

Weekly Pile for Week of February 21 2011

Hello Everyone (Horse Emailer's),
Included is the Weekly Pile of Information for the Week of February 21, 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!

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1. Monday Night - 2011 Extension Horse Management Short Course
Please support these Courses

2011 Extension Horse Management Short Courses
Location: Guilford County Agricultural Center, 3309 Burlington Road,
Greensboro, NC 27405
Time: 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. Each Evening

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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2. Horse Industry Promotion Referendum to Be conducted on March 15, 2011

A Fact Sheet for Horse Owners

The Horse Industry Promotion Referendum will be conducted on March 15, 2011. North Carolina Cooperative Extension Service has assembled this fact sheet to inform horse owners of North Carolina about the Referendum.

General Information

Q. What is the Horse Industry Promotion Referendum?

A. The Horse Industry Promotion Referendum is a vote by the horse owners of North Carolina as to whether they are willing to continue an assessment of \$2.00 per ton of any commercial feed or supplements labeled for horse use (equivalent to 5 cents per 50 lb. bag).

Q. How was the Horse Industry Promotion Referendum established?

A. The Horse Industry Promotion Referendum was established through House Bill 1529 - The Horse Industry Promotion Bill, which was passed by the North Carolina General Assembly on September 24, 1998.

Q. What is the purpose of the assessment?

A. To provide funds to the North Carolina Horse Council for the purpose of promoting the interests of the North Carolina horse industry.

Q. What is the North Carolina Horse Council?

A. The North Carolina Horse Council (NCHC) is the organization recognized as representing the interests of the horse owners in North Carolina.

Q. How would the assessment be collected?

A. The assessment will be remitted by the feed manufacturer or distributor (not retailer) to the North Carolina Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services who will in turn remit all funds collected to the North Carolina Horse Council.

Q. How long would the assessment be in effect?

A. Three years.

Q. If the referendum passes, is it possible to receive a refund?

A. Yes. The request must be submitted to the North Carolina Horse Council within one year of purchase and must be accompanied by proof of purchase.

Voting Details

Date: Wednesday, March 15, 2011

Time: 8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Polling Places: County Extension Centers

Eligibility: Any North Carolina resident who has complete or partial ownership or lease of an equine (horse, pony, mule, donkey or hinny). Individuals must sign a statement of ownership/lease at time of voting.

Age: Must have reached 9th birthday as of January 1, 2011.

Ballot Specifics: "Yes" indicates a vote in favor of continuing the assessment. "No" indicates a vote against continuing the assessment.

Absentee Voting: Opportunity available. Details will be provided at a later date.

Ownership Challenges: Opportunity available. Details will be provided at a later date.

Frequently Asked Questions

Q. How much would the assessment cost me?

A. Approximately \$ 1.80 per horse per year.

Q. How will the assessment be utilized?

A. The North Carolina Horse Council has identified several areas of intended utilization:

- Promote benefits of horse ownership to the general public.
- Enhance development and delivery of educational programs for horse owners.
- Expand access to trails. Help protect and maintain existing trails.
- Support equine related research.
- Represent the interests of horse owners in the state legislature.

Q. Is the assessment a tax?

A. No. A tax is for the support of a government; the proposed self-assessment is for the interests of horse owners. The assessment is also fully refundable upon written request.

Q. How much revenue will the assessment generate?

A. Based on collections from the first two years of the assessment, annual receipts are approximately \$200,000.

Q. Do any other commodity groups in North Carolina have a similar assessment?

A. Yes. Other commodity groups in North Carolina having a similar, self-assessing system include beef, strawberry, peanuts, soybeans, etc.

Q. Is anyone available to visit my group, club, etc., to provide information about the referendum?

A. Yes. Contact your local County Extension Center. They will put you in touch with an agent, REINS (Regional Equine Information Network System) volunteer or 4-H horse volunteer leader or representative from the NC Horse Council.

Q. How can I contact/find out more about the North Carolina Horse Council?

A. Additional information regarding the North Carolina Horse Council may be obtained by contacting: North Carolina Horse Council, P.O. Box 12999 Raleigh, NC 27605-2999 [919/854-1990](tel:9198541990) (phone) [919/854-](tel:9198541990)

1989 (Fax) www.nhorsecouncil.com

Q. How can I obtain a copy of HB 1529 - The Horse Industry Promotion Bill?
A. A copy of HB 1529 may be obtained from your local County Extension Center.

Q. What reports or fees will the feed retailer be required to submit?
A. No reports, no fees.

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3. Coyotes & Feral Dogs In Our Future? Part II March 10th

Part II of the 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?" will take place on March 10th for the purpose educating all that are interested about this growing concern.

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

This 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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4. Clovers Here & Clovers There – Program

Please consider attending this excellent learning opportunity March 1 or 2. Farmers, cattlemen and forage managers also welcome. Don and Garry are the “old lions” of forage specialists in the south. They are excellent speakers and storytellers. This will update everyone on clovers. Learning materials will be distributed. Sorry for the late notice, details were just finalized.

Clovers can save money. Clovers improve the sustainability of cattle and horses and other livestock pasture and hay systems. Clovers reduce or eliminate nitrogen fertilizer requirements. Clovers also improve the nutrition of the pasture and the performance of the animals grazing the pasture. Depending on the type and variety, white, crimson, red and other clovers may need to be planted every year while others can live for many years. Some clovers grow best in the cool weather and others grow only in the

warm months.

How to manage and choose a clover is the subject of two free educational programs by nationally known forage specialists Don Ball and Garry Lacefield. Co-authors of the book "Southern Forages", the Kentucky-based Lacefield and Alabama-based Ball have over 60 years experience with forage research and extension. They will be presenting at the NC Johnston County Extension Center on March 1 at 6 p.m. and at the NC Cabarrus County Extension Center on March 2 at 1:00 p.m.

Take advantage of an entertaining learning opportunity! No registration is required. For more information contact Sue Ellen Johnson, Assistant Professor - Forage Specialist North Carolina State University at se_johnson@ncsu.edu

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5. Flintrock Farm 2011 Horse Show Series Dates:

Fun Show- March 5th

Open Show Series Schooling Hunter Series

April 9	March 26
June 4	April 30
October 29	September 10

For more information please visit our website: www.flintrockfarm.com

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6. Cooler Horsemanship Spring Show at Fiore Farms May 7, 2011
Equine Communication without Boundaries. More information to come.
kate@coolerhorsemanship.com

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7. You Asked: What is Equine Shivers?

Equine Shivers is a confounding disorder in horses which causes them to pause with their rear limb flexed out behind the body after which the leg is forcefully placed back to the ground. Backing up and picking up the rear limbs are the most common triggers for Shivers and most horses walk forward with a normal gait. Signs of Equine Shivers can appear at any age, with cases reported from one year of age through adulthood. While the syndrome is most commonly seen in draft horses, Shivers has also been reported in warmbloods, warmblood crosses and occasionally light horse breeds. The cause and treatment for this condition is unknown.

In an effort to determine possible cause(s) of Shivers, researchers at the University of Minnesota are collecting information and data from horses that show symptoms similar to those expressed as a result of Shivers. You can learn more about this research by visiting the University of Minnesota's Equine Center Equine Shivers page at <http://www.cvm.umn.edu/umec/shivers/home.html>.

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8. Yellow Flower in Pastures

Do you remember last spring when your pasture was a sea of yellow flowers? It was pretty as a picture, wasn't it? NO, then have you done something about it? The flower (weed) is buttercup, and spraying with an herbicide is the best way for control but it is too late to spray if you are seeing the flowers. Late February-early March is a good time to spray, since this is a winter weed.

You will need 3-4 consecutive days above 50-55° F, so do not go out and spray when it is 35 degrees

outside then call me because you do not get good control. SPRAY ON A WARM DAY. You will have to spray 2-3 years to control the buttercup. REMEMBER: READ ALL LABELS BEFORE YOU USE ANY CHEMICAL – KNOW THE RESTRICTIONS.

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9. 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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10. 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:1-800-666-3625) 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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11. Get Your Grazing Sticks

Grazing sticks are handy tools that simplify the tasks of when to rotate animals on and off a pasture to graze, measuring pasture yield, and tracking changes in productivity. These are all critical aspects of good pasture management. Grazing sticks are a simple and useful tool for making immediate pasture management decisions, but also good records of pasture yield, grazing days, and other data will provide a means to evaluate past efforts to improve the system.

The grazing stick is a quick guide, so carry the stick with you whenever you check animals or move fences, you can quickly assess pasture regrowth and readiness for grazing. You will see the suggested starting height for grass species on the stick for height when to graze which ensures that forage is in a high-quality vegetative stage, and when to stop grazing height that ensures that some leaf tissue is available for grass regrowth. Removal of basal leaves will slow grass regrowth and limit yield. If pastures are growing quickly in the spring, you may need to harvest or clip them to keep them productive and in a high-quality condition.

If you wish to have one of these grazing sticks – please call or E-mail me for details! These are Great Management Tools!

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12. PLEASE SEND ME TOPICS THAT CAN BE INCLUDED IN THE PILE or QUESTIONS FOR YOU ASKED.
THANKS

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

- Pasture Board - NE Guilford \$150/mo. Good pasture, cross-fenced, run-in sheds, arena. Brought into 8-stall barn once daily to feed your grain. Tack room, hot & cold wash, trails in area. Call Sandy [336-584-5617](tel:336-584-5617) or larknspursandy@bellsouth.net.

-Llamas for sale. We keep with the cattle for guard purposes. Males. ages from 1 to 3 years old. Call [336-623-1953](tel:336-623-1953) after 7 p.m.

- Equine Sports Massage Therapy – Get ready for show season!! - Improve your horses performance with massage/physical therapy for your EQUINE ATHLETE (stiffness, soreness, injuries, disposition, etc.) or if you feel your horse just needs a good massage. All sessions are performed at your facility. I have been certified from Equissage since 1994. Terri C.Aprile, ESMT at [\(336\) 698-0207](tel:336-698-0207). References available upon request. Open to all disciplines and breeds.

- Bagged Pine Shavings for sale \$4.25+tax per bag, heavy vacuum sealed bags. Contact Tony Aprile at [\(336\) 698-0207](tel:336-698-0207)

- Wanted: Someone to build a 60X80 covered riding area for our students. If you would like to bid on this job, please contact Denise Bailey. References will be required. email: graystone@triad.twcbc.com or call: [336 280-3049](tel:336-280-3049).

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14. Take A Load Off – Things Never Said By Rednecks

I'll take Shakespeare for 1000, Alex.
Duct tape won't fix that.
Has anybody seen the sideburns trimmer?
You can't feed that to the dog.
Honey, did you mail that donation to Greenpeace?
We're vegetarians.
Do you think my gut is too big?
I'll have grapefruit and grapes instead of biscuits and gravy.
Honey, we don't need another dog.
Give me the small bag of pork rinds.
I just couldn't find a thing at Walmart today.
Trim the fat off that steak.
Cappuccino tastes better than espresso.
The tires on that truck are too big.
Unsweetened tea tastes better.
Would you like your salmon poached or broiled?
My fiance, Bobbie Jo, is registered at Tiffany's.
I've got two cases of Zima for the Super Bowl.
Little Debbie snack cakes have too many fat grams.
Checkmate.
Does the salad bar have bean sprouts?
Hey, here's an episode of "Hee Haw" that we haven't seen.
I don't have a favorite college team.
Be sure to bring my salad dressing on the side.
I believe you cooked those green beans too long.

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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 GREAT Weekend!

Ben

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