NC AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH SERVICE

Kannapolis Institute Director Named
An internationally known scientist from the University of Illinois-Urbana Champaign will lead a North Carolina State University effort at the North Carolina Research Campus in Kannapolis to develop fruits and vegetables that protect and enhance human health.

Dr. Mary Ann Lila, a professor in the College of Agricultural, Consumer and Environmental Sciences at the University of Illinois, will direct the NC State Fruit and Vegetable Science Institute. Lila, who now directs the College of Agricultural, Consumer and Environmental Sciences international program, will assume her new duties August 1, 2008.

Dr. Lila's 24 years of research experience with plant chemistry and animal nutritional studies will help ensure that N.C. State and the North Carolina Research Campus succeed in improving the human condition through better nutrition.

Submission of Material Transfer Agreements (MTAs)
Effective May 16, 2008, NCARS has requested that faculty submit all MTAs for review and approval by the Associate Dean for Research or Research Director, rather than submitting directly to OTT. Routing MTAs through the NCARS Office will inform the directors of MTA activity evolving from our research programs and give us the opportunity to know who our research partners are.

When NCARS receives an MTA, we will review it conceptually and let OTT know if we support the transaction or not. Upon approval, we will notify OTT by email or fax that we conceptually support the transfer. Subsequently, OTT will negotiate the final agreement and obtain the NCARS Director’s signature. Then the agreement will advance for the other party’s signature and/or for initiating the actual material transfer.

If OTT receives an MTA that has not been reviewed by NCARS, it will inform the NCARS Director and will not begin processing until approval is received.

We are proud of the creativity and productivity of our faculty and the collaborations that involve transfer, testing and evaluation of various materials through MTA arrangements. The process above will help us stay as informed of these partnerships and transactions involving our faculty. Please contact the NCARS Office (919-515-2717) if there are questions.

Landscape Professional Field Day
The 2008 Landscape Professional Field Day was held on May 14th at the J.C. Raulston Arboretum and Horticultural Field Laboratory. Dean Johnny Wynne opened the event with timely and relevant comments on drought-related research in the College and its utility to the green industry. David Autry, President of the North Carolina Nursery and Landscape Association, also provided opening
remarks. Attendance was very high with over 500 people registered. In fact, this Field Day is one of the top field days in attendance that CALS presents.

The morning educational sessions were comprised of seven presentations dealing with drought issues, including weed control (Joe Neal, Horticultural Science) insect pests (Steve Bambara, Entomology), proper landscape installation (Barbara Fair, Horticultural Science), landscapes for water collection (Cliff Ruth, NCCES, Henderson County), optimal irrigation (David Williams, Rainy Day Irrigation and John Marmorato, Eco Irrigation, Inc.) drought-induced plant diseases (Mike Benson, Plant Pathology).

The afternoon activity was North Carolina Nursery and Landscape Association and OSHA Safety Training for the Green Industry. The training was offered in English and Spanish. Wendy Laing, CSP, EHS, Industrial Extension and Paul McCain, McCain Special Projects and Services, Inc. conducted the training. The topics covered were: working with pesticides and other chemicals; appropriate personal protective equipment; proper lifting techniques; working in hot environments and near roadways; working with chainsaws and other equipment; and working with a safety and health management system.

**Plant Variety Releases for 2007**

According to the Office of Technology Transfer at NC State University; to date, NC State University plant breeders have released for public use 641 cultivars, germplasms and parental lines. NC State University breeders have developed 458 field crop cultivars, germplasms and parental lines and 183 horticultural crop cultivars, germplasms and parental lines. The releases for 2007 include:

- Switchgrass (Panicum virgatum L.) – BoMaster
- Switchgrass (Panicum virgatum L.) – Performer
- Wheat: NC06BGTAG13
- Wheat: NC06BGTAG12
- NC-Stella (NC-302 x NC-306 F1) Melon: Cucumis melo L.) NC302
- NC-Sparta (NC-301 x NC-304 F1) Melon: Cucumis melo L.) NC301
- NC-Sapphire (NC-303 x NC-309 F1) Melon: Cucumis melo L.) NC303
- NC-Star (NC-302 x NC-305 F1) Melon: Cucumis melo L.)
- Melon: (Cucumis melo L.) inbred lines (NC-301 - NC-306, NC 309)
- NC 2000 LC Burley Tobacco
- NC 2002 LC (ms) Burley Tobacco
- NC BH129 LC (NC638 x TN 86F1) Burley Tobacco
- NC3 LC (NC1209 cms x NC DH19 F1) Burley Tobacco
- NC4 LC (NC1246-11 x NC1426-17 F1) Burley Tobacco
- NC5 LC (NC174 cms x NC821 F1) Burley Tobacco
- NC6 LC (NC1209 cms x NC325 F1) Burley Tobacco
- NC7 LC (NC775-5 cms x NC645 F1) Burley Tobacco
- NC103 Flue-cured Tobacco Hybrid

**ACADEMIC PROGRAMS OFFICE**

**Southern/North Central Region Joint Academic Programs Section Staff Workshop**
The Academic Programs Office hosted the Southern/North Central Region Joint Academic Programs Section Staff Workshop on May 21-22. This collaborative workshop, with 90 participants from 20 universities, provided an excellent opportunity for us to showcase new and innovative programs and
facilities in the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences. It also provided us with an excellent opportunity to learn from the experiences of our peer institutions, exchange ideas and discuss concerns and issues that we are each facing in today’s educational marketplace.

CALS Ambassadors
The CALS Ambassadors held their end of the year banquet on April 18th. This was a wonderful end to a great year. The following ambassadors were recognized with awards that were voted on by their peers: Karen Payne, Creative Leader; Emily Hon, Dedicated Leader; Elizabeth Swicegood, Inspiring Leader; Tri Metzler, Emerging Leader. Justin Jornigan was recognized by the advisers with the Impact Award. The Most Service Hours Awards went to Emily Hon with 89.75 hours and Daniel Joe with 89.25 hours. The ambassador team as a whole logged in 2,783.50 hours this academic year and did an awesome job.

Hold the Dates

- **New Student Orientation**
  CALS will host New Student Orientation on July 14 & 15, July 17 & 18 and July 21 & 22. As in the past, students are scheduled to attend New Student Orientation session based on their major. For additional information regarding which date(s) are associated with the majors in your department, please review the attached schedule.

- **The New Faculty Advising Workshop**
  New faculty advisers should plan to attend our annual advising workshop on Monday, August 18th from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Registration information will be sent at a later date.

- **CALS Academic Programs Faculty Meeting**
  We will be holding our annual Academic Programs faculty meeting on Tuesday, August 19th from 9:00 a.m. until 12:00 noon. Information regarding the location will be sent at a later date.

- **Wolfpack Welcome Week**
  We will be holding our College Connection day for Wolfpack Welcome Week on August 19 from 2-4 p.m. We will be hosting Da Chen, author of the summer reading Sounds of the River, for story time. This will be a great way for the new students to meet and talk with him.

Other Upcoming Dates of Importance

- **June 3 – (Summer I Session only) Last day to withdraw or drop a course without a grade at the 400 level or below. Last day to change from credit to audit at the 400 level or below. Last day to change to credit only. Last day to submit Request for Course Repeat Without Penalty forms. MyPack Portal closes for Undergraduate drops at 11:59 p.m.**
- **June 4 – (Summer I Session Only) Last day to withdraw or drop a course without a grade at the 500-900 level. Last day to change from credit to audit at the 500-900 level. MyPack Portal closes for Graduate drops at 11:59 p.m.**
- **June 19 – (Ten-week Session Only) - Last day to withdraw or drop a course without a grade at the 400 level or below. Last day to change from credit to audit at the 400 level or below. Last day to change to credit only. Last day to submit Request for Course Repeat Without Penalty forms. MyPack Portal closes for Undergraduate drops at 11:59 p.m.**
- **June 20 - Last day of classes**
- **June 23 – (Ten-week Session only) Last day to withdraw or drop a course without a grade at the 500-900 level. Last day to change from credit to audit at the 500-900 level. MyPack Portal closes for Graduate drops at 11:59 p.m.**
- **June 23 thru June 24 - Final Examinations, Summer Session I**
- June 30 – July 4 – No classes
- July 8 - First day of classes, Summer Session II
- July 9 - Last day to add a course without permission of instructor. MyPack Portal closes for adds at 11:59 p.m. (After this day, adds processed in 1000 Harris Hall.)
- July 10 - Last day to register (includes payment of tuition and fees) or to add a course. Last day to drop a course, or change from credit to audit with tuition adjustment.
- July 22 - Last day to withdraw or drop a course without a grade at the 400 level or below. Last day to change from credit to audit at the 400 level or below. Last day to change to credit only. Last day to submit Request for Course Repeat Without Penalty forms. MyPack Portal closes for Undergraduate drops at 11:59 p.m.
- July 23 - Last day to withdraw or drop a course without a grade at the 500-900 level. Last day to change from credit to audit at the 500-900 level. MyPack Portal closes for Graduate drops at 11:59 p.m.
- July 29 – Last day of Tuesday/Thursday classes for Ten-week Session participants
- July 30 – Last day of Monday/Wednesday classes for Ten-week Session participants
- July 31 – Final examinations for 5:30 p.m. Tuesday/Thursday classes (Ten-week session only)
- August 4 – Final examinations for 5:30 p.m. Monday/Wednesday classes (Ten-week session only)
- August 5 – Final examinations for 7:15/7:40 p.m. Tuesday/Thursday classes (Ten-week session only)
- August 6 – Final examinations for 7:15/7:40 p.m. Monday/Wednesday classes (Ten-week session only)
- August 8 - Last day of classes for Summer II participants
- August 11 thru August 12 - Final Examinations for Summer II participants

### Admissions Information on New Students

Of the 2,889 freshmen who had applied for entrance into CALS as of May 16, 2008, 1846 have been accepted by the University and 840 have already responded that they will accept their offer of admission.

For CALS students who have accepted enrollment, the average SAT Total is 1159, the average high school GPA is 4.15 and 47.6 % are in the top 10% of their class. This is comparative to the overall numbers for the incoming accepted class (SAT = 1179; HS GPA = 4.12; % in the top 10% of their class = 42.5%). It also represents an increase over the numbers for last year’s accepted class in CALS (SAT = 1148; HS GPA = 4.12; % in top 10% of their class = 36.5). Of those who have accepted enrollment at NC State:

- 564 are female (67%) and 276 are male (33%)
- 746 are from in-state (89%) and 94 were from out-of-state (11 %)

**Diversity breakdown:**
- White: 78%
- American Native: 1%
- African American: 10%
- Asian: 6%
- Hispanic: 2%
- Unknown: 2%
- International: 1%
Note: If you would like additional information and breakdowns of enrollment data, you may access this information by visiting the University Planning and Analysis website and accessing the “Secure Data” link. The link for University Planning and Analysis is: http://www2.acs.ncsu.edu/UPA/index.html

Career Services Office

As this academic year winds down, Career Services is busy providing career guidance to students who just graduated. We had 32 students attend career counseling appointments in early May in preparation for the Backpack to Briefcase Seminar. A visit to the EPA was part of this program. Several alumni returned to inspire this group of fresh graduates as they transition to the professional world.

National conference presentations await us this summer. CALS Career Services is honored to be selected to present at two National Conferences, The National Association of Colleges and Employers and the National Agricultural and Development Association. We have implemented an innovative marketing program called "Minute Clinics" that has been recognized as a model to share with other universities around the country.

Internships and jobs are merging in our ePack database. This summer our internship database, formerly known as iCenter, will be combined with our ePack employment database. We hope this will simplify the career search process for our students.

Do you know first generation college students who need a bit of extra support? The REACH Team, which has moved under the CALS Ambassador umbrella, is going to begin a peer mentoring program for this population during the fall semester. If you have any ideas or questions about this new endeavor, please contact Melissa Kahn at 919-515-3249.

Summer is a great time for CALS faculty advisors to replenish their career knowledge. Please make an appointment to speak to Marcy Bullock by calling 919-515-3249 to discuss career options for your graduates, including our survey data, our new departmental specific career handouts, and company contacts that want to hire your students. Are you familiar with the ePortfolio as a marketing tool for your graduates? Are you an expert on how to advise students on using our new resume and job database "ePack"? If you need a refresher, please do not hesitate to set up a time to chat.

Agricultural Institute Office

Save the Date Events

- **AGI Orientation**
  The Agricultural Institute New Student Orientation is July 31st and August 1st. We will be hosting a “Getting Involved” session to help students become more aware of the opportunities available to them through CALS and the Agricultural Institute. We will also be hosting a “cookout” for parents and students. All AGI faculty are welcome to attend.

- **AGI Faculty Meeting**
  The Agricultural Institute will host a faculty meeting Monday, August 18 from 10:00-12:00 noon. The meeting location will be announced at a later time. All AGI faculty are encouraged to attend. Additional information will be forwarded soon.

- **AGI Wolfpack Welcome Week Event**
The Agricultural Institute will host its third Wolfpack Welcome Week event on Tuesday, August 19, 5:00 to 7:00 pm. We will have games, food and lots of fun. Please plan to attend!!

**NC COOPERATIVE EXTENSION**

Extension Program Assistants, Associates and Technicians 2008 Conference
Early registrations are being accepted for the North Carolina Association of Extension Program Assistants, Associates and Technicians 2008 conference. This year, the event will be held in Hickory August 18 – 20. To register, visit the website at [http://www.ces.ncsu.edu/assn/ncaepaat/2008%20conference%20registration.pdf](http://www.ces.ncsu.edu/assn/ncaepaat/2008%20conference%20registration.pdf)

National Ag Agent Conference in NC

Southwest District Ag Agents Meet June 1
The next Southwest District Ag Agents Meeting will be held in McDowell County on Friday, June 1. To RSVP, contact e-mail Cheryl_Mitchell@ncsu.edu or dial 828-652-7874.

West Central Secretary’s Association Elect Board
The West Central District of the N.C. Cooperative Extension Secretary’s Association recently elected its board. Please congratulate Julie Campbell, President, Alexander County; Fran Little, 1st VP, Catawba County; Sandy Kanupp, 2nd VP, Mountain Research Center; Nancy Miller, Treasurer, Catawba County; Michelle Ham, Secretary, Ashe County.

Extension Secretary’s Annual Conference September 18-19
The Southeast District of the North Carolina Cooperative Extension Secretaries Association is pleased to host this year’s state meeting, September 18 – 19, 2008 in Wilmington, NC. The registration package for this meeting is attached, and may also be downloaded from NCCESA website at [http://www.ces.ncsu.edu/assn/nccesa/index.html](http://www.ces.ncsu.edu/assn/nccesa/index.html).

This information is being emailed early for those who want to pay their registration from this fiscal year's budget funds. **PLEASE NOTE:** You must complete the registration form **AND** register for this meeting through the LMS at: [http://www.ces.ncsu.edu/xlms/](http://www.ces.ncsu.edu/xlms/).

If you have any questions or need additional information, please email Debra West at debra_west@ncsu.edu,

**Toolkit Update**
Recent Toolkit additions include: a new Fact Sheet template, Style Manual updates regarding costs statements, annual mailing list culling and “Who’s Who in Extension, a template to create zigzag table tents and downloadable posters using the banner images from the conference. Visit the Toolkit at [http://cals.ncsu.edu/agcomm/Toolkit/](http://cals.ncsu.edu/agcomm/Toolkit/).

**Extension Specialists Receive Awards**
Rhonda Sherman, Cooperative Extension specialist for solid waste management in the Biological & Agricultural Engineering Department, was one of three individuals receiving EarthWise Awards at
N.C. State University during Earth Week. Each year, the Campus Environmental Sustainability Team recognizes a student, faculty member and staff member for sustainability efforts during Earth Week.

The N.C. Association of Cooperative Extension Specialists recognized several members at the meeting on May 2, 2008. The winners were:

The North Carolina Association of Cooperative Extension Specialists presented awards at its recent May meeting.

Dr. David Tarpy, Extension apiculture specialist, received the award for outstanding individual Extension program. Dr. Jack Bacheler, department Extension leader for entomology, nominated Tarpy.

Dr. Matt Poore, livestock specialist, received NCACES's first Special Specialist Award for his work assisting agents and livestock owners during the 2007-08 drought. He was nominated by Charles Young of Ashe County; Gerda Rhodes of Washington County; Jeff Carpenter, area specialized agent based in Catawba County; Amy Andrews of Craven County on behalf of the Southeast District agents; and Becky Spearman of Bladen County, on behalf of the South Central District agents.

Bill Rogister, retired Northampton County Extension director and a member of Rotary Club of Northampton County, has earned Rotary International's highest honor, the Service Above Self Award. The award, presented at the annual conference of Rotary District 7720 in Kitty Hawk, recognizes exemplary humanitarian service, with an emphasis on personal volunteer efforts and active involvement in helping others.

North Carolina Group Attends Leadership Conference
In April, a delegation from North Carolina, including seven North Carolina Cooperative Extension State Advisory Council members and two Strategic Planning Council members from N.C. A&T State University, attended the Public Issues Leadership Development conference in Washington, D.C. This three-day conference provides the opportunity for interaction with federal decision makers and local volunteers. The Joint Council of Extension professionals sponsors this annual conference to keep Extension professionals and advisory leaders abreast of changing public issues that impact our communities and affect Extension programming.

4-H Gala a Success
4-H Gala raises $227,000 for North Carolina 4-H Program. This year’s Gala reached a program milestone by raising over $227,000 to ensure North Carolina 4-H’ers have wonderful program opportunities next year.

Dock of the Bay Ties Up A Winning Total
The 4-H Dock of Bay event raised $50,000 for Eastern 4-H Center. This annual fundraising event is coordinated by the Center’s Advisory Board and event volunteers.

Faculty Hires Help Scarce Dollars Go Further
The Food Stamp Nutrition and Education Program (FSNE) have added four new faculty members to the Department of 4-H Youth Development and Family & Consumer Sciences.

EFNEP’s Reynolds Grant Work Begins
The Expanded Food and Nutrition Education Program (EFNEP) begins a new faith-based initiative with the Kate B. Reynolds grant. This pilot project will use a paraprofessional model to educate adults
about healthy eating and physical activity through their faith community. In addition, the congregations will work with professionals to assess their environment and policies related to healthy eating and physical activity.

**Hispanic Dropout Rates Addressed**

4-H Specialist Andrew Behnke and Latino Affairs Facilitator, Cintia Aguilar, are having success in addressing Hispanic dropout rate. The Juntos Para Una Mejor Educación (Together for a Better Education) Program brings together parents, youth and school to explore possible paths to higher education. The program’s goal is to address the high levels of Latino youth dropping out of school in NC and to improve academic success and leadership among this group. Juntos para una Mejor Educación has recently been piloted in Moore county with separate English and Spanish-speaking groups. Nine Latino families and three American families attended the program. The Juntos program will be piloted with Latino youth and families in three diverse counties of North Carolina, Wayne, Johnston and Durham.

**COLLEGE ADVANCEMENT**

The CALS Donor Recognition Gala & Campaign Celebration has been scheduled on November 2, 2008, at the Sheraton Imperial. More details to follow.

Save the Date for Upcoming CALS ALUMNI & FRIENDS Sponsored Events

- AG Institute Reunion – Saturday, September 27, 2008 (tentative date) – L.R. Harrill Youth Center (NC State vs. S. Florida game) Time TBD
- CALS Alumni Awards Banquet – Friday, October 3, 2008 – University Club (5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.)
- CALS Retiree Luncheon – Saturday, December 6, 2008 – McKimmon Center (11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.)

**CALS Tailgate 2008!!! – Celebrate the Tradition**

CALS Tailgate 2008 has been scheduled for Saturday, September 6, in Dorton Arena (Time TBD) in conjunction with the NC State vs. William and Mary football game. Celebrate the tradition and join over 1,500 plus faculty, staff, students, alumni and their families and enjoy this great event! Online registration will be available soon. Early registration is requested as football tickets are limited and a printable form is available.

Would you like to help out for this event as a volunteer? Volunteers are needed, so sign up with the CALS Alumni & Friends Society Office. All departments and student clubs are welcome to set up exhibits. The exhibit form will be available online soon. [www.cals.ncsu.edu/alumni](http://www.cals.ncsu.edu/alumni).

Tax-deductible auction items are being accepted now at the CALS Alumni & Friends Society Office. All proceeds of this silent auction go to CALS student scholarships.

We hope to see you at the largest event in our College!! For more information on these events, contact julia_brooks@ncsu.edu or call 919-515-7222 or 919-515-6212.

**CALS Chronicle Enewsletter!**

The official enewsletter of CALS Alumni and Friends Society is sent quarterly. Please send your announcements, departmental events, updates and departmental news for the next issue to calsalum@ncsu.edu. If you wish to subscribe to the enewsletter, email calsalum@ncsu.edu.
The Silver Wolf Newsletter
The second edition of The Silver Wolf Newsletter (bi-annual publication) will be published this summer. The Silver Wolf is a hard copy newsletter for CALS Retirees and their spouses. If you have departmental information, retiree information, announcements, events, printed material you would like to insert, resource information, or a "departmental ad" to submit for our next edition, please send to Julia Brooks, julia_brooks@ncsu.edu by June 30.

Employee Retiree List
We need your help! We request that all departments and county offices please continue to send us your updated retiree lists with all contact information available. Once an employee retires, just send Julia Brooks julia_brooks@ncsu.edu a quick e-mail letting her know so that she can add them to our list.

Got Gifts-In-Kind?
If you have received donations of equipment, materials, supplies or services, please complete the form BA-151 (http://www.cals.ncsu.edu/advancement/ba151.doc) and forward to chris_wessel@ncsu.edu. We will make sure your donors are sent University receipts and acknowledgment letters showing how important their support is to CALS. Call Chris at 919-515-7678 if you have any questions about non-cash gifts.

CALS Gift Legacy Web Site
In order to better serve faculty and staff with helpful information, we have created a comprehensive gift planning website. We have an increasing number of friends of the College who now are benefiting from life income gifts, gift annuities and other charitable vehicles. Thank you for taking the time to explore the benefits of gift planning at http://cals.giftlegacy.com/.

You may support any area of the College and join or renew your Arboretum membership online using our secure website. Visit http://www.cals.ncsu.edu/givenow for safe, convenient online giving!

Advancement Advantage Guide to Services
College Advancement is pleased to announce the availability of our Advancement Advantage Guide to Services on-line. This information is designed to educate CALS faculty, staff and administrators about the resources available through these divisions. By doing so, we hope to expand access to our services, and increase support of and service to departments and college-wide initiatives. This website is a work in progress and will be updated on a regular basis. To access this information, just click on the following link http://www.cals.ncsu.edu/advancement/resource_guide.htm

INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMS OFFICE (IPO)

International Visitors
IPO will welcome a group of researchers and administrators hosted by Dr. Grant Holder of Appalachian State University on June 5, 2008 to discuss the possibility of collaborative programs in the area of viticulture and oenology with European Universities. The Atlantis Programme currently includes the University of Udine in Northern Italy, Victor Segalen Bordeaux 2 University in Southern France and Technical University of Lisbon, Portugal. The program hopes to expand with other North Carolina universities and encourage international experiences for students.

Memorandum of Agreements
The IPO has recently signed an agreement with the Universidad de la Empresa in Uruguay encouraging both research and student/faculty exchanges. The office has pending agreements for signature with the Agri-Food Biosciences Institute in Northern Ireland, the Cooperative League of the USA (CLUSA) in Mozambique, and the University of Costa Rica.

IPO also welcomes the Vice Chancellor and the Dean of Agriculture from the University of Sargodha, Pakistan for a final signature of a Memorandum of Agreement. They will visit campus and Dean Johnny Wynne on June 3, 2008.

Regional Interest Groups
The IPO recently sent an email encouraging EPA faculty to identify their research interest and expertise specific to global regions. The purpose of acquiring this information is to have a database which can lead to collaboration among CALS faculty with common international interests, therefore, resulting in proposal development and grant awards for CALS.

If you have yet to submit information, please feel free to submit your information to patricia_holoman@ncsu.edu. We sub-divided global regions in the following manner: Africa, Asia, Latin America, Eastern Europe, Western Europe, Oceania. Please include your name, department, phone number, current research area and global area of interest/expertise in your email.

We hope to make this database public in the next few weeks so that faculty can capitalize on this information. Thank you to everyone who has already responded.

Borlaug Lecture Series 2008
CALS is thrilled to announce we have secured Mr. M. Peter McPherson, current president of NASULGC, as this year’s distinguished lecturer for Borlaug 2008. We are still working on setting the dates for the lecture series, but anticipate a 2-3 day event near the end of September or beginning of October. We are now looking for volunteers to help us plan for this year—and we anticipate an event larger than last year. Please contact Patricia Holoman at 919-515-2818 or patricia_holoman@ncsu.edu if you would like to volunteer. Look for subsequent emails with more information on important dates and volunteer groups available.

**CALS PERSONNEL – NEW HIRES FOR MAY 2008**

**New Campus Employees - Faculty**
Dilip R. Panthee, Assistant Professor, Horticultural Science

**New Campus Employees - Staff**
Lindsay N. Hecht, Extension Associate, 4-H Youth Development & Family and Consumer Science
Francis T. Polson, Extension Assistant, 4-H Youth Development & Family and Consumer Science
Tristan K. Berry, Research Assistant, Food, Bioprocessing and Nutrition Science
Mark A. Turner, Research Specialist, Microbiology
Rakhi Singh, Research Assistant, Plant Pathology
Kimberly L. Jett, Sandhills Research Station
Deanna L. Babcock, Extension Associate, Soil Science
Johnnie W. Durham, Jr., Research Technician, University Field Laboratories
John D. Garner, Research Project Coordinator, University Field Laboratories
Dana C. King, Sr., Research Technician, University Field Laboratories
New County Employees
Anna B. Thompson, County Extension Secretary, Cleveland County

2008 FIELD DAYS

Please see the following URL for Field Days http://www.cals.ncsu.edu/agcomm/writing/Field_Days/

2008 COMMODITY MEETINGS

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