Corn Stover Hay Sample Bales Available

Anyone wishing to sample a bale of the corn stover forage available from eastern NC will have the opportunity to pick up a bale at the Burke County Extension Center on Monday, October 29th from 9:00-5:00pm. A limited number of bales (17) will be available on a first come, first serve basis for McDowell County producers with a limit of 1 bale per producer. These bales will weigh 750-1000 lbs each and will cost $13.00 a bale. These type bales are still available for a very limited time from several producers in Eastern NC at the Hay Alert Hotline at 1-866-506-6222. The Golden Hay Relief Program is available to help defray the shipping costs.

These bales will serve as a basic filler forage containing only about 4% protein and a very limited amount of energy. Producers will need to supplement this forage with a source of protein and energy such as whole Cottonseed or corn gluten. (See the last issue of the Bull-o-Gram or go to our webpage at http://mcdowell.ces.ncsu.edu/ and click on the newsletter link on the top left column.)

Since a limited number of bales are available, anyone interested in trying one will need to call the Extension Office at 652-7874 before the 26th of October, so I will be sure to have enough on hand Monday to supply the demand. The Burke County Extension Center is located just North of I-40. Take Exit 104 (Enola Road), turn left off the ramp onto Enola Road and cross over the interstate. Turn left onto Government Drive. Turn right onto Ammons Drive. The Burke Agricultural Center is located at the top of the hill. For more information call the McDowell County Extension Center at 652-7874.

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NORTH CAROLINA CATTLE INDUSTRY ASSESSMENT REFERENDUM VOTE
SET FOR NOVEMBER 14, 2007

FUQUAY-VARINA, NC -- The North Carolina Cattlemen’s Association (NCCA) has announced that the N. C. Cattle Industry Assessment Referendum vote will take place on November 14, 2007. At the North Carolina Cattlemen’s Association’s joint board of directors and annual business meeting in February, during the 56th annual N. C. Cattlemen’s Conference, the board of directors voted to pursue the referendum. The N. C. Board of Agriculture has granted us permission and the date has been arranged with the N. C. Cooperative Extension Service. The county extension offices will serve as poling places across the state.

Bundy Plyler, executive director of the North Carolina Cattlemen’s Association, said that the referendum language will be to assess all cattle one dollar per head for the purposes of promoting the cattle industry in North Carolina. The funds will be used for producer education -- regarding beef production topics, beef production research, youth education and leadership development events, NCCA administration, beef industry leadership development, promotion and marketing of North Carolina cattle, and promoting the interests of the cattle industry. Current beef checkoff funds cannot be used for any of these purposes. Plyler also said that the N. C. Dairy Industry would and should benefit from this program, as dairy cattle will also be assessed at the same level.

Ronnie Hammonds, president of the North Carolina Cattlemen’s Association, stated that beef producers in North Carolina first started an assessment program in 1957. “The original assessment program was superseded by the beef checkoff in 1986. The beef checkoff does a fine job of increasing consumer demand for beef; however, there are many cattle production issues within the state we need to address. By federal law, beef checkoff dollars cannot be used for any purpose other than the promotion of beef or research to improve beef quality. For this reason, after a lot of discussion within the industry, we are convinced of the need to reinstate the original state assessment program.”

Bundy Plyler also says, “The beef checkoff is a national assessment program and must follow the guidelines set forth by federal law. The N. C. Cattle Industry Assessment is a state program and would follow the guidelines of the state’s enabling act. In contrast to the beef checkoff, the N. C. Cattle Industry Assessment would have recurring referendums as well as a refund provision.”

All North Carolina cattle owners over the age of 18, as of November 14, 2007, are eligible to vote during the regular business hours of their local county office of the North Carolina Cooperative Extension Service. For more details, contact the North Carolina Cattlemen’s Association, the North Carolina Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, or your local county office of the North Carolina Cooperative Extension Service.
Voting Details

**Date:**  Wednesday, November 14, 2007  
There will be **NO** absentee voting

**Time:**  8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

**Polling Places:** McDowell County Extension Center, 2nd Floor, County Administration Building, Marion 652-7874

**Eligibility:**  Any North Carolina resident who can claim ownership of cattle, either beef or dairy. An owner must sign an affidavit sheet claiming age, ownership, and residency.

**Age:**  Any cattle owner over the age of 18 on November 14, 2007.

**Ballot Specifics:**  “Yes” indicates a vote in favor of restarting the state assessment program.  
“No” indicates a vote against restarting the state assessment program.

**Ownership Challenges:**  A producer’s age, residency, and ownership status can be challenged.

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**Fact Sheet - Questions/Answers**

_This is the same assessment program that was in effect before the national beef checkoff program superseded it in 1986. This fact sheet has been assembled to provide cattle producers with information about the referendum._

**What is the North Carolina Cattle Industry Assessment Referendum?**

The Cattle Industry Assessment Referendum is a vote by the cattle owners (both beef and dairy) of North Carolina to assess all cattle one dollar ($1) per head for the purposes of promoting the cattle industry in North Carolina.

**Is this an additional $1.00 per head assessment?**

Yes.

**What is the purpose of the assessment and what will the funds be used for?**

The proceeds of the assessment will be used for producer education -- regarding beef production topics, beef production research, youth education and leadership development events, NCCA administration, beef industry leadership development, promotion and marketing of North Carolina cattle, and promoting the interests of the cattle industry.

**How long would the assessment be in effect?**

The assessment would be in effect for three years, and after the second referendum, the referendum schedule would be every six years. The program would be in place as long as a majority of producers vote to continue the program.

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**How would the assessment be collected?**

The assessment would be collected in the same manner as the national beef checkoff, in that all cattle sellers have the duty to pay the $1.00 per head assessment and all cattle buyers have the duty of seeing the money is forwarded to the North Carolina Department of Agriculture or the N.C. Cattlemen’s Beef Council.

**Is this assessment payment refundable?**

Yes, this additional $1.00 will have a refund provision, which means that if producers don't wish to pay the $1.00 assessment, they can request a refund in writing. Along with this request in writing, they will also need to include a copy of their bill of sale indicating the number of head sold and the amount of the assessment paid. When all of this information is received, a refund of their assessment will be sent to them.

**Where do I vote?**

Voting will occur on November 14, 2007, at all county offices of the N. C. Cooperative Extension Service.

**Who can vote?**

Any producer of cattle who sells cattle within the state of North Carolina can vote. Producers must be at least 18 years of age on November 14, 2007, and must vote in their county of residence. Under the current program all cattle sellers are required to pay the assessment, so anyone currently contributing to the present system should be able to vote if they meet the age and residency requirements. Each individual producer is allowed only one vote, regardless of the number of counties in which they produce or market cattle.

**How do I prove that I am entitled to vote?**

Voters will need to identify themselves with a North Carolina driver’s license (or other legal ID) and sign an affidavit sheet stating they are cattle owners and current residents of North Carolina.

**Where can I get more information?**

Contact the office of the North Carolina Cattlemen’s Association at 919/552-9111, the North Carolina Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, or your local office of the North Carolina Cooperative Extension Service.

**Who will manage the referendum?**

Bundy Plyler, executive director of the N. C. Cattlemen’s Association, will serve as manager of the referendum. A panel made up of representatives from the N. C. Farm Bureau, the N. C. Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, the N. C. Cooperative Extension Service, the N. C. Livestock Auction Markets Association, and the N. C. Cattlemen’s Association will tally the county votes and certify the results. A designated extension employee (preferably a livestock agent, but an agriculture agent will suffice) will manage their county’s individual voting process. Board members of the N.C. Cattlemen’s Association at the county level will also be available to assist with county procedures.
District Beef Cattle Field Day
October 27th, 2007

A beef field day will be held on October 27th, 2007 in Haywood County at the Haywood County Extension office and the Mountain Research Station. Registration begins at 8:00 a.m. and the program will last until 4:00 p.m. A sponsored lunch will be provided. Educational presentations on preventative herd health management, working facility design and livestock feeding facilities, and pasture management will be conducted. Discussions on the Mountain Research Station Bull Test, marketing of cattle, handling of vaccines and current research at the station will be presented. A trade show with vendors from animal health, cattle handling equipment and feed companies will also be on hand.

Agenda

8:00 a.m. Registration
8:30 a.m. Welcome and introductions – Dr. Jim Turner, Department of Animal Science, North Carolina State University
Dr. Steven Leath, Director and Associate Dean, North Carolina State University Agriculture Research Service
NCDA Representative
NCBA Representative?
9:15 a.m. Preventative herd health programs – Dr. Mark Alley, Department of Population Health and Pathobiology, College of Veterinary Medicine, North Carolina State University
10:00 a.m. Break
10:30 a.m. Working facility design and livestock feeding facilities – Dr. Matt Poore, Department of Animal Science, North Carolina State University
11:15 a.m. Pasture management – Dr. Jim Turner
noon Lunch
1:00 p.m. Tradeshow
1:30 p.m. Begin Field demonstrations
Mountain Research Station Bull test – Bill Teague, Superintendent Mountain Research Station, NCDA
Livestock marketing – Tony McGaha Agriculture, Haywood County Cooperative Extension
cow/calf research – Jim Turner
Handling of modified live vaccines – Mark Alley
4:00 p.m Adjourn
Cattle Receipts: 495       Last week: 484       Last year: 303

Slaughter cattle were mostly steady. Feeder cattle were mostly steady.

Feeder Steers: Medium and Large 1-2 215-240 lbs (221) 115.00-122.50 (119.46); 255-290 lbs (272) 105.00-125.00 (115.29); 305-345 lbs (328) 100.00-122.00 (113.78); 355-390 lbs (376) 96.00-119.00 (111.10); 400-445 lbs (416) 90.00-113.00 (104.64); 450-480 lbs (464) 88.00-106.00 (94.13); 500-545 lbs (530) 90.00-109.00 (99.34); 555-575 lbs (565) 94.00-97.00 (95.65); 630-635 lbs (633) 63.00-99.00 (80.93); 815-815 lbs (815) 70.00 (70.00); 1130-1130 lbs (1130) 54.50 (54.50). Small 1-2 250-285 lbs (268) 70.00-80.00 (74.67); 330-330 lbs (330) 72.50 (72.50); 370-390 lbs (380) 75.00-80.00 (77.57); 425-425 lbs (425) 70.00 (70.00); 454-544 lbs (545) 70.00 (70.00). Feeder Heifers: Medium and Large 1-2 240-240 lbs (240) 82.50 (82.50); 265-295 lbs (282) 80.00-90.00 (85.40); 305-390 lbs (373) 85.00-91.00 (88.47); 420-440 lbs (430) 80.00-93.00 (85.85); 450-490 lbs (468) 85.00-91.00 (88.13); 500-540 lbs (514) 80.00-95.00 (83.42); 560-585 lbs (569) 80.00-87.00 (84.24); 605-645 lbs (625) 78.00-85.00 (82.35); 650-665 lbs (650) 75.00 (75.00); 700-735 lbs (723) 60.00-80.00 (68.90); 780-790 lbs (785) 74.50-75.00 (74.75); 810-825 lbs (818) 68.00-70.00 (68.99); 900-900 lbs (900) 64.00 (64.00); 1095-1095 lbs (1095) 55.00 (55.00). Small 1-2 210-245 lbs (232) 67.50-75.00 (70.90); 280-280 lbs (280) 67.50 (67.50); 325-340 lbs (333) 60.00-62.00 (60.98); 380-390 lbs (387) 62.50-67.50 (65.00); 470-470 lbs (470) 61.00 (61.00); 510-510 lbs (510) 65.00 (65.00); 555-595 lbs (575) 60.00 (60.00). Feeder Bulls: Medium and Large 1-2 430-445 lbs (434) 90.00-111.00 (100.35); 455-495 lbs (474) 90.00-105.00 (96.65); 505-515 lbs (510) 88.00-100.00 (90.00); 580-585 lbs (584) 85.00-95.00 (89.17); 655-670 lbs (663) 80.00-85.00 (82.47); 700-700 lbs (700) 80.00 (80.00); 775-790 lbs (780) 71.00-76.50 (74.17); 850-850 lbs (850) 69.00 (69.00). Small 1-2 520-520 lbs (520) 70.00 (70.00); 570-590 lbs (583) 62.50-78.00 (70.08); 610-625 lbs (618) 72.50-75.00 (73.77); 810-810 lbs (810) 52.00 (52.00). Feeder Cows: Medium and Large 1-2 565-565 lbs young (565) 41.00 (41.00); 600-890 lbs young (761) 45.00-68.00 (51.38); 900-900 lbs young (985) 47.00-69.00 (54.91). Stock Cows: Medium and Large 1-2 Young 660-805 lbs (733) 220.00-420.00 per head (329.90); 930-1105 lbs (1001) 380.00-490.00 per head (442.38). Slaughter Cows: Breaker 70-80 percent lean 1065-1725 lbs (1322) 40.00-46.00 (43.15); 1280-1455 lbs low dressing (1368) 35.00-36.50 (35.70). Boner 80-85 percent lean 750-750 lbs (750) 40.00 (40.00); 760-885 lbs low dressing (821) 32.00-35.00 (33.98); 900-1000 lbs (1125) 41.00-64.00 (44.03); 960-1285 lbs high dressing (1123) 46.50-47.00 (46.71); 950-1500 lbs low dressing (1066) 35.00-40.00 (38.50). Lean 85-90 percent lean 655-785 lbs (720) 38.00-39.00 (38.45); 570-785 lbs low dressing (685) 29.00-35.00 (31.57); 855-1170 lbs (1016) 33.00-38.00 (35.52); 825-1200 lbs low dressing (983) 25.00-32.00 (30.11). Slaughter Bulls: Yield Grade 1-2 1220-1470 lbs (1372) 54.50-55.00 (54.83); 1285-1410 lbs low dressing (1348) 50.00-52.00 (51.36); 1585-1875 lbs (1689) 55.00-60.50 (57.77); 1580-1740 lbs low dressing (1647) 48.00-54.00 (52.24). Cows/Calf Pairs: Small 1 and 2 635-890 lbs young age cows with calves 100-295 lbs 370.00-680.00 per pair. Medium 1 and 2 915-1075 lbs middle age cows with calves 150-400 lbs 510.00-800.00 per pair. Large 1 and 2 1170-1170 lbs middle age cows with calves 270-270 lbs 760.00 per pair.

Baby Calves, per head: Holsteins 25.00.
IMPORTANT HAY INFORMATION INSIDE

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