

Weekly Pile for Week of January 10 2011

Howdy Trail Riders, Stump Jumpers & Timber Hoppers (Horse Emailer's),

Included is the Weekly Pile of Information for the Week of January 10, 2011, Extension's Equine related educational information & announcements for Rockingham & Guilford Counties. To have something included in the Weekly Pile, please follow these simple guidelines.

- Information included needs to be educational in nature &/or directly related to Rockingham or Guilford Counties.
- Please E-mail information to me by Wednesday each Week.
- Please keep ads or events as short as possible - with NO FORMATTING with NO unnecessary Capitalization's, and NO ATTACHED DOCUMENTS. (If sent in that way, it may not be included)
- Please include contact information - Phone, Email and a like.
- PLEASE PUT WEEKLY PILE IN SUBJECT LINE when you send in to me.
- THERE ARE NO CONTINUAL RUNNING SPOTS - Ads must be sent in each week
- The Weekly Pile is not for listings for Commercial type properties or products.

If I forgot to include anything in this email it was a probably an oversight on my part. BUT PLEASE, LET ME KNOW!

If you have a question or ideas that you would like covered in the Weekly Pile, please let me know and I will try to include. As Always - I would like to hear your comments about the Weekly Pile or the Extension Horse Program in Rockingham or Guilford Counties!

Included in This Weeks Pile:

1. SEND IN YOUR IDEAS< SWAP SHOP<QUESTIONS
2. Forage & Grasslands Council Winter Forage Conference, January 19th
3. 2011 Extension Horse Management Series
4. Coyotes & Feral Dogs In Our Future? Programs Feb 3rd and March 10th
5. Winter Horse Health Seminar - February 5 Northern Elementary School
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1. SEND IN YOUR IDEAS< SWAP SHOP<QUESTIONS

Ok, the New Year has gotten started; now please help me with the Pile and make sure you keep sending me the questions, ideas, and Swap Shop stuff so I can include in the Pile each week. It sure makes things easier in writing the Pile and helps keep it interesting for you the reader.

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2. NC Forage & Grasslands Council – Regional Conference - January 19th

- Regional Winter Forage Conference – NC Forage & Grasslands Council - January 19th – Held at the Guilford Co Ag Center

The North Carolina Forage & Grassland Council in Conjunction with the North Carolina Cooperative Extension Service will be hosting a series of winter conferences with one to be held January 19th from 2:30 -7:30pm in Greensboro at the Guilford County Agricultural Center located at 3309 Burlington Road. Doug Peterson, a Natural Resources Conservationist is this years speaker. He is currently Missouri's grassland conservationist and operates a cow/calf operation. Mr. Peterson will speak about using management through intensive grazing and high density grazing to improve soil health and limit the need for hay and fertilizer. Other area producers will speak about the forage management that they practice on their farms. This producer panel is always an audience favorite.

The cost is \$15 for NC Forage and Grassland Council members, \$20 for non-members before January 10th and \$25 for non-members after January 10th. For more information, give me a call at 342-8235.

Plan on coming to this Program, Yes it will focus on Grazing Cattle, put the grazing principles will be similar.

It Will Be A Great Program!

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3. 2011 Extension Horse Management Short Courses – Great Line Up Of Programs - Guilford and Rockingham Counties

Location: Guilford County Agricultural Center, 3309 Burlington Road, Greensboro, NC 27405
Time: 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. Each Evening

Monday, January 31 - Preventative Health Care – Lameness - Causes & Prevention
Dr James Meeker, Davie County Large Animal Hospital

Monday, February 7 - Horse Psychology
Dr Mike Yoder, NCSU Extension Equine Specialist

Monday, February 14 - Dressage Equitation & Hunt Seat Equitation
Cindy Sydnor, Braeburn Farms, Snow Camp NC

Monday, February 21 - Barefoot Hoof Health
Sandy Judy, Gibsonville NC

Monday, February 28 -
Saddle Seat Equitation –Mary Orr, High Caliber Stables, Kernersville, NC
Western Equitation – Kim & Dee Joyce Destiny Hill Farm, Greensboro NC

Monday, March 7 - Trail Riding & Safety
Shannon Hoffman, St.Clair Red Mule Farm, Zebulon NC

Monday, March 14 - Therapeutic Riding
Jan Clifford, Horsepower/ Piedmont Saddle Club, Colfax NC

Monday, March 21 - Natural Horsemanship
James & Kate Cooler, Cooler Horsemanship, Summerfield NC

Horse Management Committee –
Randy Boles, David Dick, Sara Jo Durham, Steva Allgood, Rita Nott, and Georgianne Sims

- Registration Fee: \$30 for entire series or \$5.00 per session.
- Registration Fee will be waived for 4-H members presenting an official current 4-H Program Membership ID Card.

For additional information,
call Ben Chase, Rockingham & Guilford County Extension Livestock Agent, North Carolina Cooperative Extension Service at [1-800-666-3625](tel:1-800-666-3625), 342-8235 or email - ben_chase@ncsu.edu.

In case of inclement weather, please call [1-800-666-3625](tel:1-800-666-3625) or 342-8235 for a recorded message.

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4. Coyotes & Feral Dogs In Our Future? Programs Feb 3rd and March 10th

Announcing a Two-Part Educational Program aimed for the Northern Piedmont of North Carolina and Neighboring Counties in Virginia called "COYOTES AND FERAL DOGS IN OUR FUTURE?" These programs will take place on February 3rd and March 10th for the purpose educating all that are interested about this growing concern. We have arranged for numerous Wildlife Biologist, State & Federal Wildlife Officials, Law Enforcement and University Extension Specialist to be apart of these programs.

These will be GREAT programs!

PART I – Thursday, February 3rd - 8:30am - Field Demonstrations - Professional Coyote Trapping at Dumaine Farms farm on 725 Barnes Road, Eden, NC 27288.

This program will include a basic introduction to trapping by Dr. Pete Bromley, Professor Emeritus, Wildlife Science, North Carolina State University, Certified Wildlife Biologist, Trustee of Dumaine Farms, Trapping Basics, presented by Todd Menke, Assistant Director, USDA-APHIS, Wildlife Services, Raleigh, NC, Certified Wildlife Biologist and Todd will also cover Running the Trap Line, (On Farm Demonstration) Tips On Successful Coyote Calling & Hunting with a Wrap-Up session concluding with a Question and Answer Session.

PART II – Thursday, March 10th – 7pm - Managing Coyotes and Feral Dogs. To be held at the Rockingham County Agricultural Center, 525 HWY 65, Wentworth, NC

This part of the program will cover - Introduction and Laws affecting Coyotes and Feral Dogs, Presented by Barry Joyce, Master Wildlife Law Enforcement Officer, North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission, Rockingham County, also to be covered will be the History of Coyotes in the Northern Piedmont presented by Perry Sumner, NC Wildlife Resources Commission, Wildlife Management Division, Section Manager Surveys/Research & Wildlife Diversity. Dr. Chris DePerno, Associate Professor of Wildlife Science and Wildlife Extension Specialist, North Carolina State University, will cover The Ecology and

Management of Coyotes and Feral Dogs on the Landscape with a Wrap-up. & Q&A session to follow.

The Sponsors for these programs are: North Carolina Cooperative Extension Service – Rockingham & Guilford Counties
USDA-APHIS, Wildlife Services, North Carolina Office
North Carolina Trappers Association
Hunting Advisory Committee, Rockingham County Board of Commissioners
Dumaine Farm Trust, Wentworth, NC
Area Cattlemans Associations, Area Sheep and Goat Producers, Area Poultry Producers, Area Horse Owners

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5. Winter Horse Health Seminar - February 5 Northern Elementary School

Carolina Equine Hospital is holding the Winter Horse Health Seminar on February 5, 2011 at Northern Elementary School. Registration starts at 8:30am and the program is from 9am to noon. There will be free breakfast, exhibits, door prizes and great information!

Speakers and topics are: Dr. Cali Fogle from NCSU College of Veterinary Medicine on Colic and Dr. Mark Crisman from Virginia-Maryland Regional College of Veterinary Medicine on the Geriatric Horse. Please RSVP by calling 349-4080.

We hope that lots of our horse youth and adults can join us that day!
This is a great opportunity for youth and adults to gain some horse knowledge from the experts!

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6. You asked: The facility where I am currently boarding my horses has just introduced chickens to the property. They are not free-range chickens, but are housed fairly close to the barn. I am concerned about the potential of lice, West Nile virus, or salmonella contamination from the chickens. Is this a real concern?

Birds do carry diseases that can be very serious for horses. You can vaccinate your horses for West Nile virus to protect them. Although chickens and turkeys can become infected when experimentally inoculated with the West Nile virus or bitten by infected mosquitoes, these birds do not develop the clinical disease. Their immune system quickly responds to infection by producing antibodies that clear the virus from their body. Also, because the virus can be transmitted only through the bite of an infected mosquito, infected poultry present no significant public health risk. Poultry can neither directly infect other birds, animals, or humans nor act as a reservoir for the virus.

It's important to understand that salmonella primarily is spread by the animal ingesting the bacteria. It can be spread by inhalation as well, but it's rare to get an infectious dose that way. The main mode of transmission is by ingesting fecal material — from rodents and birds in your horse's barn. Protect your grain from rodents and birds by storing it in closed, chew-proof containers, and eliminate roosting areas for birds in your barn as much as possible.

As long as the chickens are kept away from the horses, prevented to roost, stay out of the horse's grain, or don't defecate where horses reside, you will probably prevent potential contamination.

- You Asked: There was also a question this week about Splints.
Splints In Horses

<http://extension.missouri.edu/explorepdf/agguides/ansci/g02742.pdf>

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7. Horse Budgeting Information

Financial Planning for Equine Enthusiasts

<http://extension.umd.edu/publications/pdfs/fs657.pdf>

Using the Agricultural Economics Equine Enterprise Budgets

<http://www.ca.uky.edu/cmsspubsclass/files/kburdine/useeqbud.pdf>

<http://www.ca.uky.edu/cmsspubsclass/files/adreum/budgets/equineenterprisebudget.pdf>

Horse \$ense - Tax, Business and Economic Considerations

[http://webcache.googleusercontent.com/search?q=cache:o-](http://webcache.googleusercontent.com/search?q=cache:o-EP_d5RrMYJ:www.ces.uga.edu/Agriculture/agecon/presentations/manage/pr-08-05.pps+equine+budgets&cd=3&hl=en&ct=clnk&gl=us)

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The Economic Aspects of a Small Equine Boarding Operation in North Florida

<http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/pdffiles/FE/FE42800.pdf>

“First Time” Horse Ownership: Selecting Horses and Budgeting Horse Interests

<http://osufacts.okstate.edu/docushare/dsweb/Get/Document-2083/ANSI-4004web.pdf>

1999 HORSE BOARDING BUDGET

<http://aede.osu.edu/programs/farmmanagement/Budgets/horse/horse.pdf>

Horse Budgets

<http://pubs.ext.vt.edu/446/446-048/446-048.html#HorseBudgets>

Beef, Sheep, and Horses

<http://www.farm-mgmt.wsu.edu/beef.htm>

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8. Choosing the Best Bedding

Safe for the Environment AND the Horse

As owners and care-givers, we must provide horses with the most comfortable and safe living arrangements. Choosing the most efficient and cost effective bedding can make all the difference to the horse as well as the stall cleaners

There are many factors in choosing bedding:

ABSORBENCY!!

Price

Biodegradability

Availability

Ease of disposal

Allergies

There are also various types of bedding to choose from, making it easy to choose the best type of bedding for you and your horse. Kinds of bedding and their pros and cons include:

Straw – Cheap, good for compost, low absorbency

Sawdust – Expensive, high absorbency, good for compost

Shavings – Cheap, bad for compost, readily available

Newspaper – Moderate absorbency, readily available (recycle!), ink could bleed

Wood pellets – Expensive, high absorbency, great for compost

Helpful Websites

Horse Stable Flooring Materials and Drainage

http://www.extension.org/mediawiki/files/b/b0/stall_floors.pdf

Horse Manure Management

http://www.extension.org/pages/Horse_Manure_Management

Horse Manure Management - Clemson University -

<http://virtual.clemson.edu/groups/psapublishing/Pages/ADVS/LL53.pdf>

Manure and Pasture Management for Recreational Horse Owners

<http://www.extension.umn.edu/distribution/naturalresources/DD7540.html>

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9. Combat Cold Weather Nutritional Stress in Horses

Dave Freeman, Oklahoma State University Cooperative Extension Equine Specialist, Editor: Donald Stotts, Oklahoma State University

People combat cold weather by putting on additional clothing; horses fight the elements by using more energy to maintain body temperature. But while most people can address their own needs, horses are dependent upon their owners to provide proper nutrition and protection from the weather.

Energy for body warmth

The temperature below which a particular horse starts to expend additional energy for maintaining body warmth (critical temperature) will vary because of fat cover, hair thickness, acclimatization of the horse to cold, hair-coat wetness and wind chill,

For example, a horse with short hair, exposed to wet, cold weather, may need significantly more energy when the temperature gets below 50 degrees Fahrenheit. A horse acclimatized to cold weather, with a thick hair coat and fat cover, may not expend appreciably more energy until the temperature drops below 30 degrees Fahrenheit.

As a general rule, a 1 percent increase in the energy requirements is needed to replace energy loss from the cold weather for each degree the temperature falls below the horse's thermo-neutral zone (lower critical temperature).

In other words, a horse manager would have to supply roughly two pounds more feed for each 10 degrees Fahrenheit below the critical temperature per day when horses are consuming typical hay and grain rations, a situation that is not practical.

Condition horses

That's why horses need to be preconditioned for cold weather by increasing fat thickness and body condition before the onset of winter. It is important to remember that a horse manager cannot just provide additional feed to offset loss of body condition. Sudden changes in grain composition and amounts will increase the incidence of colic and founder, it's best to make adjustments in grain gradually over a period of several days, especially if horses already are consuming large quantities of grain.

Horse managers also should consider feeding large amounts of grass hay to horses restricted from forage. Free-choice hay helps horses exposed to cold weather, partly because of the heat generated by digestion and also as an aid to a continual, safe supply of nutrients.

A concern with providing free access to hay is maintaining a fresh hay supply in ways which reduce hay waste. Large hay losses usually occur when round bales are placed on the ground in pens of horses.

Those who have elevated hay feeders large enough to hold round-bales need to use them, No matter the method, hay exposed to wet weather for any length of time generally will require removal because of decreased palatability and potential problems resulting from horses ingesting moldy hay.

Shelter for horses

Another way horse owners can lessen an equine's stress resulting from exposure to cold weather is to provide some form of shelter from wind, rain and cold. Some pastures provide enough natural protection that man-made shelters are not required.

Owners housing horses in areas unprotected from wet, windy weather should consider constructing windbreaks or sheds, The cost of windbreaks and sheds will be partially offset by savings in feed costs as a horse's energy requirements lessen.

Owners need to consider horse instincts and herd pecking orders when deciding on windbreak or shed design. Those areas housing one or two horses that are compatible with one another will allow for an enclosed shed with three or four sides. These structures should be similar in size to recommendations for stalls, a 10-foot- by-10-foot minimum for one horse. The same type of structure will not work in pens with large numbers of horses or bands of horses with large ranges in horse dominance orders.

An enclosed, sided structure may increase horse injury to horses on the low end of the herd dominance order by the more dominant horses. This type of structure may be inefficient because dominant horses will keep others from having access. A single-sided windbreaks with a top cover be used in herds with a dominance problem. Also owners should consider two or three of these structures spread about the area because one long, continuous structure is easily guarded by dominant horses. Structure dimensions will depend on the degree of herd dominance problems.

In situations where aggressive behavior becomes such a problem that horses need to be separated, horses on the low end of the herd order generally will need more shelter because they are the ones that are usually in the least favorable body condition.

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10. Uwharrie National Forest Equestrian Trail Riders

Do you want to maintain common sense use and enjoyment of trails into the future? Are you interested in being a responsible advocate for equestrian trail access? Do you want to volunteer and give back to the place you love to ride? Do you want to be part of a solution?

If you answer yes to these questions, email your contact information to RICHBQ@mindspring.com

The North Carolina Horse Council will organize an exploratory meeting of Uwharrie equestrian trail riders in early 2011 to discuss ways for better engaging the Uwharrie National Forest staff in discussion about equestrian trails in the Forest. The meeting will also provide information on the latest Forest Plan efforts and help users understand the planning process and impacts on equestrian trails. We would like to establish a group of trail riders that will be accurately informed about the Forest Planning process and will collaboratively work with the National Forest staff and other recreational users to resolve conflict. Your contact information will only be used for this purpose. Please e-mail RICHBQ@mindspring.com if you have questions

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11. Shiitake Mushroom Log Inoculation Workshops

When: Choose either daytime or evening workshop
Workshop 1 Thursday, February 17th at 1:00 PM
OR
Workshop 2 Thursday, February 17th at 6:00PM

Where: Rockingham County Senior High School Horticulture Classroom

Pre-Registration and payment REQUIRED!

There is a \$15 fee for oak logs, spawn and wax. Participants will each take home one inoculated log.

Call Kathryn Holmes to register or for more information at [\(336\) 342-8230](tel:3363428230).

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12. Help the Veterans at the VA Hospital – Bring In Your Magazines!

We are collecting magazines for Veterans in the VA Hospital. If you have any magazines that you have read and need to dispose of, please drop them off at the Farm Service Agency located in the Rockingham County Agricultural Center. (or at either one of my offices) There are women as well as men located in this hospital and all variety of magazines is appreciated. This is an excellent way to 1) RECYCLE and save our environment and 2) boost the morale of the Veterans that have served our Country and protected our rights as Americans.

Thanks in advance for your contribution.

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13. HAY DIRECTORY - A Hay Directory is maintained by the North Carolina Cooperative Extension Service for the Rockingham County and Guilford County area. This directory is intended as a service to both hay producers and buyers in the area. If you are in need of hay or would like to be added (or removed) from this list please call me at [1-800-666-3625](tel:18006663625) or 342-8235 and let me know your name, address & phone #, type of hay, number of bales, (square or round bales) and weight per bale.

*Please let me know if you have Hay to Sell or looking to purchase!

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14. Swap Shop - For Sale/Wanted - Equestrian Facilities Available –

No Listings This week - Send Them In With Weekly Pile In Subject Line

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15. Take A Load Off – Snow Storm

I've just heard from a friend in Atlanta. She says it has been snowing heavily for two days now. Her husband has done nothing but stare through the window. If it doesn't stop soon she'll probably have to let him in.

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I always want to know what you think of the Weekly Pile, good or bad, especially if it has had ANY IMPACT on you. Let me hear from you!

*****I NEED YOUR IDEAS FOR ARTICLES In FUTURE WEEKLY PILES!*****

I WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

*Please remember our Troops who are serving our Country (and there

families) those who have come home with wounds and the families that paid the ultimate sacrifice. We owe everything to those who are and have served! Thank You!

I hope that you all have a Great & Safe Weekend!

Ben

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