

## Weekly Pile for Week of May 23 2011

Hey Folks,

Included is the Weekly Pile of Information for the Week of May 23, 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. Memorial Day
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- 10. Flintrock Farm Open Show - June 4th
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- 14. Swap Shop - For Sale/Wanted - Equestrian Facilities Available
- 15. Take A Load Off - Shampoo Alert

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**1. Memorial Day**

As you go through this Holiday weekend, I hope that you will take the time to reflect on our blessings to live in our free country. To remember those who fought & died and to pray for our leaders that guide us into the future. Please, Thank those who have served in our Armed Forces, for it is because of these brave Men & Women that we are able to have the Freedoms that we are PRIVILEGED to enjoy. As a proud son of a WWII Veteran, I know while I growing up little was said about what he saw during the horrors of War and I know that most of you know Veterans who spoke little about their service. If you did hear them speak about their service it was in a non- bragging way and very little was said. It does not matter where one served, here in the US, Germany, Japan the Philippines, Korea, Vietnam, Iraq or Afghanistan, they have all seen War. Since I have not served in the military, I feel really small in the presence of our active service Men & Women and our Veterans, because most of you (MYSELF INCLUDED) have made no great sacrifices for our country like these Great Americans, and those that gave it all.

I know that many of you are Veterans, THANK YOU for Your Sacrifice and for giving US the opportunities to enjoy our freedoms!

**REMEMBER THOSE WHO DIED & THANK THOSE YOU CAN WHO SERVED TO KEEP US FREE!**

It is the **VETERAN**, not the preacher, who has given us freedom of religion.

It is the **VETERAN**, not the reporter, who has given us freedom of the press.

It is the **VETERAN**, not the poet, who has given us freedom of speech.

It is the **VETERAN**, not the campus organizer, who has given us freedom to assemble.

It is the **VETERAN**, not the lawyer, who has given us the right to a fair trial.

It is the **VETERAN**, not the politician, who has given us the right to vote.

It is the **VETERAN** who salutes the Flag.

It is the **VETERAN** who serves under the Flag, and Earned the Right to be buried beneath her.

We Can Be EXTREMELY PROUD of our young men and women in the service no matter where they serve, & ALL who served before them.

God Bless them all!!!

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## 2. Regional outbreak of EHV-1

The below information regarding an EHV-1 event that is considered to be regional in nature. However, with the degree of mobility the horse industry enjoys, these events can become outbreaks rather quickly. Be reminded, this is not an "outbreak" at this point and no North Carolina horses are considered to have been exposed to the disease.

A regional disease investigation into Equine Herpes Virus (EHV-1) is currently underway because some of the horses attending the National Cutting Horse Association (NCHA) Western National Championship event in Ogden, Utah held from April 29 to May 8, 2011, were exposed to the disease. TO DATE THERE ARE NO HORSES IN NORTH CAROLINA IMPACTED BY THIS INVESTIGATION.

Dr. Tom Ray, Director of Animal Health Programs – Livestock for NCDA&CS has advised that the Equine Herpes Virus (EHV-1) infection in horses can cause respiratory disease, abortion in mares, neonatal foal death, and/or neurologic disease. The neurologic form of EHV-1 is called Equine Herpes Virus Myeloencephalopathy (EHM). While EHV-1 and EHM are only officially listed as reportable diseases in some states, private veterinary practitioners are encouraged to notify their State Animal Health Officials of any suspected or confirmed cases, regardless of current official state reporting requirements.

Cases of EHV-1 and EHM have been identified recently in horses that attended the NCHA event. The NCHA has notified State Animal Health Officials of horses from their states that were entered in the event and may have been exposed to the virus. State Animal Health Officials have contacted the owners of potentially exposed horses. Standardized recommendations were developed by state and federal officials and are being followed to isolate exposed horses, monitor them for clinical signs of EHV-1, and work with private veterinary practitioners to test and treat horses affected with the disease. Biosecurity procedures have been recommended for premises with suspect and confirmed cases to mitigate further disease spread.

While a great deal of effort is going into this incident, several state veterinarians noted that some media reports on the topic seem to indicate this is a national issue. Although horse and livestock owners need to be vigilant and assess the risks of horse movement at this time, this EHV-1 situation is considered regional and is not yet considered an "outbreak."

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## 3. Extension Resources and Publications on EHV-1

Neurologic Equine Herpes Virus (EHV-1)

[http://extension.usu.edu/files/publications/publication/AG\\_Equine\\_2008-03pr.pdf](http://extension.usu.edu/files/publications/publication/AG_Equine_2008-03pr.pdf)

Equine Herpes Virus (Colorado State University article)

<http://equineextension.colostate.edu/content/view/221/57/>

Equine Herpesvirus Fact Sheet - UConn

<http://animalscience.uconn.edu/extension/publications/herpesvirus.htm>

**USDA Horse Biosecurity Brochure**

[http://www.aphis.usda.gov/publications/animal\\_health/content/printable\\_version/HorseBioSecurity\\_final.pdf](http://www.aphis.usda.gov/publications/animal_health/content/printable_version/HorseBioSecurity_final.pdf)

**AAEP Biosecurity Guidelines & Recommendations**

[http://www.aaep.org/pdfs/control\\_guidelines/Biosecurity\\_instructions%201.pdf](http://www.aaep.org/pdfs/control_guidelines/Biosecurity_instructions%201.pdf)

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**4. Splints in Horses**

Wayne Loch, Department of Animal Sciences, University of Missouri

Most people who own or breed horses are familiar with the cannon bone of the horse limb. On each side of the cannon bone is a small bone known as the splint bone. The small splint bones are thin and taper to become a small knob about two-thirds of the way down the cannon bone

**Cause of splints**

A ligament, located between the cannon bone and the splint bones, is quite elastic in young horses. As the horse ages, the ligament ossifies; that is, the ligament is replaced by bone and the three bones fuse. During ossification, there may be inflammation and pain. Jumping, running and working a horse during this time produces further irritation.

Splints usually occur in horses 2 to 5 years old. Most often it is the forelimbs that are affected. Splints rarely occur in the hind legs. In older horses, the splint bones are fused solidly to the cannon bone.

The majority of splint problems occur on the medial side (inside) of the forelimbs. The medial splint bone usually is the one affected because it has a flat surface next to the knee. The lateral (outer) splint bone has a more slanted surface. When the weight is transmitted to these bones, the medial splint bone probably bears more weight than the lateral splint bone. Therefore, the ligament between the medial splint bone and the cannon bone is subjected to more stress than the outer ligament.

**Signs of splints**

Lameness due to splints is most common in 2-year-old horses undergoing training. The lameness is most obvious while the horse is trotting or working or soon thereafter. Lameness may come and go or be present continuously for as long as a year. If you probe up and down along the cannon bone, the horse will flinch when the portion of the ligament undergoing ossification is touched. A large swelling or a number of smaller swellings due to ossification may occur along the length of the splint bones. After the ligament has ossified, the swelling and soreness usually disappears.

**Treatment**

Veterinarians use many different methods to treat splint bone conditions. However, the horse should be rested and placed on soft ground for at least 30 days. Veterinarians may use medications to help reduce inflammation and help prevent excessive bone growth. It is true that splint bone disease may heal without medication and treatment. The outlook is good for most horses except those in which the bony growth is large and interferes with the knee joint. Sometimes surgery may be helpful in these difficult conditions.

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**5. You Asked: Is it safe to fog my barn for flies if my hay is stored inside the barn?**

There are many kinds of insecticides on the market that can be applied as space sprays inside closed barns. Most available products for this use contain active ingredients that are botanical pyrethrins or pyrethroids. These chemicals kill the adult flies that are exposed directly to the spray. In general, these chemicals can be used safely inside horse barns, because they are relatively non-toxic to animals and people, and their active ingredients break down rapidly. Some product labels state clearly that application to animals or their feeds should be avoided, while others are less restrictive. Whichever material you choose, you should read the package label carefully and follow its instructions. Look for statements about how to apply the material, and for statements that would restrict the kinds of places where the product can be used safely. You should avoid direct application to feeds and animals, unless the labels state otherwise. Benefits of fogging closed barns are likely to be temporary. Time required for fly numbers to return will depend on how much fly breeding is occurring inside the barn, and how well the barn is screened to exclude flies from outside.

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### 6. Don't Cut Or Graze Grass to Low

Cutting or grazing orchardgrass/Fescue shorter than 3.5- 4 inches will Zap its reserves, slowing regrowth and limiting future nutrient intake. We often see declining orchardgrass stands and longevity & it often become an issue that we see with new equipment that scalps the top of the soil and maybe leaves an inch or two in cutting height.

With orchardgrass/fescue and most grasses, that lower 3.5-4 inches are where they store their energy, unlike clover or alfalfa, which has that deep taproot with the crown. The low cutting lowers and lowers the reserves of the plant and affects the growth and development of the root system. When we run into a drought (or insects invade), we can really knock back these plant stands.

Adjust your garzing & harvesting equipment to ensure that 3.5 – 4 inches of grass growth remains.

#### Grazing Management at a Glance

Allow pastures to become established before grazing.

Do not graze pastures closer than 3-4 inches.

Allow pastures to rest between grazing events.

Graze pastures only after regrowth has reached a height of six to 12 inches.

Do not graze pastures that are not actively growing.

Feed hay when pasture growth is slowed or stopped.

Do not graze pastures when soil conditions are wet.

Mow pastures to remove mature forage and encourage grazing.

Harrow pastures to spread manure.

Create and utilize an "exercise area" to feed hay when pastures are not ready to be grazed.

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### 7. Reminder: A Word from Farm Services -

Due to recent budget cuts in the Federal Government, the Farm Service Agency has indefinitely suspended mailings of County Office newsletters. If you would like to receive Farm Service Agency newsletters/updates by e-mail, please send your e-mail address to Those in Rockingham County - [Neil.Burnette@nc.usda.gov](mailto:Neil.Burnette@nc.usda.gov)  
Those in Guilford County - [rodney.speas@nc.usda.gov](mailto:rodney.speas@nc.usda.gov)

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**8. Rockingham County Cooperative Extension Advisory Golf Tournament**

**Date: July 20, 2011**

**Location: Wolf Creek Golf Club**

**722 Wolf Island Road, Reidsville**

**Purpose: To establish an endowment fund for the support of our Rockingham County Extension Agents with program cost as they play a vital role in many ways such as Food Safety, Youth Development and Leadership skills, Crop/Livestock Production, Home Beautification, and Recreational Opportunities – just to name a few benefits given!**

**Hosted By: NC Agricultural Foundation, Inc. In conjunction with Rockingham County Cooperative Extension Service.**

**Entry Information:**

**- \$200 per team or \$50 per player**

**(Includes green & cart fees, player gift, lunch, closest to the pins & Prizes.)**

**- Payment MUST accompany completed registration form to reserve your entry.**

**Event Format:**

**- Four Person Captain’s Choice**

**Schedule of Events:**

**- 7:15 – 8:00 Registration**

**- 8:00 a.m. Morning Shotgun Start**

**- 12:00 – 1:00 Afternoon Registration**

**- 1:00 p.m. Afternoon Shotgun Start**

**- 5:15 p.m. Prizes & Awards**

**Tournament Prizes:**

**- 1st Place \$800 team**

**- 2nd Place \$600 team**

**- 3rd Place \$400 team**

**- 4th Place \$200 team**

**Registration Deadline**

**Monday, July 18th**

**SPACE IS LIMITED**

**Limited to the first 36 teams!!**

**We will start alternate list after tournament is full.**

**If you would like more information please call 336-342-8230**

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**9. Cooler Horsemanship Upcoming Events**

**Weekend Horsemanship Clinic at Fiore Farms: May 27-29**

**Jump start the communication with your horse this spring.**

**Limited to 10 participants, reserve your spot now.**

**Friday evening overview/demo - 5:00 - 7:00 pm**

**Saturday and Sunday Clinic - 9:00 am - 6:00 pm**

**Auditors welcome - Friday Free. \$15/Day or \$25/Weekend**

Visit [www.CoolerHorsemanship.com](http://www.CoolerHorsemanship.com) or Contact us [kate@coolerhorsemanship.com](mailto:kate@coolerhorsemanship.com), 843-304-3407 for more information about our program and any upcoming events

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**10. Flintrock Farm Open Show - June 4th**  
[www.flintrockfarm.com](http://www.flintrockfarm.com)

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**11. Homemade Ice Cream Churn-off**  
Dairy Days at the Piedmont Triad Farmer's Market, June 4, 2011  
2914 Sandy Ridge Rd Colfax, NC 27235  
Competition is open to anyone.

Entries must be received in the Guilford County Extension office by May 27, 2011. Late entries will not be eligible for prizes. The complete ice cream recipe must be included on entry form and mailed to: NC Cooperative Extension – Guilford County Center, Ice Cream Churn-off Contest, 3309 Burlington Road, Greensboro, NC 27405.

Contestants must furnish ingredients, utensils, ice cream freezers (manual or electric) drop cords, bowls and spoons for tasting, a table for display, and rock salt. Providing copies of your ice cream recipe is a bonus to distribute to Market visitors. Ice will be provided.

All recipes must contain REAL dairy products. Raw eggs in the final product are not allowed.

Ice cream mix must be made ahead and kept chilled until churn-off begins.

Contestants will be required to taste their finished product before judging begins.

Contestants must check in at the outside area near the Berry Patch at the Piedmont Triad Farmer's Market by 10:30 am.

Ice will be available by 11 am for contestants to begin churning ice cream.

Judging will begin at 12 noon. A first, second and third place winner will be determined by a panel of judges. \$150 in monetary prizes will be awarded to winners.

For more information call 336-375-5876

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**12. Open Community Fun Show: June 11th, @ Piedmont Saddle Club in Colfax. No class entry fees; admission \$5 per horse, \$5 per person (ages 10 & under free). Contact Jenny Taylor 919-323-9910 or [info@piedmontsaddleclub.org](mailto:info@piedmontsaddleclub.org). See [www.piedmontsaddleclub.org](http://www.piedmontsaddleclub.org) for class list, release form, sponsorship, directions, etc. Sponsorship info contact Carol Merritt 336-312-4149 or [ckmerritt@bellsouth.net](mailto:ckmerritt@bellsouth.net). Last year's attendance: over 600 people. Concessions on site. Camping with electric hook-up available. Stalls available.**

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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 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.

**MANAGE YOUR PASTURES!**

**WHEN YOU HAVE CUT HAY AND HAVE SOME TO SELL, PLEASE LET ME KNOW!!**

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

- Draft Horse needed for pulling logs out of the forest. These are timbered trees that need to be removed in the Level Cross area. Please contact Lonnie at 336-944-4426

- Unique, Artistic Horse Jewelry...

Sterling Silver Horse Head Pin/Pendant: \$52 + \$4 shipping + 7.75%tax = \$60.34 (Pg 106D in catalog) Smaller Sterling Horse Head necklace: \$39 + \$4 shipping + 7.75% tax = \$46.33 (Pg 102C in catalog) Buy more than one item and pay only \$4 shipping for your total order! Great gifts! Get these retiring items at last year's low silver price before they are gone! To order, contact Cindy Van Gorder 336-274-6222, [cindyvg@earthlink.net](mailto:cindyvg@earthlink.net) See it and/or order at: [www.MySilpada.com/Cindy.VanGorder](http://www.MySilpada.com/Cindy.VanGorder).

- Saddle Seat Clothes For Sale – Show & schooling quality Kentucky Jodhpurs, with & without suede knee patches, black & navy sizes 28 Long-32 Long; Carl Meyers custom 4 piece suit (hounds tooth w/brown jods/vest,cream shirt) size ladies 12-14 \$525.00; Reed Hill Day coat (linen blend-oatmeal/tan) size 16(runs smaller) \$175.00; 2 - Custom Navy 3 piece suits sizes 8 & 10-12 \$150.00 each; Black/red reversible vest, size 14 \$50.00; sequined butterfly pleasure driving top \$50.00; various vests, shirts, more day coats, etc Contact Terri Aprile (336) 698-0207 or [shoponys@gmail.com](mailto:shoponys@gmail.com)

- 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. 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

- Luxury loft apartment over the stable--1-BR, 800 sq. ft, all new. \$525/month includes apartment, plus stall and turn-out for one horse. \$75/mo. for 2nd horse. 1-yr lease, references and deposit required. Call Jan Sorrells, 336-342-3900.

- Pasture Board Plus - 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 or [larknspursandy@bellsouth.net](mailto:larknspursandy@bellsouth.net).

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## 15. Take A Load Off – HOLY HUMOR

**\*\*A father was approached by his small son who told him proudly, "I know what the Bible means! "His father smiled and replied, "What do you mean, you 'know' what the Bible means?"**

**The son replied, "I do know!"**

**"Okay," said his father. "What does the Bible mean?"**

**"That's easy, Daddy..." the young boy replied excitedly,**

**It stands for 'Basic Information Before Leaving Earth.' (This one is my favorite)**

**- There was a very gracious lady who was mailing an old family Bible to her brother in another part of the country.**

**"Is there anything breakable in here?" asked the postal clerk.**

**"Only the Ten Commandments." answered the lady.**

**- "Somebody has said there are only two kinds of people in the world. There are those who wake up in the morning and say, "Good morning, Lord," and there are those who wake up in the morning and say, "Good Lord, it's morning."**

**- A minister parked his car in a no-parking zone in a large city because he was short of time and couldn't find a space with a meter.**

**- Then he put a note under the windshield wiper that read: "I have circled the block 10 times. If I don't park here, I'll miss my appointment. Forgive us our trespasses."**

**- When he returned, he found a citation from a police officer along with this note "I've circled this block for 10 years. If I don't give you a ticket I'll lose my job. Lead us not into temptation."**

**- There is the story of a pastor who got up one Sunday and announced to his congregation: "I have good news and bad news. The good news is, we have enough money to pay for our new building program. The bad news is, it's still out there in your pockets."**

**- A Sunday School teacher began her lesson with a question, "Boys and girls, what do we know about God?"**

**A hand shot up in the air. "He is an artist!" said the kindergarten boy.**

**"Really? How do you know?" the teacher asked.**

**"You know - Our Father, who does art in Heaven... "**

**- A minister waited in line to have his car filled with gas just before a long holiday weekend. The attendant worked quickly, but there were many cars ahead of him. Finally, the attendant motioned him toward a vacant pump.**

**"Reverend," said the young man, "I'm so sorry about the delay. It seems as if everyone waits until the last minute to get ready for a long trip."**

**The minister chuckled, "I know what you mean. It's the same in my business."**

**- People want the front of the bus, the back of the church, and the center of attention.**

- Sunday after church, a Mom asked her very young daughter what the lesson was about. The daughter answered, "Don't be scared, you'll get your quilt." Needless to say, the Mom was perplexed. Later in the day, the pastor stopped by for tea and the Mom asked him what that morning's Sunday school lesson was about. He said "Be not afraid, thy comforter is coming."

- The minister was preoccupied with thoughts of how he was going to ask the congregation to come up with more money than they were expecting for repairs to the church building. Therefore, he was annoyed to find that the regular organist was sick and a substitute had been brought in at the last minute. The substitute wanted to know what to play. "Here's a copy of the service," he said impatiently. "But, you'll have to think of something to play after I make the announcement about the finances." During the service, the minister paused and said, "Brothers and Sisters, we are in great difficulty; the roof repairs cost twice as much as we expected and we need \$4,000 more. Any of you who can pledge \$100 or more, please stand up." At that moment, the substitute organist played "The Star Spangled Banner." And that is how the substitute became the regular organist!

- While driving in Pennsylvania, a family caught up to an Amish carriage. The owner of the carriage obviously had a sense of humor, because attached to the back of the carriage was a hand printed sign... "Energy efficient vehicle: Runs on oats and grass. Caution: Do not step in exhaust."

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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 Memorial Weekend!**

Ben

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