

## **Voluntary Agricultural District Workshop**

**3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Event  
February 9, 2010**

**Sanford, North Carolina**

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## **Landowner's Perspective on Farmland Preservation**

**Jane Barringer**

**Forestland Owner  
VAD Advisory Board Member**

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## Meeting Notes

- Agenda & Handouts
- Lunch – Pay at Registration
- Restrooms
- Host – Lee County Agriculture Center

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## Welcome & Recognition of Workshop Participants

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## VAD / EVAD Advisory Workgroup

- Jerry Dorsett – DENR
- Andrew Branan – Farmland Transition Network
- Brandon King – NCSU Cooperative Extension
- Dr. Ted Feitshans – NCSU Ag & Resource Economics
- Dewitt Hardee – NCDA&CS Environmental / ADFP Programs
- Dock Jones – NCDA&CS ADFP Trust Fund
- Mark Megalos – NCSU Extension Forestry Specialist
- Steve Gurganus – DOT Community Studies Team Leader & ICE Permitting Coordinator
- Tom Ellis – NC State Grange
- Steve Woodson – NC Farm Bureau

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## Farmland Protection

**County Government**

**Farmland Protection Plan**

**VAD / EVAD**

**Local Advisory Board**

## What Has Happened In the Last Year?

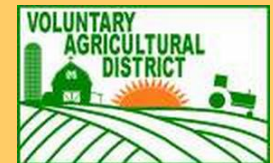
|      | April 2010 | February 2011 |
|------|------------|---------------|
| VAD  | 76         | 79            |
| EVAD | 16         | 17            |
| FPP  | 13         | 25            |

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## Voluntary Agricultural Districts

- Purpose—to encourage the preservation and protection of farmland from non-farm development.
- Recognizes the importance of agriculture to the economic and social well being of North Carolina.
- Voluntary Participation
- Managed by local Advisory Board

**79 Voluntary Agricultural Districts.**



## VOLUNTARY AGRICULTURE DISTRICTS



- Legend**
- County Agriculture District**
- Yes
  - No
  - Municipal Agriculture District
  - Resolution in Accordance With County Ordinance



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## Voluntary Agriculture Districts

VAD's ... a 1<sup>st</sup> step toward protecting working land in NC

NC General Statute 106-739



**North Carolina VAD's:**

- 6,380 farms

- 510,000 acres

**November 2010**

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## Counties Without VAD

- Bertie
- Camden
- Carteret
- Dare
- Gates
- Graham
- Granville
- Halifax
- Hertford
- Hoke
- Hyde
- Lenoir
- Martin
- Mecklenburg
- New Hanover
- Person
- Pitt
- Tyrrell
- Vance
- Washington
- Yancey

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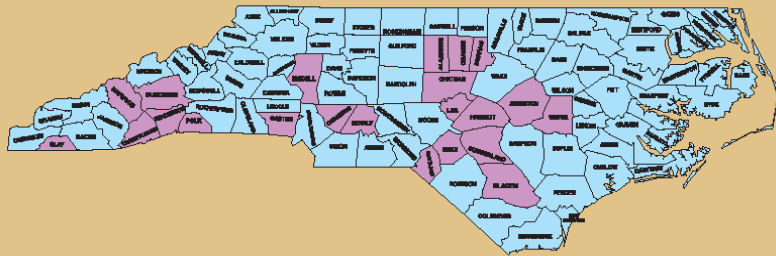
## Farmland Protection Plan



- Inventory of agricultural resources
- Challenges to family farming
- Opportunities
- Maintenance tools
- Schedule & funding
- *25 Counties with FPP*

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## FARMLAND PROTECTION PLANS



**Legend**  
 NCEM Approved Farmland  
 Protection Plan in place?  
 Yes  
 No



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## ADFP Approved Farmland Protection Plans

- Alamance
- Bladen
- Buncombe
- Cabarrus
- Chatham
- Clay
- Cumberland
- Durham
- Gaston
- Harnett
- Franklin
- Haywood
- Henderson
- Hoke
- Iredell
- Johnston
- Lee
- Orange
- Polk
- Richmond
- Robeson
- Scotland
- Stanly
- Transylvania
- Wayne

## County Farmland Protection Plans Currently Under ADFP Review

- Duplin
- Edgecombe
- Rockingham
- Watauga

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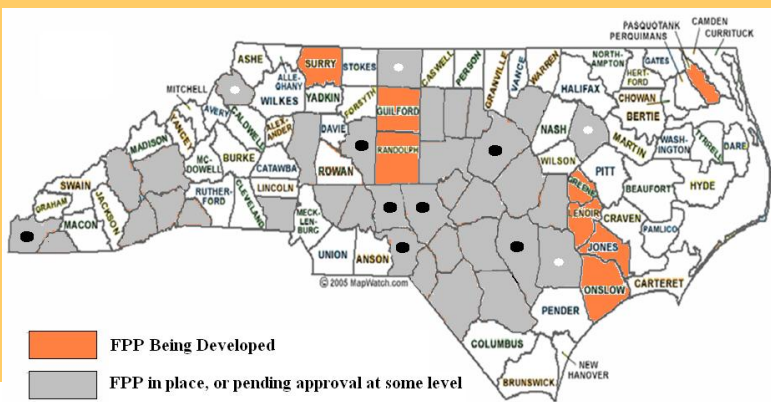
## Counties With FLPs Before County Commissioners

- Cherokee
- Davidson
- Montgomery
- Moore
- Sampson
- Wake

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## FPPs (8) – Plan Being Developed - February 2011



## Welcome Patrick McLendon!

What can your VAD Board do for you?

**Profitability!!!!**

**BREAK!!!!!!!**

Be Back In Your Seat in 10  
minutes!!!!

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**Welcome Chester Lowder!**  
*NC Farm Bureau*

**Market Based Conservation!**  
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Welcome Jerry Dorsett &  
Brandon King!

**VAD & EVAD Membership  
Incentives and Opportunities**

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Lunch  
Munch Time!!!

Please Be Back In Your Seat in  
30 minutes!

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**Welcome State Adhoc Advisory  
Committee For VAD,  
EVAD & Farmland Protection  
Plans!**

**Farmland Protection Plan  
Requirements and VAD/EVAD  
Updates**

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**Farmland Protection Plan**



- Inventory of agricultural resources
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- **Voluntary Agricultural District Report**
- Please fill out the information below and attach a picture of your Voluntary Agricultural District sign. If you have passed a Voluntary Agricultural District ordinance in the last year please attach a copy of the ordinance. Please return these materials by **May 31, 2011** to Dock.Jones@ncagr.gov.1001. This form can be downloaded at [www.ncadfp.org](http://www.ncadfp.org). If you have questions please e-mail Dock or call him at 919-707-3072.
- County:
- Farms enrolled in the VAD Program:
- Acreage enrolled in the VAD Program:
- Do you have an Enhanced Voluntary Agricultural District?
- If so, then how many farms are enrolled in the EVAD?
- How many acres are enrolled in the EVAD?
- Have there been any significant changes in your program in the last year or any changes that you are currently making (i.e. working on a farmland protection plan, working on an EVAD, or revising your VAD ordinance, etc.)? Please describe briefly below.

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Welcome Ron King!  
*NCDOT*

Proper Public Display of  
VAD Signage

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Welcome Ritchie Tuttle and Tris Ford!  
*NCDOT*

- NCDOT Farmland Impact Assessment
- Condemnation Issues
- Eminent Domain Process

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Welcome Dr. Ted Feitshans and  
Brandon King!  
*NCSU Extension*

**Nuisance Protection!**

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Welcome Back Dr. Ted  
Feitshans!!

**Estate Tax Overview**

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## VAD / EVAD / County Farmland Protection Plan Meetings

- Senator Bob Martin Eastern Agricultural Center – February 9th
- Lee County Center - February 16th
- Haywood County Center – March 25th

**Where Do We Go From Here?**

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## Potential Activities

- Additional VADs
- Additional EVADs
- Additional County Farmland Protection Plans
- More Workshops

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## Future Questions

- Resources?
  - State
  - Local
- Leadership – Growth?
  - State
    - Statewide Organization
    - Legislative Agenda
  - Local
    - New Members
    - Liabilities

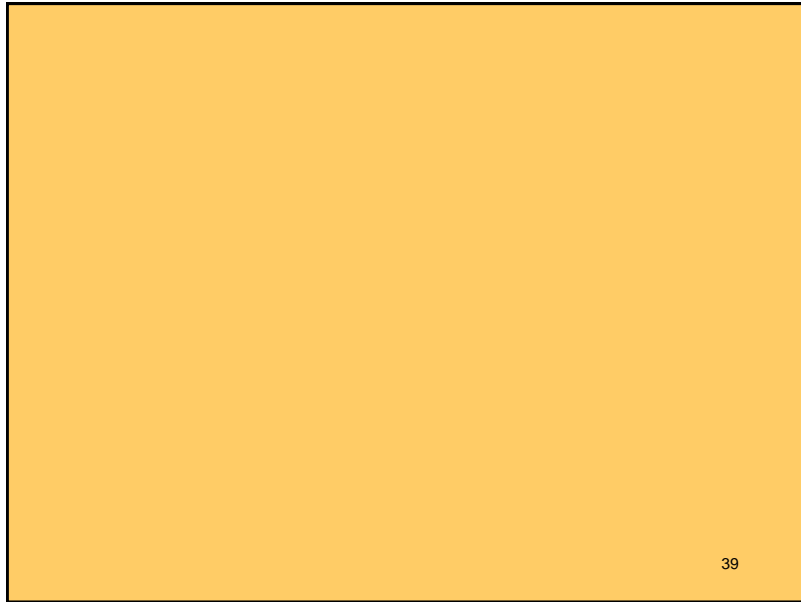
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Wrap Up!!!!

**Adjourn!!!!**

**Thank You To Sponsors!!!!**

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**Williamston, North Carolina**

## Landowner's Perspective on Farmland Preservation

**Maurice Berry**

**Farmer  
Soil & Water Supervisor  
NC Board of Agriculture**

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