

## Warning! Net Wrap and Twine Causing Plastic Disease in Cattle

When cattle ingest things like nails, staples, wire or other pieces of metal, they can develop what is known as hardware disease. Whether they are eating in a hurry, taking too big of a bite, or just being curious, it can easily happen.

However, hardware disease is not the only disease they are vulnerable to from eating foreign material. Plastic disease has also been identified to cause problems. This happens when a cow ingests items like twine, net wrap or plastic garbage. When a cow is eating, rather than spitting it out, they usually keep chewing and swallow whatever was in that bite. Sometimes these materials cause just as much damage as hardware disease, including death.

Unlike hardware disease where a rumen magnet can be inserted to keep the metal material in the rumen, there is no way to keep plastic in place. The plastic then can become a problem in the digestive system.

Producers are looking for ways to prevent net wrap or twine from leaving in the digestive system. One way is to bale grazing, or using a bale processor to chop forage as it's being fed. In the stomach these plastics can get clumped into a hard mass, almost like a plastic stone. Sometimes the plastic never causes problems, but other times it can create blockages or partial blockages, causing bloat or impactions. It may take weeks or months for the plastic to form in the rumen, but there is no way for a cow to break the plastic down.

Many times, a cow can pass small masses. But always err on the side of caution by removing net wrap and twine before feeding, even if there has been moisture and the bale is frozen. If the wrap is frozen to the bale, the bale can be dropped from a tractor's loader to the ground to help break it loose before cutting the wrap off. If some frozen hay still remains stuck to part of the wrap, that piece should not be left in the field where cattle might eat it. Getting the wrap off the bale and out of the field can reduce other garbage as well.

Consideration should be given to hay baled along the road. Plastic bags and other garbage can get baled. A pasture or pen next to a road may have litter from passing cars or a nearby dumpster, construction sites, balloons, or a neighbor's garbage. There is no treatment for plastic disease. Therefore, the extra time it takes to cut the twine or net wrap off a bale and keeping hay fields and pastures free from plastic is worth preventing possible problems. *By Kinsey Everhart, Extension Agent, Livestock and Row Crops, NC Cooperative Extension*

## Connections Family Support Group Meets Monthly

For those serving children with emotional, learning or behavioral challenges

On the third Thursday of the month at the Hampton B. Allen Library in the Bookmobile Room, from 1 to 2:30 p.m., the Connections Family Support Program holds a group meeting for parents, grandparents and foster parents serving children with emotional, learning or behavioral challenges. Refreshments and resources will be provided free.

For more information contact Suzanne Maness, Family Advocate, at 877-211-5995 or email [connections-fsp@gmail.com](mailto:connections-fsp@gmail.com).



## NCDOT Safety Patrol

The NCDOT State Farm Safety Patrol is a free service that provides roadway assistance to stranded motorists, regardless of their insurance provider. The Safety Patrol also clears roadways and provides temporary traffic control to help keep major North Carolina roadways safe and traffic flowing smoothly.

Free services include changing flat tires, providing some gasoline or diesel and jump-starting batteries. In 2014, more than 70 patrol trucks helped more

than 100,000 motorists across the state.

Drivers needing help in an area covered by the NCDOT State Farm Safety Patrol can dial \*HP from their mobile phone for assistance.

**NCDOT State Farm Safety Patrol Vehicles** To address almost any traffic-related matter, NCDOT State Farm Safety Patrol trucks are equipped with specialized tools, including:

- Traffic control devices (lighted arrow boards, warning lights, traffic cones and air horns) to warn motorists of impending hazards
- Gasoline, water, air pumps, jumper cables, vehicle jacks and other tools to quickly aid stranded drivers
- Specially designed push bumpers and winches to help clear travel lanes of disabled vehicles and debris

NCDOT State Farm Safety Patrol vehicles are red and orange and have both the

NCDOT and the State Farm logos on them as well as highly reflective safety markings to make them more visible to motorists, especially at night.

State Farm became the sponsor of the N.C. Department of Transportation's Incident

Management Assistance Patrol program, or IMAP, in May 2015. The four-year sponsorship creates

a long-term, supplemental funding source for the program. NCDOT continues to oversee all IMAP operations.

The NCDOT State Farm Safety Patrol covers certain highway routes during peak travel hours

in Raleigh, Greensboro, Winston-Salem, Fayetteville, Wilmington, Charlotte, Asheville,

Haywood County and other areas. For more info visit [ncdot.gov](http://ncdot.gov).

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## Anson County 2040 • Comprehensive Land Use Plan Update

### Open House Schedule • November & December 2019

Over the next year, Anson County will update its comprehensive land use plan. The County will hold a series of open houses in November and December for residents to provide input on what they value about where they live and what they hope for the future.

**Each open house will be open to the public from 5:00 pm – 7:00 pm. Please plan to drop-in any time!**

Date	Location	Venue & Address
Thursday, November 14	Lilesville (East Anson)	Lilesville Fire Department 202 West Wall Street Lilesville, NC 28091
Thursday, November 21	Morven (South Anson)	HOLLA! 229 Main Street Morven, NC 28119
<b>Thursday December 5</b>	<b>Ansonville (North Anson)</b>	<b>Pee Dee National Wildlife Refuge 5770 US Highway 52 North Wadesboro, NC 28170</b>
Tuesday, December 10	Polkton (West Anson)	South Piedmont Community College L.L. Polk Campus   Raye Community Room 680 US 74, Polkton, NC 28135
Thursday, December 12	Wadesboro (Central Anson)	South Piedmont Community College Lockhart Taylor Center – Ingram Room 514 North Washington Street Wadesboro, NC 28170

**The content and process will be the same at each open house and light refreshments and activities for children will be provided. Please attend the open house that is most convenient for you!**



For more information, contact Anson County Manager Barron Monroe at [BMonroe@co.anson.nc.us](mailto:BMonroe@co.anson.nc.us).



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## FOREVER TREE LIGHTING CEREMONY

*This event is open to all community members. Please join us on:*

**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 12<sup>TH</sup> 6PM**

**Leavitt Funeral Home 2036 Morven Road in Wadesboro**

If you would like to place a light on the Forever Tree in honor or in memory of someone, please contact: Sandy Black, Bereavement Coordinator at Anson Community Hospice (704) 695-1595. The deadline is December 9.

**Or mail completed form to:** Anson Community Hospice  
at 1119 US Highway 1 N, Rockingham, NC 28379.

**We request a \$10 donation per light. Donations are tax-deductible and will help fund grief support for the community.**

Place \_\_\_\_\_ light(s) in **Honor** of: \_\_\_\_\_ Place \_\_\_\_\_ light(s) in **Memory** of: \_\_\_\_\_

Name and address of individual(s) to send acknowledgement to: \_\_\_\_\_

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### • RSVP for Tree Lighting Ceremony:

Will attend the Forever Lighting Tree Ceremony: Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Guest \_\_\_\_\_ Contact number \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

