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2014 Mountain Cattle Alliance Sale Dates Set

The Mountain Cattle Alliance was formed by cattle producers in Western North Carolina and is a producer-driven alliance. The goal is to create a marketing plan that will benefit cattle operations of any size in a value-added program. This alliance was created in conjunction with the WNC Regional Livestock Center, LLC located in Canton, NC. In 2013, 23 loads were marketed through the Alliance selling for $1.7 million.

The Mountain Cattle Alliance has scheduled three sales for 2014 including a spring, summer, and early fall sale. Please see the schedule below for additional information about sale, delivery, vaccination, and wean dates. These sales are open to all producers with cattle that qualify on a quality basis. Please call Ethan Henderson at (828) 255-5522 if you would like to consign cattle or need additional information. If none of the sale dates below will work for you and you would like to participate in a future sale, please contact me.

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Friends of Ag Breakfast

The Buncombe County Friends of Ag Breakfast is coming up on Tuesday, February 18, at 7:00 am. This event is a great opportunity to visit with local producers, learn about programs available to assist you, and to enjoy a complimentary breakfast. The Ag Breakfast will be held at the WNC Agricultural Center, Virginia Boone Building, located at 1301 Fanning Bridge Road, Mills River.

Please RSVP to Buncombe County Cooperative Extension at (828) 255-5522 or to Ethan Henderson at ethan_henderson@ncsu.edu.

Persons with disabilities and persons with limited English proficiency may request accommodations to participate in activities mentioned in this newsletter. Please contact Ethan Henderson at 828-255-5522 during business hours at least 3 days prior to the event to discuss accommodations.
The North Carolina Forage and Grassland Council
2014 Winter Conference Series

January 28, 2014
Lois G. Britt Agricultural Service Center
165 Agriculture Drive
Kenansville, NC

January 29, 2014
Iredell County Cooperative Extension
444 Bristol Drive
Statesville, NC

January 30, 2014
WNC Regional Livestock Center
474 Stock Drive
Canton, NC

Tradeshow and registration 12:30
Program 1:00—6:00  Social 6:00—7:00

2014 NCFGC Winter Conference Program
NC Forage and Grasslands Council Update
Mark Hucks NCFGC President

“Opportunities and Challenges with Multi-species Grazing”
Greg Brann, Grazing Lands Specialist
Tennessee USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service

“The Future of the NCSU Forage Program”
Dr. Miguel S. Castillo

“Planning and Implementing Successful Grazing Systems”
Greg Brann, Grazing Lands Specialist

NCSU Extension Update
Dr. Matt Poore and Dr. Jean-Marie Luginbuhl

“Developing Grazing Systems”
Featured Local Producer

Speaker Panel Question and Answer

Evaluations, Door Prizes and NCFGC Social

NCFGC Winter Conference Registration
Cost: NCFGC Members=$20  Non-members=$30  Students=$10
Agency/Extension Personnel=$20

Join NCFGC for $25. New members will receive a free grazing stick.
For more information on this event and other NCFGC activities contact:
North Carolina Forage and Grasslands Council 919-552-9111
Mark Hucks—NCFGC President, 252-289-4401, Mark_Hucks@ncsu.edu
Eddie Leagans—NCFGC President-elect, 336-998-2515, eleagans@yadtel.net
Your local Cooperative Extension Office
Southern Farm Show

When
February 5-7, 2014
9 am to 4 pm each day

Where
NC State Fairgrounds, Raleigh NC

What
The largest agricultural exposition in the Carolinas and Virginia, the show features over 400 exhibitors.

Cost
Admission and parking are free.

Continuing Education
Two CEUs of NCDA Pesticide Certifications are available on Wednesday morning, February 5. See show website for credit details.

Special Events, Meetings and Workshops

Wednesday, February 5:
- Wake County Agribusiness Breakfast
- Pesticide Continuing Education
- NC Department of Labor Gold Star Grower Workshop

Thursday, February 6:
- NC Pork Council Meeting
- FFA Tractor and Truck Driving Competition
- NCDA Agricultural Development Forum

Friday, February 7:
- Excellence in Agriculture Breakfast
- Tobacco Growers Association of NC Annual Meeting
- Soybean Producers Forum
- Southern National Draft Horse Pull

For complete details, visit
www.SouthernFarmShow.com

A Southern Shows Inc. production 800.849.0248
2014 Western NC Grazing Clinics

Attend a 4-session clinic and receive:
- hands-on and personalized development of a comprehensive grazing plan for your operation
- techniques for sustainable pasture management
- how-to forage selection & management
- Pesticide Applicator CEUs
- Animal Waste Management System Operator CEUs
- full meals + refreshments
- grazing stick to take home to your farm

Clinics will be Held in Four Locations:

1. Alexander County NC Cooperative Extension Learning Center,
   374 1st Ave SW, Taylorsville, NC
   - Tuesdays 2 pm—7 pm
   - Feb 25th, Mar 11th, Mar 25th, Apr 8th

2. NCDA&CS Upper Mountain Research Station
   8004 NC 88, Laurel Springs, NC
   - Wednesdays 12 noon—5 pm
   - Feb 26th, Mar 12th, Mar 26th, Apr 9th

3. Western NC Regional Livestock Center
   474 Stock Drive, Canton, NC
   - Thursdays 2 pm—7 pm
   - Feb 27th, Mar 13th, Mar 27th, Apr 10th

4. Rutherford County NC Cooperative Extension Center
   193 Calahan-Koon Road, Spindale, NC
   - Fridays 12 noon—5 pm
   - Feb 28th, Mar 14th, Mar 28th, Apr 11th

Registration is $50 (checks made to NCFGC). Contact Amanda Schaller at amanda.schaller@nc.usda.gov or 919-873-2132 by Feb 15th.

Space is limited! Registration is first-come-first-serve.

For more information or to register go to:

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 2014

8:00 am Registration - Sponsored by Snipes Insurance Service, Inc.

Trade Show Opens

Morning Break

Morning Session

Chairman: Dr. Matt Poore, Extension Livestock Commodity Coordinator, Professor and Extension Ruminant Nutrition Specialist, NCSU, Raleigh, NC

8:45 am Welcome - Dr. Todd See, Professor & Head, Department of Animal Science, NCSU, Raleigh, NC

9:00 am Cattlemen’s College Sponsored by Zoetis Animal Health


BREAKOUT SESSION #1

(10:15 am to 11:00 am)

Agvocacy in Action - Rossie Blinson, Animal Agriculture Alliance, & Dr. Todd See, Professor & Head, Department of Animal Science, NCSU, Raleigh, NC

Practicing What We Preach With Animal Welfare, aka “How to Stay Off You Tube” - Dr. Mark Alley, DVM, MBA, Clinical Associate Professor, College of Veterinary Medicine, NCSU, Raleigh, NC

Where Does Niche Meats & Dairy Products Fit in the Food Industry & What Are the Challenges Niche Producers Face? - Sarah Blacklin, Program Coordinator, & Casey McKissick, Program Director, NC Choices, NCSU, Raleigh, NC

Navigating Government Cost Share Programs - Greg Walker, Assistant State Conservationist for Programs, USDA-NRCS, Raleigh, NC

Developing a Herd Health Program Dr. Bradley Mills, DVM, Zoetis Animal Health, Mooresville, NC

12:00 pm Awards Luncheon Sponsored by First Bank & Trust Company

Comments from the NC Department of Agriculture Commissioner Steve Troxler, Raleigh, NC

Afternoon Session

1:30 pm Trade Show Continues

2:00 pm Committee Meetings
Cattle Women
NC BCIP
Joint Legislative/Membership* *Membership Award - Sponsored by Van Beek Natural Science

3:00 pm Afternoon Break

4:00 pm Committee Meetings
Forage and Grasslands Council
Purebred Breeders Council
Stocker and Cattle Feeders - Sponsored by Bayer Animal Health

6:00 pm Social - Sponsored by Alltech

NCBA PAC Auction

7:00 pm Cattlemen’s BBQ - Hosted by Catawba Valley Cattlemen’s Association, Inc.

8:00 pm Jam Session with Dan Wells and Matt Poore (feel free to bring your instruments and to play along)

NC Cattlemen’s Foundation Fundraiser

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 2014

7:30 am Registration - Sponsored by Snipes Insurance Service, Inc.

8:00 am Youth Recognition Breakfast - Sponsored by Farm Credit Associations of NC (AgCarolina, Cape Fear, Carolina Farm Credit)

9:00 am Cattlemen’s College Sponsored by Zoetis Animal Health

How Do Dairy and Meat Fit Into Modern Healthy Eating? - Ashley Herring, Director of Consumer Information, NC Cattlemen’s Beef Council, Fuquay Varina, NC

Herd Health Problems? Ask the Veterinarian - Dr. Bradley Mills, DVM, Zoetis Animal Health, Mooresville, NC

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