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- NCSU COVID-19 Resources - [covid19.ces.ncsu.edu](https://www.covid19.ces.ncsu.edu)
- NCSU COVID-19 Resources for Fruit and Vegetable Growers - [ncfreshproducesafety.ces.ncsu.edu](https://www.ncfreshproducesafety.ces.ncsu.edu)
- NCSU COVID-19 Videos for Spanish-Speaking Farm Community - [covid19.ces.ncsu.edu](https://www.covid19.ces.ncsu.edu) (search "Spanish")
- NCDHHS Interim Coronavirus Disease 2019 Guidance for Migrant Farmworkers, their Employers, and Housing Providers - files.nc.gov/ncdhhs/documents/files/covid-19/interim-covid-guidance-migrant-farm-workers.pdf
- NCDHHS Interim COVID-19 Recommendations for Food Processing Facilities - [covid19.ces.ncsu.edu](https://www.covid19.ces.ncsu.edu) (search "food processing")
- CDC Implementing Safety Practices for Critical Infrastructure Workers Who May Have Had Exposure to a Person with Suspected or Confirmed COVID-19 - www.cdc.gov (search "critical worker")
- COVID-19 Food Safety Resources (info on Farmers Markets, U-Pick, Farm Stands, and washing produce) - [foodsafety.ces.ncsu.edu/covid-19-resources](https://www.foodsafety.ces.ncsu.edu/covid-19-resources)

In the event a worker tests positive, our local health department will respond with assistance to implement additional protocols on a case by case basis. Please see NC State University's link for additional best management practices to manage risks at other food environments like restaurants, grocery stores, food banks, etc. at [foodsafety.ces.ncsu.edu/covid-19-resources](https://www.foodsafety.ces.ncsu.edu/covid-19-resources), or contact Anson County Horticulture Agent Aimee Colf at aimee_colf@ncsu.edu or 704-694-2415.

Thank you all for your hard work and diligence. Stay safe.

Coronavirus Food Assistance Program

Are you a farmer or rancher whose operation has been directly impacted by the coronavirus pandemic? The Coronavirus Food Assistance Program will provide direct relief to producers who faced price declines and additional marketing costs due to COVID-19.

USDA Secretary Sonny Perdue announced the Coronavirus Food Assistance program on April 17, 2020. CFAP will provide vital financial assistance to producers of agricultural commodities who have suffered a five-percent-or-greater price decline or who had losses due to market supply chain disruptions due to COVID-19 and face additional significant market costs. Eligible commodities include:

- Non-specialty Crops: malting barley, canola, corn, upland cotton, millet, oats, soybeans, sorghum, sunflowers, durum wheat, and hard red spring wheat
- Wool
- Livestock: cattle, hogs, and sheep (lambs and yearlings only)
- Dairy
- Specialty Crops
- Fruits: apples, avocados, blueberries, cantaloupe, grapefruit, kiwifruit, lemons, oranges, papaya, peaches, pears, raspberries, strawberries, tangerines, tomatoes, watermelons
- Vegetables: artichokes, asparagus, broccoli, cabbage, carrots, cauliflower, celery, sweet corn, cucumbers, eggplant, garlic, iceberg lettuce, romaine lettuce, dry onions, green onions, peppers, potatoes, rhubarb, spinach, squash, sweet potatoes, taro
- Nuts: almonds, pecans, walnuts
- Other: beans, mushrooms

Commodities that did not suffer a five percent-or-greater price decline from mid-January 2020 to mid-April 2020 are not eligible for CFAP. Specifically, this includes sheep more than two years old, eggs/layers, soft red winter wheat, hard red winter wheat, white wheat, rice, flax, rye, peanuts, feed barley, Extra Long Staple (ELS) cotton, alfalfa, forage crops, hemp, and tobacco. USDA may reconsider the excluded commodities if credible evidence is provided that supports a five percent price decline. Once the application period opens, please call your Farm Service Agency county office to confirm commodity eligibility and schedule a phone appointment.



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JUNE 27

Community Outreach

Free household items & paper products by Lamb of God Church, 11am at 118 West Wade St in Wadesboro. 1st come, 1st served. Info 843-623-3777

ONGOING Services

At Faith Builders Ministries, 558 US 1 South in Rockingham (just off Hwy 74 Bypass). Sun-8am & 6pm. Mon night Bible Study 6pm. Fri Night Movies 7pm. Ministering to the whole man! Ted Ward, Pastor

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Bible Study

On book of Revelation Sun nights at 6pm at Mount Beulah Baptist Church

Bible Study

Wed & Sat 7:30pm at Church in the Name of Jesus Christ

Theology Studies

Especially for Veterans & their families, Sundays at 10am in Fellowship Hall at Peachland Baptist Church, 79 Clinton Ave. Info 704-272-8522

Soup Kitchen

Every Wednesday at New Life Ministries, 1678 Hwy 109 S, Wadesboro, 12-2pm. Info 704-690-4900

Bible Study

Wednesday nights for youth & adults, 6pm at Church of God of Prophecy, 8477 Hwy 52 S, Morven

Bible Study

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Board of Education

Regular Meeting held virtually at 1:30pm. The public is invited to dial in, (571) 317-3122. The access code is 402-758-717

JUNE 3

Free Groceries

For families in need Mobile Food Pantry at Forestville United Methodist Church, located at 5238 Vintage Road in Lilesville. Register 8-10am. Distribution begins about 9-9:30am. Call for details 704-694-2445

JUNE 5

Reveal Party

For the new season at the Ansonia Theatre. Invitation only for sponsors to have first dibs on seats, performance dates & the reveal of the 2020-21 season. To become a sponsor or for info, call 704-694-4950 or visit ansoniatheatre.com

JUNE 8

Morven Cemetery

Board Meeting, 7:30pm at Morven Baptist Church. Info 704-695-1912

JUNE 17

Bach's Lunch

Takeout only, 11am-1pm at the Drake Gallery, 108 South Rutherford St in Wadesboro (next to the Ansonia Theatre). Menu is chicken salad lunch with sides, dessert & drink. Please call now (704-694-4950) & leave your name, number & how many plates you want as this will help with planning. Walk-up plates will also be available

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Food Commodities

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