NEW GENETICS DEPARTMENT HEAD
Effective October 1, 2008, Dr. David W. Threadgill will become the new Department Head for the Department of Genetics. Dr. Threadgill comes from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill where he was an associate professor of genetics. He was an assistant professor of cell biology and medicine at Vanderbilt University before joining the UNC-Chapel Hill faculty. Dr. Threadgill earned both his bachelor’s degree and Ph.D. at Texas A&M University, the bachelor’s in zoology and the Ph.D. in genetics.

Dr. Stephanie Curtis will return to the Genetics faculty and will serve as Departmental Director of Academic Programs assuming the responsibility of both graduate and undergraduate programs.

Please join us in welcoming Dr. Threadgill to NC State and also thanking Dr. Curtis for her many years of serving as Department Head!

NC STATE FAIR
The College of Agriculture and Life Sciences will host an exhibit at the N.C. State Fair again this year in the Green NC tent exhibit, near the Kerr Scott Building. Fairgoers will learn how to protect water quality by establishing a rain garden in their yards. In addition, Cooperative Extension will host an exhibit on the E-Conservation program to educate fairgoers on 10 low-cost, no-cost ways to conserve energy. Each year, CALS faculty, staff and students participate in numerous exhibits and fund-raising initiatives throughout the fair. The State Fair runs Oct. 16-26.

BORLAUG DISTINGUISHED LECTURE
M. Peter McPherson, president of the National Association of State Colleges and Land-Grant Universities, is this year’s speaker for the annual Dr. Norman E. Borlaug Distinguished Lecture on Global Service to Society and Environment, Oct. 6, 3 p.m., at McKimmon Center. McPherson will speak on “Building Higher Education Capacity in Africa: A New Initiative.” The event will include presentation of the 2008 Award for Service to Society and the Environment. The Borlaug Lecture, free and open to the public, is sponsored by the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences and the College of Natural Resources. For more information, visit: cnr.ncsu.edu/borlaugdistinguishedlecture.htm.

ACADEMIC PROGRAMS OFFICE
Undergraduate Admissions Information
The Admission Office will use the same notification dates and application process again this year. The notification dates are:

- October 15 application deadline – Notification December 15
- November 1 application deadline – Notification January 30
- December 1 application deadline – Notification March 15
- February 1 application deadline – Notification March 30
Spend A Day At State
Spend A Day At State is underway for the fall semester. Students have been registering consistently and we appreciate each of you who have been meeting with the students or having them attend your class. We have received good feedback.

University Open House
The University Open House is scheduled for October 18 and this is a great recruiting tool for your department. We will have the college booth there as well.

New Student Orientation for the Spring Semester
New Student Orientation for the Spring Semester will be held on December 12 and January 6. Please hold these dates on your calendar.

Fall 2008 Graduation
Wednesday, December 17

Other Upcoming Dates of Importance
- October 8 - Fall break begins at 10:15 p.m.
- October 9 thru October 10 - Fall Break
- October 13 - Classes resume at 8:05 a.m.; Enrollment (Registration) advising for 2009 Spring Semester begins
- October 14 - Enrollment (Registration) for 2009 Spring Semester begins
- October 17 - Last day to withdraw or drop a course without a grade at ALL levels. Last day to change from credit to audit at ALL levels. Last day to change to credit only. Last day to submit Request for Course Repeat Without Penalty forms. MyPack Portal closes for Undergraduate and Graduate drops at 11:59 p.m.
- November 26 thru November 28 - Thanksgiving Vacation for students; no classes
- November 27 thru November 28 - Thanksgiving Holidays; university closed
- December 1 - Classes resume at 8:05 a.m.
- December 1 thru December 5 - "Dead Week" - Last week of classes. In order that students may complete semester projects, take lab tests, and prepare for final examinations, faculty members shall not give any test or quizzes or assign any additional papers or project during the final week of the semester. Exceptions to this policy must be approved in advance by the department head and the dean of the college involved.
- December 5 - Last day of classes
- December 8 thru December 16 - Final Examinations
- December 17 - Fall Graduation Exercise
- Dec 24 thru January 2 - Winter Holiday; university closed

CAREER SERVICES OFFICE

CALS Career Expo
October 23 is the annual CALS Career Expo. The event will be held on the second floor of the Talley Student Center from 9:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. Admission is free and open to the entire University. Please encourage your students to stop by and learn about career options, job openings, and professional schools. For a list of companies attending, please go to our web site (www.cals.ncsu.edu/career) and click on the Career Expo button.
Student Showcase
The night before the Expo, we will be hosting “Student Showcase” in the Walnut Room of Talley Student Center. This event is designed to allow our high performing upperclassmen the chance to mingle with Expo recruiters in a more intimate setting. Students were nominated to apply by their academic advisors. To apply, students submitted their resume for review on ePACK; chosen students will have their resumes added to an electronic portfolio of resumes that will be given to each employer.

Focus on Your Future
This Tuesday, September 30 is the Expo edition of “Focus on Your Future”. Held in Bostian Hall, 2722, students will learn how to get the most out of the Expo from industry representatives. Interested students should register on-line; simply go to our web site (www.cals.ncsu.edu/career) and click on the “Focus on Your Future” button.

AGRICULTURAL INSTITUTE OFFICE

Alumni Reunion
The Agricultural Institute hosted its annual Alumni Reunion, Saturday, September 27 at the L. R. Harrill Youth Center on the NC State Fairgrounds. There were approximately 100 people in attendance. We are now beginning to plan the Agricultural Institute’s 50th anniversary in 2010! Please contact Aleast Hancock, alease_hancock@ncsu.edu with ideas or suggestions for this special event.

Senior Breakfast
The Agricultural Institute will host a breakfast for its graduating seniors on Wednesday, December 3, 2008. The breakfast will begin at 7:30am in 2405 Williams Hall. Please mark your calendar!

Graduation
The Agricultural Institute graduation ceremony will be Wednesday, December 17 at 3:30pm. It will be held at the University Club. All are welcome to attend. Please mark your calendars!

NC AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH SERVICE

FVSI
The NC State FVSI has hired Susan Stirewalt as the bookkeeper for the Kannapolis office. Ms. Stirewalt has seven years experience with the UNC System and was previously employed by UNC-Charlotte as a Budget Officer for Division of Development and Alumni Affairs & Executive Assistant to the Associate Vice Chancellor for University Development. Ms. Stirewalt joins Susan Dotson, who was also hired for the FVSI this past January as the Office Manager and who previously worked for the Cooperative Extension Office in Transylvania County

NORTH CAROLINA COOPERATIVE EXTENSION

Extension news:
In light of Gov. Mike Easley’s order for state budges to be reduced by 2 percent, Cooperative Extension has decided to cancel the State Extension Conference scheduled for Feb. 23-25. Earlier this year, the Program for Value-Added and Alternative Agriculture, initiated by Dr. Blake Brown, Department of Agricultural and Resource Economics, relocated to temporary offices at the N.C. Research Campus in Kannapolis. With the move came the development of a multidisciplinary team to build on the
value-added program and to develop programs that will complement the work of N.C. State University’s Fruit & Vegetable Science Institute at the new campus. The center’s new building will be dedicated on Oct. 20. Members of the new team are:

- **Dr. Blake Brown**, Hugh C. Kiger Professor in Agricultural and Resource Economics, who directs Cooperative Extension program faculty.
- **Gary Bullen**, Extension associate, who specializes in new enterprise evaluation, business skills development, direct marketing and financial management. He provides in-service training, programs and supporting resources for Cooperative Extension and community and government agencies.
- **Leah Chester-Davis**, coordinator of communications and community outreach and Extension communication specialist with the Department of Communication Services, who provides team leadership for communication plans, program delivery, packaging and marketing, and media relations.
- **Diane Ducharme**, Extension associate, horticulture and food safety, who shares leadership of the N.C. Fresh Produce Safety Task Force, which is developing a comprehensive educational program on fresh produce safety.
- **Rod Gurganus**, Extension associate, entrepreneurial horticulture, who works with agribusinesses, economic development officials and farmers to identify and develop horticultural opportunities for value-added and innovative agriculture.

The team, under Brown’s direction, has secured more than $1.8 million in grant funding that will be used to develop educational resources and to support statewide Extension efforts in the areas of value-added and alternative agriculture, and fresh produce safety. For more information, visit the team’s new Web site: [www.cals.ncsu.edu/value-added/](http://www.cals.ncsu.edu/value-added/). This site has more information on the Extension program at the campus, plus information about the campus itself. It is your resource center for entrepreneurship in value-added and alternative agriculture.

**Xi Chapter, Epsilon Sigma Phi**
The Xi Chapter of Epsilon Sigma Phi will hold its annual meeting on Thursday, October 30 at the Guilford County Center of Cooperative Extension. The meeting will begin at 1:00 p.m. with an education program, followed by a business session, awards ceremony, silent auction and dinner banquet. A professional development tour has been scheduled for Friday, October 31. The session will begin at the Guilford County Center with a program focusing on an internal look at Extension's visionary leadership, followed by lunch. The afternoon session will be held at the facilities of the Center for Creative Leadership in Greensboro. The center has developed a session specifically for Cooperative Extension titled, "How to be an Innovative Leader". For more information on the annual meeting and the professional development tour, visit the Web site: [www.ces.ncsu.edu/mecklenburg/esp/](http://www.ces.ncsu.edu/mecklenburg/esp/)

**North Carolina Summit on Youth and Families**
The Department of 4-H Youth Development and Family & Consumer Sciences will host the second North Carolina Summit on Youth and Families, November 19-20 in downtown Raleigh. This year’s summit theme is “Creating the Future of North Carolina's Youth and Families: Advocacy, Leadership and Collaboration for Positive Change.” The only one of its kind in our state, the summit is targeted to professionals and volunteers from business and industry, government agencies and community-based non-profit organizations. For more information, visit [www.ncsummit.org](http://www.ncsummit.org).

**North Carolina 4-H Centennial Ice Cream Cone Test**
Help choose the winning ice cream flavor for the 4-H Centennial. The Top 10 flavors in our North Carolina 4-H Centennial Ice Cream Cone Test have been selected. In partnership with the NC State Creamery, North Carolina 4-H wants your help in selecting the flavor that will be featured as 4-H celebrates its centennial in 2009. The top three flavors will be made in small batches at the creamery for a final taste test, and the Grand
Champion will be announced this spring, just in time for a North Carolina heat wave and all the 4-H Centennial birthday parties across the state. To help us choose, please follow the link to the survey below and select the flavor that sounds like a winner to you.
www.surveymonkey.com/s.aspx?sm=2J7JtyKpmtaKAIuPuLwqXg_3d_3d

Extension, Engagement and Economic Development Faculty Symposium
The University’s Office of Extension, Engagement and Economic Development will host the symposium, “The Engaged University: Communicating Economic Development Impacts,” Monday, October 13, at McKimmon Center. Speakers include Dr. Robin Shepard, interim provost and vice chancellor, University of Wisconsin Extension; R. Stephen Wyatt, program director for business and industry, University of Missouri Extension; and Dr. Teresa Helmlinger Ratcliff, assistant vice chancellor and executive director, Industrial Extension Service, N.C. State University. Learn from the experts the results of the Benchmarking Economic Impacts Task Force, network with others dedicated to the scholarship, and champion the extension and engagement mission of NC State as a Carnegie Engaged University. RSVP to Susan Bennett by October 1
susan_bennett@ncsu.edu

Personnel
Lisa B. Childers, Harnett County family and consumer sciences agent since 1999, has been named Harnett County Extension Director. Her appointment was approved and announced by Harnett County Manager Neil Emory and Dr. Jon Ort, director, North Carolina Cooperative Extension Service. Childers succeeds Jennifer Walker, who retired from Cooperative Extension on July 1 after 15 years as County Extension Director.

Benjamin Chapman, new Food Safety Extension Specialist and assistant professor in the Department of 4-H Youth Development and Family and Consumer Sciences, will start work on January 1.

Honors
Dr. Richard Liles, CALS emeritus professor of agricultural and extension education, is among seven educators recently inducted into the International Adult and Continuing Education Hall of Fame. Liles retired in 2006 from N.C. State, where he had served as Director of the Personal Organizational Development System (PODS) for the North Carolina Cooperative Extension Service. During his N.C. State career, Liles served as a science teacher, agricultural Extension agent, 4-H and Youth Development Specialist, District Program Leader, State Leader of Training for Extension, Associate Department Head and Interim Department Head.

The American Society of Agricultural Engineers (ASABE) recently named Dr. Bill Hunt winner of one of its most prestigious honors, the Nolan Mitchell Young Extension Worker Award. Hunt, a professional engineer and an assistant professor and Extension specialist in the Biological and Agricultural Engineering Department, was recognized for exemplary leadership and outstanding contributions as a researcher, educator and Extension specialist.

North Carolina Association of County Agricultural Agents has announced its 2008 award winners, listed below:
Della King, Sampson County Extension horticultural agent, received the Young Agent Scholarship Award.
Kim Woods, Extension livestock agent in Person County received an Achievement Award.
Amy Andrews, Extension Area Livestock Agent based in Craven County; Keith Walters, Hoke County Extension Director and Agricultural agent; and Silas Brown, Clay County Extension Agricultural Agent, received Achievement Awards from NCACAA and the National Association of County Agricultural Agents
Charles Young, Area Agriculture Agent based in Onslow County; Diana Rashash, Area Extension Environmental Education Agent based in Onslow County; Jeff Carpenter, Area Extension Livestock Agent based in Catawba County; Nelson Brownlee, Extension Area Farm Management Agent based in Robeson County; and Ron Hughes, Johnston County Extension Livestock Agent, received Distinguished Service
Awards were presented at the recent meeting of the **North Carolina Cooperative Extension Secretaries Association** in Wilmington. The awards are listed, below, along with recipients by district. State winners are listed in each category as well. Congratulations to all these winners.

**Secretary Award for Excellence, Technology Utilization and Implementation**
- **Campus** - Donna Stewart
- **Northeast District** - Risha Foreman
- **Southeast District** - Debra West
- **West District** - Ivy Olson
- **North Central District** - Kay Evans
- **South Central District** - Devona Beard
- **West Central District** - Brenda Bowman
- **State Winner** - Debra West

**Secretary Award for Excellence, Special Leadership**
- **Campus** - Vicky Merritt
- **Northeast District** - Teresa Story
- **Southeast District** - Pamela Brylowe
- **West District** - Cheryl Mitchell
- **South Central District** - Susan Johnson
- **West Central District** - Joyce Dorsey
- **State Winner** - Vicky Merritt

**Executive Board Award** - Peggy Elliott

**Sue Mills Lighthouse Award** - Nancy Miller

**Dr. Jon and Mrs. Debbie Ort Scholarship Award for Outstanding Cooperative Extension Personnel** - Elizabeth Wilson

**NCCESA Professional Improvement Scholarship** – Anita Wright

**Media hits:**
- **Dr. Mike Walden**, William Neal Reynolds Distinguished Professor and Extension Economist in the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences, was recently featured on the WUNC program, “The State of Things.” To hear Walden’s interview, visit [wunc.org/tsot/archive/sot0908abc08.mp3/view](wunc.org/tsot/archive/sot0908abc08.mp3/view)

Iredell County Extension Agent **Ann Simmons**, family and consumer sciences, was featured in a national Webcast training video recently. Simmons worked with the Thorlo Sock Co. of Statesville to pilot “Prepare to Care: A Planning Guide for Families,” a national workplace training program of AARP and CSREES. A camera crew from the Centers for Medicaid and Medicare Services, a group working with AARP, came to Statesville after the workshop to interview Simmons, Suzanne Black of AARP-North Carolina, the Thorlo wellness coordinator and an employee who benefited from the workshop. The video was featured during an online training program Sept. 17. For more information on “Prepare to Care,” contact Dr. Luci Bearon, aging specialist in family and consumer sciences and program coordinator, at luci_bearon@ncsu.edu.

**OFFICE OF DIVERSITY**

**New CALS Diversity Website**
The CALS Diversity Council has developed a website focused on diversity that can be accessed by selecting “Diversity Initiative” from the homepage of the overall CALS website. The purpose of the diversity website is twofold. First, the site provides a vehicle to share information on the emerging CALS Diversity Initiative. Second, and perhaps more important, the site provides pertinent diversity information and resources for all members of CALS. For example, the “Resources” section is divided into three parts: 1) student resources, 2) faculty and staff resources and 3) resources for administrators. The student resources section provides a
plethora of information on scholarships and fellowships targeting different under-represented groups. It also includes information on programs that aim to strengthen opportunities for undergraduate and graduate students from under-represented groups to engage in research. The faculty and staff resources section is divided by academic, extension and research so that faculty can focus in and target resources of interest more effectively and efficiently. For example, the extension section provides information and links to the National Extension Diversity Center, Change Agents States for Diversity, Extension en Espanol and other resources. The section providing resources for administrators includes several national databases that connect higher education administrators with PhD and post doctoral fellows from underrepresented groups who are seeking employment. There are also sites that specialize in advertising faculty vacancies to targeted under-represented groups. Of course, those resources selected for our diversity site focus on agriculture, life science and closely related disciplines. There is information on screening and hiring as well as other relevant resources. Also, a calendar provides an educational tool that shares federally recognized history and heritage months, cultural holidays and observances along with descriptions of some key observances. There is so much more on the site as you will see!

New USC 101 Speakers Forum
The CALS Advanced Freshman Seminar has initiated a series of guest speakers scheduled to begin following fall semester break. The purpose of the guest speaker series is to introduce our freshman students to young “hands-on” professional role models, many of whom are North Carolina State Alumni. The first speaker will be Ms. Angela Cauley, President of Coalescence, LLC located in Gahanna, Ohio. Ms. Cauley holds an M.S. Degree from the Department of Food, Bioprocessing and Nutrition Science. She will be speaking to the USC101 classes, the NCSU- Chapter of MANRRS, as well as presenting a seminar to the Department during her visit to campus. The seminar is scheduled for October 15, 2008 at 3:40 p.m. with USC classes scheduled for Thursday, October 16th at 1:30 p.m. and 3:00 p.m. Other guest lecturers include Dr. Latisha Lindsay, (October 21 & 23, 2008), Director of Medical Services at North Carolina Central University, Durham, NC and Dr. Allen Cannedy (October 30, 2008), Director of Diversity and Multicultural Affairs for the College of Veterinary Medicine here at North Carolina State University.

CALS Faculty Serve on Panel
Drs. Sastry Pantula and Julia Kornegay will be among the panelists for the Forum on Recruiting Diverse Faculty that is sponsored by the NCSU Office for Equal Opportunity and the Office of Diversity and Inclusion. This forum is designed primarily for department heads and faculty search committee chairs and members. In addition to the panel, there will also be a presentation by Dr. Eve Fine of the University of Wisconsin’s Women in Science and Engineering Leadership Institute. The forum will be held on October 14, 2008 from 11:45 a.m. until 1:15 p.m. in Room 3118 of the Talley Student Center.

Interim Assistant Dean to Serve on Panel
Dr. Lisa Guion will be one of three panelists for the Assistant Professor’ Learning Community session sponsored by the NCSU Office of Diversity and Inclusion. The session will be held on October 7, 2008 from 12:00 until 1:00 p.m. in the Board Room of Talley Student Center. The Assistant Professor’ Learning Community is a discussion group open to all faculty, with a special emphasis on issues of importance to assistant professors.

COLLEGE ADVANCEMENT

CALS Donor Recognition Gala & Campaign Celebration
The CALS Donor Recognition & Campaign Celebration is scheduled for November 2, 2008, at the Sheraton Imperial in RTP. We will be showcasing the College's achievements through interactive displays. The event
begins at 12:30 p.m. For more information or questions, please contact Kathy Kennel at 919-515-9259 or kathy_kennel@ncsu.edu.

Let's shine the spotlight on CALS students!
As you know, each semester Registration and Records produces a list of "Interesting Graduates" to be recognized at that semester's graduation ceremony. Those selected during the fall semester will be profiled during the Chancellor's speech at the university graduation ceremony on December 17, 2008. The profiles are also shared with area and hometown media. The students can be undergraduates or graduates, must not only be interesting but be in good academic standing and, for graduate students, must never have had their graduate status terminated. Students will be contacted after fall break, so please have your suggestions to chris_wessel@ncsu.edu no later than Wednesday, October 8, 2008. We look forward to hearing about your interesting graduates!

The CALS Alumni and Friends Society would like to extend our sincere appreciation to all faculty, staff and students who participated in CALS Tailgate 2008 and helped make it a success. Your participation is very valuable to us, and we thank you for your support!

Save the Dates for Upcoming CALS Alumni & Friends events:

- CALS Alumni Awards Reception – Friday, October 3, 2008 – University Club (5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.)
- Student Programming Event in Charlotte on Nov. 13, 2008 (time TBD)
- Student Programming Event in Winston-Salem on Nov. 18, 2008 (time TBD)
- Student Programming Event in Raleigh on Dec. 4, 2008 (time TBD)
- CALS Retiree Luncheon – Saturday, December 6, 2008 – McKimmon Center (11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.)
- Tentative date for CALS Tailgate 2009 - September 19, 2009 in Dorton Arena (NC State vs. Gardner Webb) - this date subject to change

For more information on these events, please 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 Silver Wolf (bi-annual publication) 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

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.

North Carolina 4-H Centennial Ice Cream Cone-test Top Ten...VOTE NOW!
It's Official....the Top 10 Flavors in our North Carolina 4-H Centennial Ice Cream Cone-test have been selected!!  In partnership with the NC State Creamery, North Carolina 4-H would like to ask you to follow the
link below to select your favorite flavor! The Top 3 flavors will be made in small batches at the creamery for a final taste test and the Grand Champion will be announced this spring....just in time for a North Carolina heat wave and all the Centennial Birthday Parties that will be happening across the state.

http://www.surveymonkey.com/s.aspx?sm=2J7JtvKpmtaKA1uPULwqXg_3d_3d

The survey tool will be open until October 31, so please pass this along to your faculty, staff, youth, volunteer leaders, friends, family...pretty much everyone you can think of! The more votes we have, the closer we will be to finding a flavor everyone is sure to enjoy.

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 an effort to better serve faculty and staff with helpful information, we have created a comprehensive gift planning Web site. 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://www.calsgiftplanning.org/

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 web site 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

Network with Funders and Win Cash Prizes at January 22, 2009 CALS Research Conference
Please join other CALS research faculty in this opportunity to network with and attract funding from corporate and philanthropic entities at the January 22, 2009 NC Agricultural and Life Sciences Research Foundation Conference through participation in the Innovation Fair. Cash prizes of $2,500, $1,000, and $500 will be awarded to the most effective exhibits. Exhibits developed for the CALS Donor Gala and Campaign Celebration scheduled for November 2 are eligible and encouraged to participate.

For additional information, or to register your intention to participate, please contact Catherine Maxwell at catherine_maxwell@ncsu.edu or 919-513-8294. Notification of participate due on October 15.

CALS PERSONNEL OFFICE – NEW HIRES FOR SEPTEMBER 2008

New Campus Employees - Faculty
Otto D. Simmons, Research Assistant Professor, Biological and Agricultural Engineering
New Campus Employees - Staff
Jimmy Gosse, Research Associate, Biological and Agricultural Engineering
Nabila Rouf, Research Technician, Biology
Marilia Ferreira De Oliveira, Teaching Technician, Biology
Carroll Burt, Administrative Support Specialist, CALS Business Office
Minesh Patel, Researcher, Crop Science
Brendan Flynn, Business and Technology Applications Analyst, Dairy Records Processing
Jennifer Emerson, Research Assistant, Entomology
Robert Hoyt, Research Technician, Horticultural Science
Susan Stirewalt, Administrative Support Specialist, North Carolina Research Campus - Kannapolis
Xiang Liu, Research Specialist, Plant Biology
Lanette Fee, Research Assistant, Poultry Science

New County Employees
Tanya Weyhrauch, Assistant Extension Agent, Beaufort County
Robert Mauney, Assistant Extension Agent, Forsyth County
Marlena Gibbs, Assistant Extension Agent, Hyde County
Janice Fields, Assistant Extension Agent, Robeson County

2008 FIELD DAYS
Please see the following URL for Field Days:

http://www.cals.ncsu.edu/agcomm/writing/Field_Days/

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