young couple maintain their farmland; without the easement, the farm will probably be sold for development.	Kenneth Brantley, District Chairman	(252) 583-3481, ext. 3
Fishing Creek Soil and Water Conservation District	\$442,000	Easement	Tony Francis's grandparents made the initial purchase of a portion of his now 390 acre farm in the 1920s. Since then, the farm has produced tobacco, peanuts, corn, cotton, livestock, and timber. The Francis's 370 acre easement would enable them to pass the farm on to subsequent generations, as well as improve the overall operation and investments in organic product markets.	Kenneth Brantley, District Chairman	(252) 583-3481, ext. 3

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Foothills Conservancy of NC	\$658,500	Easement	This farm has been a small family operation for six generations of Flacks (Tim Bovender's mother's side). The farm grew to more than 1,000 acres over the generations, but when Tim's great-grandparents left the farm to their seven children, the farm faced being dismantled into small parcels. Tim watched his grandparents work to keep the acreage together, buying parcels from the Flack siblings and their children. Tim inherited not only the land but also the sense of responsibility for keeping the land together. In order to remove the risk the land will be developed, 566 acres are currently up for easement.	Andrew Kota, Stewardship and Protection Associate	(828) 437-9930
Henderson County Agricultural Advisory Board	\$300,000	Agricultural Development	Funding for this project will be used for a cold storage facility for apple producers. This will enable farmers to extend the shelf life of their produce and increase profitability.	J. Carey McLelland, Henderson County Finance Manager / Greg Nix, Owner/Operator Apple Wedge Packers	(828) 697-4569
Henderson County Soil and Water Conservation District	\$22,500	Agricultural Plan	Henderson County will develop a county wide Agricultural Development and Farmland Protection Plan.	Jonathan Wallin, District Director / Conservationist / Denise Baker, County Extension Director	Wallin: (828) 697-4949 / Baker (828) 697-4891
High Country Conservancy	\$10,500	Easement	The Robinson family purchased the farm in 1953. The main agricultural use has been cattle and tobacco. Their conservation easement of 60 acres will help protect prime agricultural soils as well as water quality.	Eric Hiegl, Land Protection Director	(828) 264-2511

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Hoke Soil and Water Conservation District	\$12,200	Easement	The Hough Farm consists of about 193 acres in Hoke County; 119 acres are up for easement.	Gary Hendrix, Soil and Water Chairman	(910) 875-8111, ext. 3
Johnston County	\$31,500	Agricultural Plan	Johnston County will use grant funds to establish a Farmland Protection Plan.	Bryant M. Spivey, County Extension Director	(919) 989-5380
Land Trust for Central NC	\$135,271	Easement	The Rollans are offering 271 acres for a 25 year term easement. They grow row crops and have a commercial hay operation. This term easement would allow the Rollans to continue living and working on the farm without worry of increasing impact from commercial and residential development.	Ben Knox	(704) 647-0302
Land Trust for Central NC	\$23,650	Easement	The farm has been in the Knox family since the 1740s. There have always been animals and crops grown on the farm. Clark and Ben Knox currently rent 109 acres from their Aunt Lois Knox (owner) and farm corn, small grains, soybeans and clover. The remaining part of the farm is natural forest; 195 acres are being offered for easement.	Michele d'Hemecourt, Land Protection Specialist	(704) 647-0302
Natural Capital Investment Fund	\$216,000	Agricultural Plan	This will establish a cost share program to purchase grain bins for low wealth farmers in Eastern North Carolina.	Rick Larson, NC Program Director	(919) 967-2223, ext. 113

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NC Association for Dairy Stabilization and Growth, Inc.	\$80,000	Agricultural Development	Continuing the dairy strategic plan through the recruitment, relocation, and expansion of dairies. Improve opportunities for conventional and grass-fed dairies to locate in eastern and southern counties. Request for product coordinator, promotion ag. development consulting, and farm transition workshops.	Norman Jordan, Jr., President, NC Dairy Producers Association	(919) 552-9111
New River Community Partners	\$22,020	Agricultural Development	The goal is to increase the market volume of produce sold by organic growers in the northwest region of NC. Funds will be used primarily to purchase equipment and to develop a website for growers and customers (restaurants) of organic produce.	Hollis Wild, Special Projects Coordinator	home: (336) 982-2377; office: (336) 982-8118
North American Land Trust	\$323,400	Easement	The Harris Farm has been owned by the Harris family since 1779. The land is used for row crops, hay, and cattle. The farm has 3,200 acres, 110 of which are being offered for agreement currently. Nearly 1,000 acres have already been protected, and the Harris family plans to offer more farmland for easement in subsequent years.	Don Riley, District Conservationist / David Harper	(919) 496-3137; (919) 667-9770
Operation Spring Plant	\$30,000	Agricultural Development	Funding will pay for the development of a soybean crusher.	Dorathy E. Barker, Executive Director	(252) 492-7301
Orange County	\$132,000	Agricultural Development	This is to establish a regional share value added kitchen and food processing center.	Laura Blackmon, County Manager	(919) 245-2300

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Piedmont Land Conservancy	\$252,000	Easement	The Gerringers currently own and operate a family dairy farm and cheese-making facility in Northeast Guilford County. They own 306 acres and lease another 600 (primarily for feeding the cattle). Their 306 owned acres are being offered for easement.	Kevin Redding, Executive Director	(336) 691-0088
Piedmont Land Conservancy	\$160,000	Easement	Grant funds will enable the Piedmont Land Conservancy to directly protect 135 acres of Whitaker Farms in Climax, NC. The Whitaker Farm started as a tobacco operation but has expanded its scope to include greenhouses for growing vegetables and tobacco seedlings, pick-your-own strawberries, cantaloupes, pumpkins, and a variety of other crops.	Kevin Redding, Executive Director	(336) 691-0088
Piedmont Land Conservancy	\$96,000	Easement	The Fays moved from New York in 1993 to start Rising Meadows Farm in Liberty, NC. Originally they owned and operated a small Bed & Breakfast on the farm, but the majority of their focus was on sheep farming. Since then they have closed the B&B to direct all their efforts to sheep farming. There are 128 acres on the farm, 64 acres are being offered for easement.	Kevin Redding, Executive Director	(336) 691-0088
Rowan County Soil and Water Conservation District	\$362,100	Easement	The Starnes family farm operation started in 1974. The owners son and his wife work full time on the farm, and someday ownership will be transferred to them. The Starnes raise chickens for Pilgrim's Pride; 149 acres being offered for a 50 year term easement.	James F. Summers	(704) 873-6761, ext. 3

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Southern Appalachian Highlands Conservancy	\$703,500	Easement	The McClure family has six-way joint ownership of the farmland where Hickory Nut Gap Farm and Flying Cloud Farm (starting in 2008) are located. The McClure family has had ownership of this land for five generations. The land is used to house a natural meat operation, raise vegetables, and is the site of a summer camp, weddings, fund raisers, and straddles along the designated Drovers Road scenic highway from Asheville to Bat Cave; 110 acres are being offered for easement.	William Hamilton, Farmland Program Coordinator	(828) 253-0095
Stanly Soil and Water Conservation District	\$27,000	Agricultural Plan	This project is to develop and implement a county-wide Farmland protection Plan for Stanly County. They will also develop and adopt an EVAD ordinance in Stanly County.	Gerald McSwain, Stanly County Soil and Water District, District Technician / Lori S. Ivey, NC Cooperative Extension, County Extension Director	SWCD: (704) 982-6811 / NCCE: (704) 983-3987
The Forest Education and Conservation Foundation	\$228,000	Agricultural Plan	Funds to establish a working forest land trust and to administer educational workshops across the state for forest landowners and to create a working forest toolbox for landowners.	Robert W. Slocum, Jr; Secretary - Treasurer	(919) 834-3943
Transylvania County Agriculture Advisory Board	\$17,500	Agricultural Plan	The Agriculture Advisory board will develop a Farmland Protection plan and provide educational programs to protect Ag. operations.	Eric N. Caldwell, Transylvania County Extension Director	(828) 884-3109

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Triangle Land Conservancy	\$664,300	Easement	Chestnut Hill Farm has been in the family for well over 100 years. Dairy, row crops, poultry, and cattle have all been, at one time or another, the primary agricultural practices. Today, the farm is primarily a poultry, cattle, and goat operation with about 50 acres of loblolly pines planted in the winter of 2007; 170 acres are being offered for easement. Farm is owned by the Andrew family.	Jeff Masten, Director of Conservation Strategies	(919) 833-3662
Wayne County	\$15,000	Agricultural Plan	This project will create a Farmland Protection Plan and also institute an EVAD Program in Wayne County. ADFP funds will be used to hire a consultant, provided by the Agribusiness Center at Mount Olive College.	Howard Scott, County Extension Director	(919) 731-1521
Yancey County Local Government	\$3,000	Agricultural Plan	This project will fund farmland preservation workshops to explore implementing farmland preservation programs in the county. VAD planning committee to be appointed after workshop completion.	Michele P. Lawhern, County Manager / Brandi A. Burleson, Finance Officer	(828) 682-3971; (828) 682-9735