

Did you know there are many career opportunities available to work with Livestock? I always loved animals growing up, and because of this most people expected I would become a vet. But the great thing about the livestock industry is the incredible diversity in career opportunities. If we follow a cow from the time it is born on the farm until it makes its way to your plate, we can see how many people and jobs are needed in this industry.

A farmer is there to take care of the calf as it grows up on the farm. But in addition to the farmer, there are people that provide necessary services like nutritionists, veterinarians, geneticists, sales reps for supplies like feed, equipment, vaccines, and other health products, and many more. It takes a lot of support to raise livestock.

If the animal is sold we can see that a whole new set of jobs is involved. Transporting animals is a special job and there are people managing livestock auctions and sales. Vets are needed here too to ensure animals are healthy as they are being sold. Cattle graders help sort animals by size and quality to create uniform groups of animals.

If the cow goes to a feedlot to finish growing, more jobs are needed. Managers at a feedlot make sure everything runs smoothly with new animals coming in and sending out animals that are ready. We also need nutritionists and vets for the best animal care here too. Pen riders help keep an eye on every animal to make sure they are well managed.

Then the cow is processed to make various products, including steak, hamburger, leather, gelatin and many other things. Transportation is again needed for the animal and the products. Processing plants must be inspected by certified inspectors. Butchers must know how to properly cut the meat to give you the best steaks. Some meat can be further processed into value added products such as soups, freezer meals, and sandwich meats. Food scientists and manufacturers are responsible for helping create these products.

Then these products are sold, either to a retail establishment like a grocery store or to a restaurant. Again, transportation is needed along with people to manage and work the retail stores and restaurants.

Along every step of the way, there are numerous support companies that have positions like CEO, sales, marketing, graphic design, quality assurance, research and development, and data analysis to help them run smoothly.

From the farm to your plate, there are lots of people involved in making sure you have a safe and enjoyable final product. If you love animals, you can find a job in the livestock industry, whether you like science and math, art, or business, or if you would rather be hands-on in a field or prefer to work in an office.

For more information on exploring careers in the livestock industry, you can reach out to me at: rachel_owens@ncsu.edu.

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Several private companies and organizations, including Pee Dee Electric Membership Cooperative, have recently joined North Carolina's Southeast (aka The Southeastern Partnership) or elevated their membership. NC's Southeast engages in global economic development marketing on behalf of the 20 member counties in the southeast region.

Pee-Dee Electric, is an Electric Membership Corporation and cooperative that serves over 20,000 members across seven counties.

Several high-profile business and community leaders, including Pee Dee Electric CEO Donnie Spivey, have joined the board as well. Spivey has led the utility since 1999. Pee Dee Electric's seven-county service area includes Anson, Montgomery, Moore, Richmond and Scotland.

"Close strategic collaboration with private-sector allies has always been a key ingredient of our region's economic development success," said Jeff Etheridge, Chairman of NC's Southeast. "We appreciate having the generous support of these companies and organizations as we engage our mission and build on the remarkable results of the last few years."

"We're delighted to welcome these new board members to our leadership ranks," added Etheridge. "Their business and economic development acumen will expand the already-invaluable reservoir of intellectual capital that fuels our organization."

Arriving board members are already familiar with the organization and its work, and expressed an eagerness to serve on the Southeast's board.

"We've been contributors to the program for a number of years," said Donnie Spivey, CEO of Pee Dee Electric. "We want to grow that relationship, which will be good for our area."

Craven County's Owen Andrews believes collaboration is essential to bringing new jobs to the region. "As Chairman of the Craven 100 Alliance, I've seen first-hand how well the Southeast Partnership integrates with its member counties," Andrews said. "Together the 20-member counties are much stronger coordinating their economic development efforts through the Southeast Partnership."

"Trust has long been a visible, vocal supporter of economic development in the communities we serve," said Chrisley, regional president for Eastern North Carolina at Truist. "I'm eager to join other business and community leaders on the board of North Carolina's Southeast as the partnership works to bring sustainable prosperity to the region and its residents."

Blake Hall of Timmons Group called it an honor to serve as an NCSE Board member. "This organization works tirelessly to encourage investment and economic development across the Southeast region of our state," Hall said. "As a land development professional and a father, I'm excited to be a part of NCSE's efforts to promote sustainable economic growth that creates opportunities and preserves the uniqueness of our state and environment for future generations."

A public-private partnership headquartered in Elizabethtown, N.C., North Carolina's Southeast's mission is to "provide strong economic development leadership in southeastern North Carolina through innovative marketing and collaborative regional initiatives that will support the creation of new jobs, generate capital investment and secure new business locations."

Member counties include Anson, Bladen, Brunswick, Columbus, Craven, Cumberland, Duplin, Hoke, Jones, Lenoir, Montgomery, Moore, New Hanover, Onslow, Pender, Richmond, Robeson, Sampson, Scotland and Wayne.

For additional information, visit www.ncse.org.

New Report Outlining Strategies to Strengthen North Carolina's Clean Energy Economy and Achieve Climate Goals

Governor Roy Cooper released the Deep Decarbonization Pathways Analysis ("Pathways Analysis") to ensure North Carolina continues to progress towards its climate goals while expanding our clean energy economy that benefits all. As outlined and called for in Governor Cooper's Executive Order No. 246, the Pathways Analysis identifies the most promising opportunities to reduce greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions across the economy in the near-term while highlighting mid- and long-term needs to develop and commercialize emerging clean energy technologies.

"In North Carolina, fighting climate change and strengthening our economy goes hand in hand," said Governor Cooper. "In the past year, we've celebrated some of the largest economic development announcements in state history from companies that focus on clean energy and share our environmental priorities. This analysis will help us achieve pollution reduction while highlighting new market opportunities to ensure North Carolina remains on the forefront of the clean energy transition."

While North Carolina has significantly reduced GHG emissions, even as the state's population and economy have grown, the Pathways Analysis highlights the need for immediate, ambitious and sustained action across every sector of the economy to achieve the science-based GHG targets established in Executive Order No. 80 and Executive Order No. 246. The analysis modeled illustrative, forward-looking scenarios through 2050 to better understand the biggest opportunities to reduce emissions and sequester carbon while exploring the tradeoffs between different emission-reduction strategies. The final report recommends near-, mid- and long-term actions to reduce emissions and is designed to serve as a resource for local, regional, and statewide planning venues.

The Pathways Analysis was informed by hundreds of stakeholders and subject-matter experts over the past twelve months. The Office of Governor Cooper worked with an Interagency Steering Committee of Cabinet Agency representatives and consulting firm Energy and Environmental Economics to complete the analysis. The State convened a Technical Advisory Group of experts from academia, the private sector, and public interest organizations to inform the modeling approach and data inputs. Throughout the course of the project, State officials also engaged several targeted stakeholder groups and hosted three public information sessions to solicit feedback from North Carolinians across the state.

The Pathways Analysis builds on the Governor's previous actions supporting clean energy, climate change, and environmental justice. Governor Cooper called for the development of the Pathways Analysis in Executive Order No. 246, which updated the state's clean energy and pollution reduction goals and directed numerous actions to achieve those goals in a manner that centers environmental justice and maximizes health and economic benefits for all North Carolinians. In October of 2022, the Governor issued Executive Order No. 271 to position North Carolina to benefit from the global market transition to zero-emission vans, buses, and trucks by ensuring that new vehicle technologies will be available to businesses across the state and directing state agencies to pursue strategies and investments that will support the affordable, equitable and reliable growth of the zero-emission vehicle market. In 2021, the Governor signed House Bill 951, a bipartisan law requiring the North Carolina Utilities Commission to take the necessary steps for state utility providers to reduce carbon emissions 70% from 2005 levels by 2030 and achieve carbon neutrality by 2050.

Airports Contribute \$72 Billion, 330,000 Jobs to N.C. Economy

North Carolina's 72 publicly owned airports contribute more than \$72 billion to the state's economy each year – 11% of the state's gross domestic product, or total economic output – and support nearly 333,000 jobs, according to a report released by the N.C. Department of Transportation's Division of Aviation.

Airports and aviation-related jobs also provide nearly \$23 billion in personal income and contribute \$3.7 billion in state and local tax revenues every year, based on 2021 data provided by the airports and Federal Aviation Administration.

The report, North Carolina: The State of Aviation, highlights the economic impacts of the state's public airports and related aviation and aerospace assets that support North Carolina's aviation economy. NCDOT creates the report every two years to help guide future investment in aviation infrastructure and provide a tool for recruiting aviation and aerospace industry companies and investment.

"North Carolina's aviation system continues driving the economy by connecting people, companies and communities to markets and destinations worldwide," said Bobby Walston, director of NCDOT's Division of Aviation.

Passenger service at North Carolina's commercial service airports bounced back in 2021 to 56.9 million, 80% of the state's banner traffic count in pre-pandemic 2019. More cargo flowed through North Carolina airports in 2021 than ever before — 1.3 million tons, up 22% from 2019 — driven by a major increase in durable good and online purchases by homebound consumers.

North Carolina's public airport system boasts 10 commercial service airports, which offer regularly scheduled passenger service, and 62 general aviation airports. All of the state's airports connect local businesses and communities to global markets, house and refuel private aircraft, support military and agricultural aviation and statewide emergency response, and provide aviation services such as aerial photography and pilot training.

All airports generate significant economic return for their communities and the state. For instance, North Carolina's public airports lease space to more than 4,000 private aircraft that generate more than \$5.6 million in property tax revenues for their communities each year.

The report contains data compiled and analyzed for NCDOT by North Carolina State University's Institute for Transportation Research and Education. Impacts are calculated based on factors such as jobs supported by the airports and the businesses that rely on them, business and leisure travelers, and airport capital projects and operations.

View the full report, including the breakdown of each individual airport's contributions, at: www.ncdot.gov/aviation.

Anson County Tax Collector TAX FORECLOSURE AUCTION



**Tuesday, March 7, 2023 at 11am
Anson County Courthouse Steps**

PROPERTY TO BE SOLD

Name	Parcel	Address
1) Thelma Leak Baucom Heirs	6490-16-93-3871	668 Peru Road
2) Harris, Diggs V.	6439-00-36-1195	721 Race Track Road
3) Perkins, Jr., Willie James	6461-00-69-9105	1503 Bethel Road
4) J. Walter Flowers Heirs	6463-04-52-9390	695 Old NC 515
5) Liles, Minnie	6490-12-85-3221	502 Katherine Road
6) Carol Gerisch et al	6490-00-45-5145	Deberry Way
7) Carol Gerisch et al	6490-00-44-3323	Deberry Way
8) Carol Gerisch et al	6490-00-45-2107	Deberry Way
9) Carol Gerisch et al	6490-00-45-2246	Deberry Way
10) Carol Gerisch et al	6490-00-45-5244	Deberry Way
11) Carol Gerisch et al	6490-00-45-5046	Deberry Way
12) Carol Gerisch et al	6490-00-44-5948	Deberry Way
13) Carol Gerisch et al	6490-00-44-5859	Deberry Way
14) Carol Gerisch et al	6490-00-44-5769	Deberry Way
15) Carol Gerisch et al	6490-00-44-5781	Deberry Way
16) Carol Gerisch et al	6490-00-44-5682	Deberry Way
17) Carol Gerisch et al	6490-00-44-5593	Deberry Way
18) Carol Gerisch et al	6490-00-44-6404	Deberry Way
19) Carol Gerisch et al	6490-00-44-6315	Deberry Way
20) Carol Gerisch et al	6490-00-45-5314	Deberry Way
21) Carol Gerisch et al	6490-00-44-3401	Deberry Way
22) Carol Gerisch et al	6490-00-44-2590	Deberry Way
23) Carol Gerisch et al	6490-00-44-2922	Deberry Way
24) Carol Gerisch et al	6490-00-45-2020	Deberry Way
25) Carol Gerisch et al	6490-00-45-2009	Deberry Way

Upset bids can be made 10 days after sale date at the Clerk of Courts Office

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AT 704-994-3211 FOR MORE INFORMATION**