North Carolina SweetPotato Commission

The North Carolina SweetPotato Commission Inc. is a nonprofit corporation made up of almost 400 sweet potato growers along with the packers, processors and business associates that support them.

The sole purpose of the commission is to increase sweet potato consumption through education, promotional activities, research and honorable horticultural practices among its producers. Thanks to the six sweet potato farmers that chartered the commission in 1961, the commission has supported its growers and maintained North Carolina as the No. 1 sweet potato producing state in the United States since 1971.

The College of Agriculture and Life Sciences

The College of Agriculture and Life Sciences at North Carolina State University provides knowledge and technology that improve the economy, environment and quality of life for the citizens of North Carolina. In the classroom, we equip students for productive careers. Through research, we find solutions and develop systems with economic, environmental and social value. Our extension programs are helping people use knowledge to enhance their lives and livelihoods.

Relationships with many partners enhance the quality and productivity of our research, teaching and extension programs. We extend our appreciation to the field day partners and participants.

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2012
Sweetpotato
Field Day

September 27, 2012

Burch Farms
Sampson County, N.C.

Sponsored by:
North Carolina State University
College of Agriculture and Life Sciences
  North Carolina Agricultural Research Service
  North Carolina Cooperative Extension Service
North Carolina Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services
North Carolina SweetPotato Commission
Program

2:00 - 2:30 p.m.
Registration
(at Burch Farms field site off of Route 403 between the HCRRS and Burch Farms; see directions*)

2:30 - 3:00 p.m.
Welcome and Remarks
Sylvia Blankenship, Associate Dean for Administration, College of Agriculture and Life Sciences, N.C. State University, presiding
Richard Reich, Assistant Commissioner, N.C. Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services
Sue Johnson-Langdon, Executive Director, N.C. SweetPotato Commission, Inc.

3:00 - 3:30 p.m.
Brief Updates from Selected N.C. State University Programs
Commercial Storage Survey
  Mike Boyette, Department of Biological and Agricultural Engineering, N.C. State University

Breeding and Genetics
  Craig Yencho, Ken Pecota, Jarred Driscoll and Meri Reeber, Department of Horticultural Science, N.C. State University

3:30 - 3:45 p.m.
Wick Applicator and Weed Management Studies
  Katie Jennings, Lauren Coleman and Steve Meyers, Department of Horticultural Science, N.C. State University

3:45 - 5:00 p.m.
Sweetpotato Mechanical Harvest Demonstration (will feature a vine snatcher, mechanical harvester, hopper and box filler)
  Jimmy Burch, Co-owner, Burch Farms Inc., Faison, N.C.; and Kevin Pinelli, President, Farmer’s Harvest, Dover, Del.

5:00 pm
Safe Trip Home

*Directions:
From the intersection of I-40 and Hwy 403:
Take Hwy 403 South toward Clinton for 5.7 miles and turn left onto King’s Pond Lane (dirt path). After you pass King Road, the field site will be 0.3 miles on left. Follow the path across the dam and past the houses. (1/2 mile off the road).

From Horticultural Crops Research Station:
Take Hwy 403 North toward Faison for 3 miles and turn right onto King’s Pond Lane (dirt path). Follow the path across the dam and past the houses. (1/2 mile off the road).

Refreshments provided by:
  - Michael Gassett, Jason Goodwin
  - Kevin Pinelli
Farmer’s Harvest, Dover, Del.
  - Kevin Pinelli