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Nickels for Know-How is a 65 year old voluntary assessment on feed and fertilizer produced and purchased in North Carolina. The North Carolina Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services collects the money from the manufacturers of feed and fertilizer. Manufacturers build the cost (three nickels per ton) into the price of their products. The money is transferred to the North Carolina Agricultural Foundation. The funds are then used to support research, teaching, and extension projects at NC State University.

Nickels for Know-How funds help rural agricultural students come to and stay at NC State. They help support many different programs such as CALS spend a day at State, Student Ambassadors, workshops for high school vocational agriculture teacher, on-campus internships, and annual scholarships. In addition, this program has supported a variety of research projects that have benefited farmers and agribusinesses.

Voters can renew this program on November 17th. By voting "Yes" they can assess 15 cents for each ton of feed and fertilizer they purchase.

**Please come out to
Cast Your Vote****"Nickels for Know-How"****November 17, 2022****Yancey County Extension Center**



NC Small Ruminant Improvement Winter Webinar Series



Yancey County sheep and goat producers are invited to take part in the NC Small Ruminant Improvement Program Winter Webinar Series. This will be a 5-part webinar series focusing on management practices to improve profitability of your flock! These webinars will be held at 7 pm on the third Thursday of every month starting in November. The following sessions will be offered:

November 17 **Feeding for Success: Nutritional Considerations
for Small Ruminants**

December 15 **Getting Off to the Right Start:
Small Ruminant Health and Lambing/Kidding**

January 19 **Taking the Next Step:**

February 16 **Small Ruminant Post-Weaning Management
Marking Considerations and Genetic Improvement
for Small Ruminants**

March 16 **Reproductive Management for Improved Small
Ruminant Flock/Herd Productivity**

If you would like more information about the webinar series, or if you would like to register please contact David Davis (david_davis@ncsu.edu) by email, or by calling the NC Cooperative Extension Yancey County Center at 828.682.6186

**Don't Have a
Computer
Or do you have poor
internet connection?**



**No Problem!
Contact Us for more
information about
attending our webinar
viewing sessions!**



Beef Cattle

AI Class Postponed Until Spring 2023



The Beef Cattle Artificial Insemination (A.I.) class previously scheduled for November has been postponed until spring at the request of our partnering host representative with ABS Global Inc. However, we are still exploring interests for offering this workshop. A.I. is one potential tool that can greatly improve beef herd genetics. In this workshop, participants will be able to learn how to A.I. cattle and will gain hands-on training to help develop their skills.

The cost of the class will be \$450 per participant. This helps cover the cost of the cattle needed for the workshop. Additionally, each participant receives a majority of that cost back as a credit to purchase beef cattle semen from ABS Global Inc. **Participation will be limited and will be on a first-come basis when the class is offered.** Those added to the interest list will be contacted first to register when the final details are planned for the class.

For more information or to be added to the interest list, please contact NC Cooperative Extension Yancey County Center by calling 828.682.6186 or send an email to Adam Mccurry (adam_mccurry@ncsu.edu).

Yancey County Voluntary Ag District Update

The Yancey County Voluntary Agriculture District Program will soon be reinstated. This program is established by Yancey County Ordinance, and has several benefits for farm and forest land owners.

Enrolling farms into Voluntary Agriculture Districts (VADs):

- Encourage the preservation and protection of farmland and working forests
- Allows landowners to publicly recognize their farms.
- Establishes an Agriculture Advisory Board in the County
- May protect farms from negative impacts, such as waivers of water and sewer assessments and public hearings for proposed condemnation
- Allows for Enhanced Voluntary Agriculture Districts to protect farms from development for 10 years.

The Yancey County Commission has appointed members to re-establish a working Agriculture Advisory Board. The board will soon be meeting to begin reinstating the VAD Enrollment program in Yancey County. We are also in the process of planning VAD informational meetings in 2023! If you would like to know more about the VAD program in Yancey County, and its benefits call the Yancey County Extension Center at 828.682.6186 or email David Davis (david_davis@ncsu.edu).

Sheep and Goat Production Meeting

Hosted by NC Cooperative Extension of:
Yancey, Madison, Mitchell, and Avery Counties

Topics:

- **Nutritional Management**
-Supplement and Hay Feeding
Andrew Weaver, NC State Extension
- **Parasite Management &
Changing Requirements for
Antibiotic Usage**

Dr. Beverly Hargus, DVM, Animals-R-Us Vet Services

When and Where

Tuesday, December 13, 2022

Starting @ 6:30 PM

**Yancey County Senior Center
503 Medical Campus Drive
Burnsville, NC**

All are Welcome to Attend- Dairy or Meat focused Sheep and/or Goat Producers!

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