

Weekly Pile for Week of June 3 2012

Hello Weekly Pile Readers,

(That reminds me of the “Weekly Reader” of my childhood – Do you remember that?)

Included is the Weekly Pile of Information for the Week of June 3, 2012, 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.
- provided information is a resource to the citizens of Rockingham/Guilford Counties.
- provided information does not require extra time or effort to be listed.
- Listings for Swap Shop will not list pricing details.
- Please E-mail information to me by Wednesday each Week.
- Please keep ads or events as short as possible – with NO FORMATTING, 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 alike.
- PLEASE PUT WEEKLY PILE IN SUBJECT LINE when you send into me.
- The Weekly Pile is not for listings for Commercial type properties or products.

If I forgot to include anything in this email it was 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. Rockingham County Farm Bureau® 2012 Second Annual

**Rockingham County Cooperative Extension - Advisory Golf
Tournament**

Date : June 20th, 2012

Location : Deep Springs Country Club

160 Country Club Drive, Stoneville, NC

**Purpose : To establish an endowment fund for the support of our
Rockingham County Extension**

**Agents with program costs in their vital educational role in areas
such as Food Safety, Local Foods,**

**Youth Development and Leadership Skills, Crop/Livestock
Production, Horticulture and Recreational**

Opportunities – just to name a few!

Co Sponsored By : NC Agricultural Foundation, Inc. In conjunction with Rockingham County

Cooperative Extension Service.

Tournament Prizes: All Ties Split

1st Place ~ \$800 Team / 2nd Place ~ \$600 Team / 3rd Place ~ \$400 Team / 4th Place ~ \$300 Team

Entry Information :

- \$300 per team or \$75 per player ~ Four Person Captain's Choice

(Includes green & cart fees, player gift, local food lunch, closest to the pins & prizes.)

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

- Pre-Registration Deadline: Monday, June 11th SPACE IS LIMITED ~ Limited to the first 27 teams!!

- Local Food Lunch served to all golfers.

- Pre-Paid Registration includes one complimentary practice round of golf at Deep Springs Country Club ~ cart fee only required

Please call [336-342-8230](tel:336-342-8230) for more information.

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2. Is Fescue the Right Choice for Your Horses

Eileen A. Coite, Livestock Extension Agent, NC Cooperative Extension, Wayne Co NC

This time of year, calls start coming in on pasture management. What to grow, when to plant, how and when to fertilize, control weeds, etc. One of the common questions I have

experienced this year has been specific to fescue, and whether or not it is a good grazing choice or a concern in pastures. There are many things to consider if fescue is part of your established pasture or a possible choice for a future horse pasture, especially if you have broodmares.

Tall Fescue is a very widely used forage, often said the most commonly found pasture grass across the United States. Fescue is a cool season perennial grass, and even though it is one of the oldest, most commonly found grasses, it has experienced many changes and improvements throughout recent years. Much of the discussion and literature you will find about fescue is regarding an “endophyte” fungus that often comes with the plant. The word endophyte means that the fungus grows inside the plant, instead of growing on outer portions of the plant as with many other fungi. The endophyte most often of concern with fescue is *Acremonium coenophialum* or more recently known as *Neotyphodium coenophialum*, and it can only be detected by laboratory analysis. The problem we often discuss with considering fescue is that the fungus can have an adverse effect on animals grazing the forage, while it does not harm the plant. Actually, the endophyte is good for the plant, because it helps the grass be more tolerant to close grazing, drought, and pests. Infected fescue has better seed germination rates, improved tillering, and is more competitive with other plant species than non-infected fescue.

Preventing Problems with Horses Grazing Fescue:

Fungus infected fescue is known to cause many problems in grazing animals, specifically referred to as “fescue toxicity”. For horses in particular, there are many concerns, mostly with regard to broodmares. Some of the adverse effects of broodmares grazing fescue include abortions, prolonged gestation, dystocia (difficult birth), thick or retained placentas, agalactia (poor milk production), and in worst cases foal or mare death from foaling complications. Research regarding fescue and a complication from the endophyte fungus began in the 70s and has progressed throughout many land grant universities, revealing similar results. The overall consensus when managing broodmares is to determine if endophyte infected fescue is in the pasture and replace this fescue with an alternative, non-infected grass. There are low or

non-infected fescue varieties and “endophyte friendly” or “novel” varieties available that are safe for feeding the mare, which contain an endophyte that is non-toxic to the animal but also provide the same benefits to the plant as the toxic endophyte fungus. The other obvious and sometimes quicker solution is to make sure pregnant mares do not graze these fescue pastures. Horses in particular (over other livestock species) tend to be extremely sensitive to the endophyte. Recent studies have indicated that removing the pregnant mare 30-45 days prior to foaling will greatly reduce problems with foaling and lactation, while initial research recommended removal for 90 days prior to foaling. In the event that a mare must remain on a fescue pasture, research has shown that she can be treated with a daily oral dose of the drug domperidone for 10-15 days prior to foaling. Treatment can also be conducted after foaling to assist with milk production if preventative treatment wasn't offered. Be sure to contact your veterinarian for guidance and advice on treating mares with domperidone.

How do I know if I have infected fescue?

If your pasture is primarily fescue grass and you want to determine what percent is infected, sampling is the best method. Samples of plant stems should be taken randomly throughout the field, and sent for laboratory analysis. The NC Department of Agriculture offers a fescue endophyte testing service for fescue grass or seed. Grass samples in NC are \$15, while seed is \$15 or \$25 depending on the seed crop. For specific instructions on how to take and send a sample for analysis, horse owners should either contact their local NC Cooperative Extension office or contact the NCDA at [919-733-3930](tel:919-733-3930) or visit the website:

<http://www.ncagr.gov/plantindustry/seedandfertilizer/seed/Endophyte.htm> .

A descriptive brochure is available with details on sampling and submission of the sample. Once you have determined what percent of the pasture is infected, steps can be taken to remove or replace the infected fescue with more desirable forages, depending on the situation.

Check out:

Equine Pasture

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

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3. USDA Publishes Final Rule to Provide Greater Protection for Horses Released June 5, 2012

WASHINGTON — The U.S. Department of Agriculture has amended regulations to require horse industry organizations that license certain people to assess minimum penalties for violations of the Horse Protection Act. The move by USDA's Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS), which administers the Animal Welfare Act, is meant to help eliminate the inhumane practice of horse soring—a practice primarily used in the training of Tennessee Walking Horses, racking horses and related breeds to accentuate the horse's gait. Horse soring may be accomplished by irritating or blistering a horse's forelegs through the application of chemicals or the use of mechanical devices.

"Requiring minimum penalty protocols will ensure that these organizations and their designees remain consistent in their inspection efforts," said Deputy Under Secretary for Marketing and Regulatory Programs Rebecca Blue. "USDA inspectors cannot be present at every horse show and sale, so we work with industry organizations and their designees to ensure the wellbeing of these animals. Our goal, together, is to make horse soring a thing of the past."

The regulations currently provide that such penalties will be set either by the horse industry organizations or by APHIS. This final rule does not change the penalties set forth in the Horse Protection Act, or HPA. Rather, it requires all APHIS-certified horse industry organizations, which have already been administering penalties as part of their role in enforcing the HPA, to make their penalties equal or exceed minimum levels. The penalties in this final rule increase in severity for repeat offenders to provide an additional deterrent effect for people who have already shown a willingness to violate the HPA.

The final rule will also help ensure a level playing field for competitors at all horse shows. Previously, as some horse industry organizations have declined to issue sufficiently serious penalties to deter soring, those shows have attracted more competitors than shows where horse organizations have used APHIS' minimum penalty protocols. With this final rule, competitors now know that inspections and enforcement will take place consistently at all shows they and their horses attend.

Designated qualified persons are trained and licensed by their horse industry organizations to inspect horses for evidence of soring or other noncompliance

with the HPA at horse shows, exhibitions and sales. USDA certifies and monitors these inspection programs. For over 30 years, USDA has encouraged self-regulation in the industry by allowing individual organizations to assess penalties for soring violations. But a September 2010 Office of Inspector General audit found that APHIS' program for allowing the industry's self-regulation has not been adequate to ensure that these animals are not being abused. One of the recommendations in the audit report was for APHIS to develop and implement protocols to more consistently issue penalties with individuals who are found to be in violation of the HPA.

This final rule requires that suspensions for violating the HPA be issued to any individuals who are responsible for: showing a sore horse; exhibiting a sore horse; entering or allowing the entry of that horse in a show or exhibition; selling, auctioning or offering the horse for sale or auction; shipping, moving, delivering or receiving a sore horse with reason to believe that such horse was to be shown, exhibited, sold, auctioned or offered for sale. This includes the manager, trainer, rider, custodian, seller or owner of the horse, as applicable.

An individual who is suspended will not be permitted to show or exhibit any horse or judge or manage any horse show, horse exhibition or horse sale/auction for the duration of the suspension.

Walking horses are known for possessing a naturally high gait, but in order to be successful in competition their natural gait is often exaggerated. The exaggerated gait can be achieved with proper training and considerable time; however, some horse exhibitors, owners, and trainers have chosen to use improper training methods to achieve their desired ends.

In September 2010, USDA's Office of Inspector General (OIG) found deficiencies in APHIS' horse protection program. One of OIG's recommendations was that APHIS develop and implement protocols to more consistently penalize individuals who have violated the Horse Protection Act. APHIS developed a minimum penalty protocol and, in a proposed rule published in the Federal Register on May 27, 2011, proposed requirements to ensure all horse industry organizations follow it.

With Agriculture Secretary Vilsack's leadership, APHIS works tirelessly to create and sustain opportunities for America's farmers, ranchers and producers. Each day, APHIS promotes U.S. agricultural health, regulates genetically engineered organisms, administers the Animal Welfare Act, and carries out wildlife damage management activities, all to safeguard the nation's agriculture,

fishing and forestry industries. In the event that a pest or disease of concern is detected, APHIS implements emergency protocols and partners with affected states and other countries to quickly manage or eradicate the outbreak. To promote the health of U.S. agriculture in the international trade arena, APHIS develops and advances science-based standards with trading partners to ensure America's agricultural exports, valued at more than \$137 billion annually, are protected from unjustified restrictions.

US Department of Agriculture -

<http://www.usda.gov/wps/portal/usda/usdahome?contentid=2012/06/0181.xml&contentidonly=true>

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4. You Asked:

How I can save money having horses? My first response is to practice good Pasture Management. On horse farms, most often this is the most neglected thing. Most say the reason they don't is that they don't have time to do it?? This can help on cut down on feed cost; save you time & you will have grass in your pastures.

Check out this article on Cost Saving Tips for Equine Operations at <http://www.extension.org/pages/17958/cost-saving-tips-for-equine-operations>

Does my horse need electrolytes? If your horse is not drinking sufficient amounts of water in hot weather you are headed for problems. Most horses that drink adequate amounts of water will replenish mineral losses from the water they drink. Using electrolytes occasionally to stimulate increased water intake may be helpful.

MAKE SURE YOU ARE CHECKING YOUR HORSES WATER SOURCES AND DON'T EXPECT THEM TO DRINK HOT WATER. IF THEY DON'T DRINK ADEQUATE AMOUNTS OF WATER, TROUBLE IS AROUND THE CORNER.

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5. ARTICLES OF INTEREST

Evolution in Equine Parasite Control & The 'Older' Horse: An Immunological Perspective

http://www.ca.uky.edu/gluck/q_apr12.asp#parasite

Got Barnyard

Runoff? http://www.extension.org/mediawiki/files/f/f8/6_Runoff.pdf

Equine Barnyard

Management [http://www.extension.org/mediawiki/files/6/6c/Equine Barnyard Management.pdf](http://www.extension.org/mediawiki/files/6/6c/Equine_Barnyard_Management.pdf)

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6. Piedmont Horseman's Association

Are you looking for a local open horse show association that is friendly and offers a variety of classes for all ages? Look no further...Piedmont Horseman's Association has been around for 41 years and still going strong! Whether you show halter, showmanship, English, Western Pleasure or Working Western; PHA has classes for you! Piedmont Horseman's Association (PHA) helps create a wholesome, family atmosphere in the great sport of Horse Showing; and for each member to exhibit his or her horse or pony in a sportsmanlike manner. There are many benefits of being a member of PHA; reduced entry fee at sanctioned shows, accumulate points for year end awards, recently APHA PAC approved and much more! Horse Show season is upon us and currently PHA has eight shows scheduled. You can find all the details such as membership forms, class lists, calendar, etc on the PHA website at: <http://www.phasince1971.com/> PHA is also looking for class/show sponsors to make this the best year ever! Feel free to contact one of the officers from the website if you have any questions. We hope to see some new people at the Piedmont Horseman's Association shows!

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7. Cooler Natural Horsemanship Schedule

Group Sessions - 6:30pm - 8:30pm

\$40/person, \$5 to audit

Wednesday June 13th

Thursday June 21st
Tuesday July 3rd
Wednesday July 11th
Thursday July 19th

Saturday, June 30th - Clinic Day
Morning Session, 9:00am - 12:00pm
Afternoon session, 5:00pm - 8:00pm
\$100/person/per session.
Auditors welcome: \$10

Sunday, July 1st - Trail Session
9:00am - 12:00pm
\$100/person
Saturday, July 28th - Clinic Day
Morning Session, 9:00am - 12:00pm
Afternoon session, 5:00pm - 8:00pm
\$100/person/per session.
Auditors welcome: \$10

Sunday, July 29th - Trail Session
9:00am - 12:00pm
\$100/person

www.CoolerHorsemanship.com
kate@coolerhorsemanship.com
[843-304-3407](tel:843-304-3407)

Fiore Farms
7600 Millbrook Road
Summerfield, NC 27358

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8. Open Fun / Game Show - June 16
"Open Fun / Game Show" @ Piedmont
Saddle Club in Colfax, June 16th @ 5:00pm

and July 21st @ 5:00pm. \$2 per class or \$10 per horse & rider combo for all classes all day. No admission fee onto grounds.

See www.piedmontsaddleclub.org for class list and more information.

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9. A&T Annual Small Farms Field Day June 21

Improving Practices to Profits

11th Annual Small Farms Field Day

Thursday, June 21, 2012

8 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Rain or shine

UNIVERSITY FARM at N.C. A&T State University

3136 McConnell Road • Greensboro, NC

Advance registration suggested; contact

Alexis Gaines

at [336.334.7956](tel:336.334.7956) or ajgaines@ncat.edu

FARM TOUR SITES

• Pastured poultry

- **Alley cropping: pecan trees and watermelons**
- **Mixed grazing: meat goats and hair sheep**
- **Managing parasites in small ruminants**
- **Managing pests on collards**

Sponsored by The Cooperative Extension Program at N.C. A&T State University

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10. Food Drive

All Food Collected Is Used To Feed The Hungry Here In Rockingham County! - Canned – Frozen – Refrigerated – Dry - Fresh

Cold Donations:

**American Red Cross,
3692 Highway 14, Reidsville, NC
27320 [\(336\)349-3434](tel:(336)349-3434)**

Dry Donations:

**Farm Service Agency,
525 NC 65 Suite 120, Reidsville, NC
27320 [\(336\)342-0460](tel:(336)342-0460)**

Summer Food Drive ends on September 1, 2012

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11. The Produce Lady Offers Free Live Video Stream Canning Demonstration

KANNAPOLIS, N.C. – Dr. Ben Chapman, a food safety specialist with N.C. Cooperative Extension, will join Brenda Sutton, The Produce Lady, in two live, one-hour demonstrations on proper canning techniques.

Green beans will be the featured produce item on June 15 at 1:30 p.m. while June 28 will be reserved for peaches, also at 1:30 p.m. Viewers can tune in by logging on to www.ustream.tv/channel/theproduce-lady or access the live feed from The Produce Lady Facebook page. Viewers will have an opportunity to interact with the experts by using an online chat box to ask any questions about food preservation and safety.

The Produce Lady program, supported with a grant from the N.C. Tobacco Trust Fund Commission, teaches farmers and consumers the wonders of locally grown fruits and vegetables. The program demonstrates how to prepare fresh produce as tasty meals and snacks and advises how to preserve them to use throughout the year.

Fresh North Carolina green beans and peaches are available widely across the state from June to September, and can be purchased at local farmers markets. The Produce Lady live video stream will feature the pressure canner method for preserving green beans so that consumers can enjoy nutritious, local green beans throughout the year. The peach demonstration will include how to freeze peaches and how to make peach jam. For information on how to use canned green beans, peach preserves and other fresh or preserved produce, check out the recipes section of The Produce Lady website at www.theproducelady.org.

The Produce Lady program is co-directed by Leah Chester-Davis with the N.C. State University Plants for Human Health Institute, and Brenda Sutton, director, N.C. Cooperative Extension, Rockingham County.

Program efforts include farmers market appearances, healthy recipes, a video series for farmers and consumers, and other educational resources, which can be found at www.theproducelady.org. Watch for video segments on the

Almanac Gardener show on UNC-TV networks statewide. The Produce Lady is sponsored in part by the N.C. Tobacco Trust Fund Commission.

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12. 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!

Please let me know if you have hay to sell!

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13. SWAP SHOP

- For Sale - 6 yr old QH Mare for sale 14.3 hands, Bay with star and socks, very fancy.

Loves to jump, might make a nice barrel horse.

Must have an experienced rider, not a beginners horse.

\$2500 to the right home.

Contact carin [336-349-8765](tel:336-349-8765)

- Timothy mix hay. \$2 a bale if you come get it. Not moldy. 750 bales available" Contact Sharon:[336- 601-5577](tel:336-601-5577)

- DONKEY OR DONKEYS WANTED FOR JULY 4th PARADE. Guilford County Democratic Party will pay \$1 per mile for one way, with the loan, delivery and assistance with a donkey entry in the Greensboro Fun Fourth Parade. Please call Cathy Kimel, 336 273 4276.

- Pine Shavings etc. - 2.8 cuft compressed plastic bags, easy to pick, no waste, easy to store \$ 4.50 + tax per bag. Contact Terri C. Aprile @ [\(336\) 698-0207shoponys@gmail.com](mailto:(336)698-0207shoponys@gmail.com)

- Equine Sports Massage Therapy - Certified since 1994 from Equissage. Appointments on site at your farm. Contact Terri C. Aprile @ [\(336\) 698-0207](tel:(336)698-0207) shoponys@gmail.com

- Riding Apparel For Sale - English (saddle seat-suits, day coats, shirts, jodphurs, ties/silk cumber bun sets & hunt seat-shirts, ties) & Western clothes, misc. tack, etc. Contact Terri C. Aprile @ [\(336\) 698-0207](tel:(336)698-0207) shoponys@gmail.com

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14. Take A Load Off -

I need your clean Jokes, so please send em to me! -

JigSaw Puzzle (Thanks for this send in)

A little older lady calls her neighbor and says, "Please come over here and help me. I have a killer jigsaw puzzle, and I can't figure out how to get started."

Her neighbor asks, "What is it supposed to be when it's finished?"

The little silver haired lady says, "According to the picture on the box, it's a rooster."

Her neighbor decides to go over and help with the puzzle.

She lets him in and shows him where she has the puzzle spread all over the table.

He studies the pieces for a moment, then looks at the box, then turns to her and says,

"First of all, no matter what we do, we're not going to be able to assemble these pieces into anything resembling a rooster."

He takes her hand and says, "Secondly, I want you to relax. Let's have a nice cup of tea, and then," he said with a deep sigh

"Let's put all the Corn Flakes back in the box."

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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 Newsletters!*****
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 Weekend!

Ben

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Is committed to equality of educational opportunity and does not
discriminate against applicants, students, or employees based on race,
color, creed, national origin, religion, gender, age, or disability.
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University is open to people of all races and actively seeks to promote
racial integration by recruiting and enrolling a larger number of black
students. North Carolina State University and North Carolina A&T State
University regards discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation to
be inconsistent with its goal of providing a welcoming environment in
which all its students, faculty, and staff may learn and work up to
their full potential. The Universities values the benefits of cultural
diversity and pluralism in the academic community and welcomes all men
and women of good will without regard to sexual orientation.

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