

2017-2018

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Dates to Remember 2017 – 2018 LEAD Program Classes

2017 Dates

- First Class:** **February 6 – 9, 2017 (Wilmington)**
Starts first day at 1:00 pm / Ends last day at 11:30 am
- Second Class:** **March 19 – 22, 2017 (Washington, DC)**
Starts first day at 8:30 am / Ends last day at 7:00 pm
- Third Class:** **Policy Review Day, July 27, 2017 (Raleigh)**
Starts at 8:00 am / Ends at 3:00 pm
- Fourth Class:** **Follows Policy Review Day, July 27 – 29, 2017 (Raleigh)**
Starts at 2 pm on Policy Review Day / Ends last day at 12:00 noon
- Fifth Class:** **Summer and Fall Assignments**
Attend two county Advisory Committee meetings
Attend two county Farm Bureau Annual meetings
- Sixth Class:** **September 14 – 16, 2017 (Asheville)**
Starts first day at 1:00 pm / Ends last day at 12:00 pm
- Seventh Class:** **NC Farm Bureau Annual Convention, December 3, 2017 (Greensboro)**
Dinner / meeting starts at 5:00 pm

2018 Dates

- Eighth Class:** **February 8 – 10, 2018 (Raleigh)**
Starts at 1pm/ Ends last day at 12 noon
- Ninth Class:** **March 22 – 24, 2018 (Raleigh)**
Starts first day at 1:00 pm / Ends last day at 12:00 pm
- Tenth Class:** **Out of State Trip, June 2018 (Location/Dates TBA)**
- MAKE-UP:** **Policy Review Day – TBA**
Starts at 8:00 am /Ends at 3:00 pm
- MAKE-UP:** **Summer and Fall Assignments – TBA**
Attend two county Advisory Committee meetings
Attend two county Farm Bureau Annual meetings
- GRADUATION:** **NC Farm Bureau Annual Convention, December 2, 2018 (Greensboro)**
Reunion dinner starts at 5:00 pm

NC Farm Bureau's LEAD Program

Mission Statement

NC Farm Bureau's LEAD (Leadership, Education and Activity Development) Program will nurture progressively thinking agricultural leaders to:

- Better articulate their views in a respectful and professional manner;
- Project a positive image for Farm Bureau and agriculture through knowledge, wisdom, and integrity to unselfishly serve our communities; and
- Inspire others by being humble in their approach, but bold in their actions.

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Quincy Adams is owner and wine maker of Adams Vineyards in Willow Spring. He is the eighth generation to live and farm on his family's land where he currently grows grapes, blackberries, peaches, and pears used in the wine production and for pick-your-own. The farm produces 95% of the fruit used to produce the wine, juices, jams, and jellies. His wines have won over 100 medals and four "Best in Show" titles in North Carolina since he took over the winery / vineyard portion of the farm in 2012.

While farming full time, Quincy earned a Bachelor's Degree from North Carolina State University in Soil Water Systems and has a minor in Wetland Delineation and Assessment. He also has worked as an Agricultural / Environmental Agent for the North Carolina Cooperative Extension Service in Wake County and most recently worked as a Financial Services Officer with AgCarolina Farm Credit.

Quincy serves on the Board of Directors for Wake County Farm Bureau, Wake County Public School System's Agricultural Programs Career Advisory Team (CAT), and the North Carolina Wine and Grape Council.

Quincy has one daughter, Regan, who is in ninth grade and very active in volleyball. Quincy's hobbies include hunting, fishing, and watching his daughter play volleyball. He is also active with his former FFA Chapter at Fuquay-Varina High School.

Bobby Allen – *Randolph County*

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Bobby Allen is the herdsman for Allen's Dairy. The dairy consists of 140 Holstein cows as well as the replacement heifers and dairy steers. The herd average is approximately 22,000 pounds with a 3.8 fat percentage. They also raise corn, small grains, and fescue on 300 acres with additional rented land.

Bobby is a fourth generation dairy farmer. He has been active in 4-H and the FFA since a very early age. He is a graduate of North Carolina State University where he earned a BS in Agricultural Business Management with a minor in Animal Science.

Bobby has been married to his long time sweetheart, Karen, for 17 years. They have two girls, Lacey (9) and Dixie (3). Lacey helps on the dairy and shows cattle. Dixie will probably start showing this year.

Bobby works with several agricultural groups on the county and state level. In addition he enjoys history, cannons, and red tractors.

Andrew Arnold – *Beaufort County*

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Andrew and Melinda own and operate Arnold Farms where they raise tobacco, corn, soybeans, and wheat. Andrew graduated from the Ag Institute of North Carolina State University in 1990 and returned home to farm with his family. Melinda grew up on a family farm that raised tobacco, livestock, and all sorts of produce. She worked as an orthodontic assistant until 1997.

Andrew has served in various organizations, including the Beaufort County Farm Bureau for 12 years. He is currently the secretary/treasurer. He has also been a member of the Old Ford Fire Department for 27 years and serves as the treasurer, the county extension advisory council, and chairman of the county FSA committee. Andrew served on the state level advisory board for extension and the NC Ag Foundation. Both Melinda and Andrew served on NC Farm Bureau's State Young Farmers and Ranchers Committee. Melinda has always been very active wherever their children attended school, church, or sports.

The Arnold's son, Jody, a graduate of North Carolina State University's Ag Institute, has returned home to farm with them. Jody enjoys all aspects of hunting and raising walker hounds. Their daughter, Amy, is currently attending NC State University majoring in horticulture. She enjoys anything water related, particularly scuba diving.

Sue Ellen Brock – Pitt County
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Sue Ellen Brock owns and operates Brock Family Farms in Winterville, NC and is part owner of Growers Ginning Company in Ayden, NC; both located in Pitt County.

Today the farm produces strawberries and produce, as well as serving as an event / wedding venue. She graduated from East Carolina University with a degree in Middle Grades Education and a Masters in Library Science. She has been employed with Pitt County Schools for 30 years and will retire on February 28, 2017 to devote full time energy and resources to the farm. Sue Ellen grew up on her family's tobacco farm and has lived on the farm and been part of farming her entire life.

She serves on the Pitt County Farm Bureau board as the Second Vice President and is on the board of director's for the Winterville Chamber of Commerce.

Sue Ellen was married to David Brock for nearly 27 years and has two adult children, Allen and Tyndall. David was a cotton farmer and transitioned the farm to include berries and produce around 2008-2009. He was diagnosed with pancreatic cancer in May 2010 and died in December 2010. At that time their children were in college and high school. The Brock's made the decision together to continue the farming operations. They have worked the farm but ultimately decided to continue only with berries and produce while adding the event venue aspect.

Charles Herlocker – *Stanly County*

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Charles and Karen Herlocker live in Albemarle, NC. Charles manages Herlocker Farms which has been in his family for three generations. Charles' wife Karen is a Certified Hospice and Palliative Care Nurse for the Liberty Lane Hospice House at the VA in Salisbury.

Together they have three children Emma, Austin, and Jax. Charles is a graduate of North Carolina State University and Karen graduated from Stanly Community College and Asbury College.

In their spare time, Charles enjoys flying his private plane and Karen enjoys swimming. Family time is at the center of their home life. They are active members of Stony Hill UMC and sing in the church choir.

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Adam currently operates a family farming operation along with his father. The farm has a commercial cow calf operation, along with producing hay crops for the farm's cattle and for sale.

Adam graduated from North Carolina State University's Agricultural Institute with degrees in Agribusiness Management, General Agriculture, and Field Crops Technology. After graduation, Adam came back to farm full time raising flue cured tobacco, small grains, and beef cattle. In addition, Adam started working part time in the crop insurance industry as a Crop Loss Adjuster. In 2005, the farm discontinued tobacco and Adam became more involved in crop insurance. In 2007, Adam took a position as a Marketing Representative. In 2011, he took a position as a Regional Marketing Manager. In 2015, he made the shift and started his own Crop Insurance Agency – Hilton Ag, LLC. This has allowed him more time at home and more time to focus on and grow his farming operation.

In 2004, Adam was recognized as the Outstanding Conservation Farmer for Davidson County, Area 8, and the Mountain Region of NC. Adam has been involved with wildlife and agricultural organizations and currently serves as a board member of the Davidson County Farm Bureau and North Carolina Cattlemen's Association. Additionally, he is the current Vice President of the Davidson County Cattlemen's Association.

Adam enjoys the peace and solidarity of the outdoors and especially enjoys hunting, kayaking, and fishing.

Dawn Jordan – Polk County

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Dawn has been the Agricultural Economic Development Director for Polk County government for 3.5 years, a ‘first in the state’ position created to specifically support economic development of agriculture. Her position focuses on supporting current, transitioning, and new agriculture enterprises in Polk County and administration of the County’s Farmland Preservation and Farm Protection Plan. Her office oversees a monthly Friends of Agriculture breakfast to educate and communicate agricultural activity within the county. Her office hosts two AmeriCorps service members annually. Dawn is also the owner and operator of *Restoration Farm*, a small scale heritage poultry operation. Dawn is a managing member of the Calton Family FLP, her family’s 180 acre farm and forestry property.

Dawn received her degree in Human and Community Services from Lenoir Rhyne University.

Dawn and her husband Terry have been married for 32 years and have four adult children. The oldest son, Jonathan, along with Terry, owns and operates Green River Forest Products, providing USDA certified kiln dried and bundled firewood to retailers and State Parks throughout the southeast. Spencer received his Bachelor of Arts in Business from UNC-Wilmington and works for DB&A Consulting out of Dallas, Texas. Andrew works at the Old Hickory Taproom in Hickory and is working on his Bachelor of Arts in Business at Lenoir Rhyne University. Kira is a senior majoring in Business at Queens University and has accepted an internship with Ford Financial in Dearborn, Michigan during the summer of 2017.

Dawn enjoys hiking, reading, her chickens, and two Rottweiler dogs.

Dustin Laws – *McDowell County*

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Dustin and Amanda own and operate Windy Ridge Farm in McDowell County where they have a Black Angus Cow/Calf operation. They both graduated from McDowell High School. Dustin is a supervisor at the DOT. Dustin has farmed for 20 years, from haying fields to raising farm animals to tobacco fields. Amanda has been a dental assistant for 16 years.

Dustin serves on the McDowell County Farm Bureau board of directors as well as treasurer of the Cattleman's Association. Amanda is also a member of the Cattleman's Association.

Dustin and Amanda are engaged to be married. They met several years ago due to the love of farming. Between the both of them they have four children. Ethan is eight and in the second grade and enjoys karate and playing outside. Logan is nine and in the fourth grade, he also enjoys karate and lives to be outside. Haylee is fourteen and in the ninth grade, she enjoys being in NJROTC and clogging. Garrett is eighteen and is in the twelfth grade. He will graduate with a two year degree from early college and will continue on to a four year university.

Their family has been very busy for the last year and a half. They are building a house and hope to move in the next few months. In their spare time they enjoy hunting, fishing, and hiking.

Danny Wells, Jr. – Rutherford County

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Danny Wells owns and operates Half Runner Farm in Rutherford County, North Carolina where he farms 100 acres of corn, soybeans, wheat, and vegetables. He is employed at Michelin Tire Company in Spartanburg, South Carolina. Danny attended North Carolina State University in 1985, studying Field Crops Technology in the Agricultural Institute.

Danny serves on the Rutherford County Farm Bureau Board of Directors. He also serves on the Rutherford County Planning Board, currently as Secretary. He is divorced with no children.

He is a member of Walls Baptist Church and a Past Master of Hollis Masonic Lodge No. 535 AF&AM.

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Kent Williams owns and manages K & C Farms of North Carolina LLC along with his wife Cherilyn Williams. They reside in Salemburg, North Carolina and have three children; Kyndall (17), Jocelyn (6), and Catherine (5).

Kent has a turkey operation with integrator Prestage Farms. He also grows tobacco, small grains, and produce including butterbeans, field peas, and watermelons.

Kent and Cherilyn are active members of Union Grove Baptist Church. Both are active volunteers in Children's Church and Nursery. Kent teaches the Youth Sunday School class and Cherilyn teaches the Young Single Adults class.

Kent expects the leadership program to improve his communication and leadership skills, and increase his knowledge of agricultural related issues. Overall, it will help to prepare him to become a leader and a well-rounded individual. Kent is concerned about the lack of public education on agriculture issues.

Tonya Wright – *Beaufort County*

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Tonya currently works on the family farm with her sister, Reatta and brother, Zeno. They raise corn, wheat, soybeans, and potatoes. Tonya grew up on the farm, spending her summers in the potato fields along with her cousins grading potatoes.

She is a graduate from Martin Community College where she earned an A.S. in physical therapy. After graduating, Tonya and her family moved to New Bern where she pursued a career in design, real estate, and being a mom. She had boutiques in downtown New Bern and Greenville. Tonya was very active in the downtown business association and chamber. In 2006, she graduated from Leadership Craven, a chamber sponsored program. There she met many wonderful people whom are still dear friends to this day.

In 2010, Tonya and her children moved back to the family farm where the love and experiences are priceless. Tonya's daughter, Ella is 12 and her son, Austin is 21.

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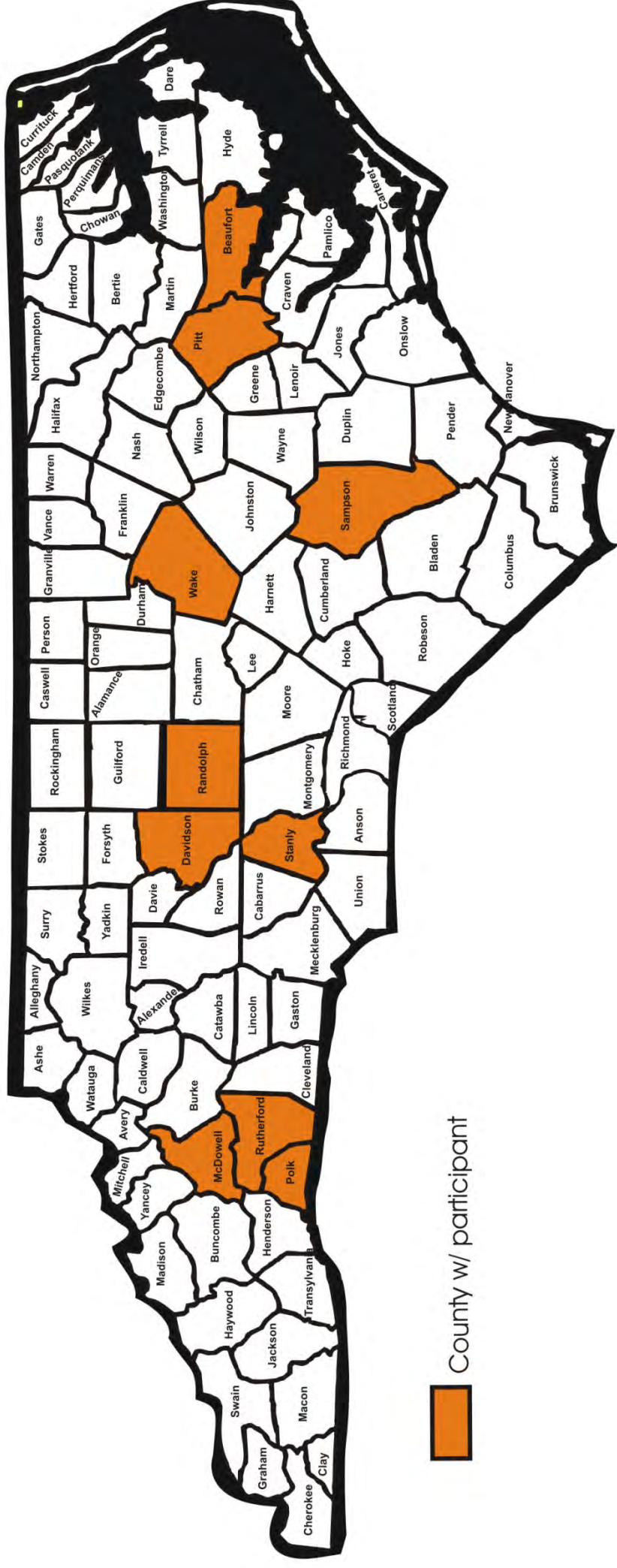
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Clay	Madison
Graham	Swain
Haywood	Transylvania
Henderson	

2017-2018 LEAD Program Participants



- Quincy Adams - Wake**
- Bobby Allen - Randolph**
- Andrew Arnold - Beaufort**
- Melinda Arnold**
- Sue Ellen Brock - Pitt**
- Charles Herlocker - Stanly**
- Karen Herlocker**

- Adam Hilton - Davidson**
- Dawn Jordan - Polk**
- Dustin Laws - McDowell**
- Danny Wells, Jr. - Rutherford**
- Kent Williams - Sampson**
- Tonya Wright - Beaufort**

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