



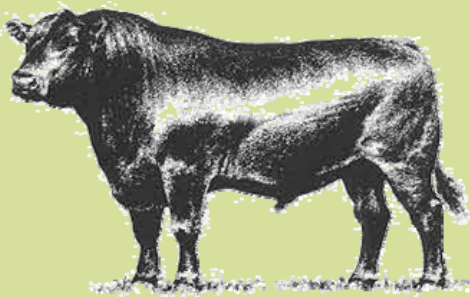
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Meet the Agent

On August 1st the State officially appointed me to my position as Livestock and Forages Extension Agent for Forsyth County (only). This is in addition to my current appointment as 4-H Youth Development Agent; a position I have held for ten years. My husband, Neil, and I live on his family's beef cattle and hay farm in Germanton. Our children show beef animals as well as a few sheep all over North Carolina and the United States. I also serve as the coach of the 4-H Livestock Judging, Skillathon and Quiz Bowl team (for youth ages 9-18). The junior team won the State 4-H Quiz Bowl and Skillathon competitions, placed fifth overall in livestock judging and third in oral reasons last month. Our only two seniors were both in the top ten which earned them the right to compete for a spot on the State team that will compete at nationals in November.

I look forward to working with you soon! Email is the best way to reach me: awbowman@ncsu.edu, but you can also call me at 336.703.2855.

Sincerely,

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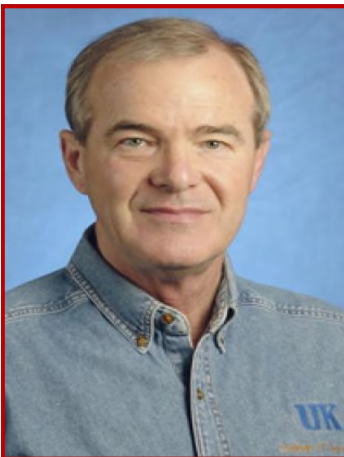
Changes, Challenges, and Opportunities



Dr. Don Ball
Auburn University

The authors of Southern Forages will discuss:

- ⇒ Influences and factors affecting forage and livestock production
- ⇒ Forage management options to make operations more profitable



Dr. Garry Lacefield
University of Kentucky

Thursday, September 3, 2015

Guildford County Extension Center
3309 Burlington Rd. Greensboro, NC 27405

Registration: 6:00 pm

Dinner and Program: 6:30 pm

Must pre-register by August 28th at:

<http://go.ncsu.edu/southernforagesseminar>

Cost: \$10/person (pay at the door)

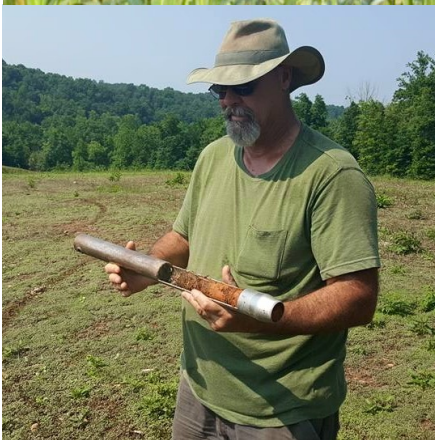
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Amazing Grazing™

Pasture-Based Livestock Education Program

2015 Workshop Schedule

Workshop topics will include:

- Introduction to Pasture Soil Health and Update on the CIG Project
- The Importance of Dung Beetles in Grazing Systems
- Introduction to Annual Forages
- Using Temporary Fencing for Pasture Subdivisions

For more information: Johnny Rogers jroger3@ncsu.edu

Locations:

August 27— Piney Woods Farm Burgaw, NC

September 15—BC Angus Farm Mt. Airy, NC

September 22— Hyatt Farms Brasstown, NC

Sponsors:



Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza

To date North Carolina has not had any instances of the Avian Influenza (HPAI), however as birds migrate south for the winter it is likely that they will bring it south with them. Ducks, geese, hawks, falcons and owls have all had reported cases. It is **STRONGLY** recommended that you confine your birds to indoors during migrating season (which is expected to be September and October), and have a specific pair of shoes that you wear around your birds and no where else. Definitely keep your birds away from surface water where migrating birds could land and keep rodents out of your feed. In addition, don't take your dog swimming and then let them return to areas your flock are exposed to until they've been bathed with soap. If you suspect a bird has the HPAI, please call NCDA at 919-733-7601. Visit <http://ncagr.gov/avianflu> often for updates. We have a Forsyth County Poultry newsletter. Visit <http://go.ncsu.edu/ForsythPoultrySubscribe> and enter your contact information to subscribe to it or scan this QR code with your QR reader on your smart phone. Feel free to contact me and I can subscribe you.



DIXIE CLASSIC FAIR OCT. 2 - 11, 2015

Because of the risk of Avian Influenza in NC, all poultry shows and sales have been cancelled including the Dixie Classic Fair. All other livestock shows will go on as planned. You should consider attending the fair and watching the cattle shows to locate quality cattle and genetics. The show schedule is below in the calendar. If you would like to exhibit cattle at the fair, entries are due September 1st. You can enter and pay your entry fees (open cattle only; junior exhibitors are free for Saturday and Sundays junior show) on-line.

Hay Needed

We are getting calls daily requesting hay for sale. If you have any hay to sale please let me know what kind, size, price and your preferred contact information. Also, we are thinking about contracting hay from another state. If you would be interested please let me know what variety of hay you prefer (or absolutely don't want) and your contact information at awbowman@ncsu.edu or 336-703-2855. If there's enough interest then we will proceed with locating some.

Coming Up

Below are some upcoming dates. Contact me for more information on any of these events.

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- August 28 Registration deadline for Southern Forages (space is limited to first registered though, so don't wait)
- September 1 Dixie Classic Fair Entries Due <http://dcfair.com>
- September 3 Southern Forages Workshop, Guilford Cooperative Extension, 6 PM
- September 15 Amazing Grazing Training, Mt. Airy
- October 2-11 Dixie Classic Fair
 - Oct 8 2 PM Angus
 - Oct 8 4 PM Charolais
 - Oct 8 6 PM All Other Breeds
 - Oct 9 12 PM Hereford
 - Oct 9 3 PM Simmental
 - Oct 9 4:30 PM Red Angus
 - Oct 10 1 PM Jr. Beef Showmanship
 - Oct 11 1 PM Jr. Beef Heifer Show
- November 4 Hands-on Beef Quality Assurance Training, TBD
- January 23 4-H Livestock Judging in January, Raleigh
- February 13 NC Angus Meeting, Forsyth Extension
- February 23 Piedmont Regional Beef Conference, Greensboro, (all day)
- Feb 26-27 NC Cattlemen's Conference

We are planning a regional sheep/goat field day soon. The best way to receive that information is to subscribe to our electronic sheep/goat newsletter by visiting <http://go.ncsu.edu/ForsythSheepGoatSubscribe> and enter your contact information or scan the QR code to the right with your smart phone QR code reader. I will also be happy to subscribe you if you like. Email me at awbowman@ncsu.edu or call me at 336-703-2855.

