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## ADFP Trust Fund 2011 - 2012 Annual Report To

### The Joint Legislative Commission on Governmental Operations

### The Environmental Review Commission

### The House and Senate NER Subcommittees on Natural and Economic Resources

September 27, 2012

***Pursuant to G.S. 106.744 (i)*** ... The Advisory Committee shall report no later than October 1 of each year to the Joint Legislative Commission on Governmental Operations, the Environmental Review Commission, and the House of Representatives and Senate Appropriations Subcommittees on Natural and Economic Resources regarding the activities of the Advisory Committee, the agriculture easements purchased, and agricultural projects funded during the previous year.

Sincerely,

Steven W. Troxler  
Commissioner

North Carolina Agricultural Development  
and Farmland Preservation Trust Fund

# 2012 Annual Report



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# **ADFP Advisory Committee**

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**David Rose**, Farmer (Appointed by the Speaker of the House)

**Robert Slocumb Jr.**, NC Forestry Association

**Steve Woodson**, NC Farm Bureau

## **Staff**

As legislated in HB 607, the NC Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services provides staffing assistance to the Trust Fund Advisory Committee and the Commissioner of Agriculture. Staff are selected based on area of expertise and on an as-needed basis. The ADFP Trust Fund also secures the services of temporary employees. Staff members include:

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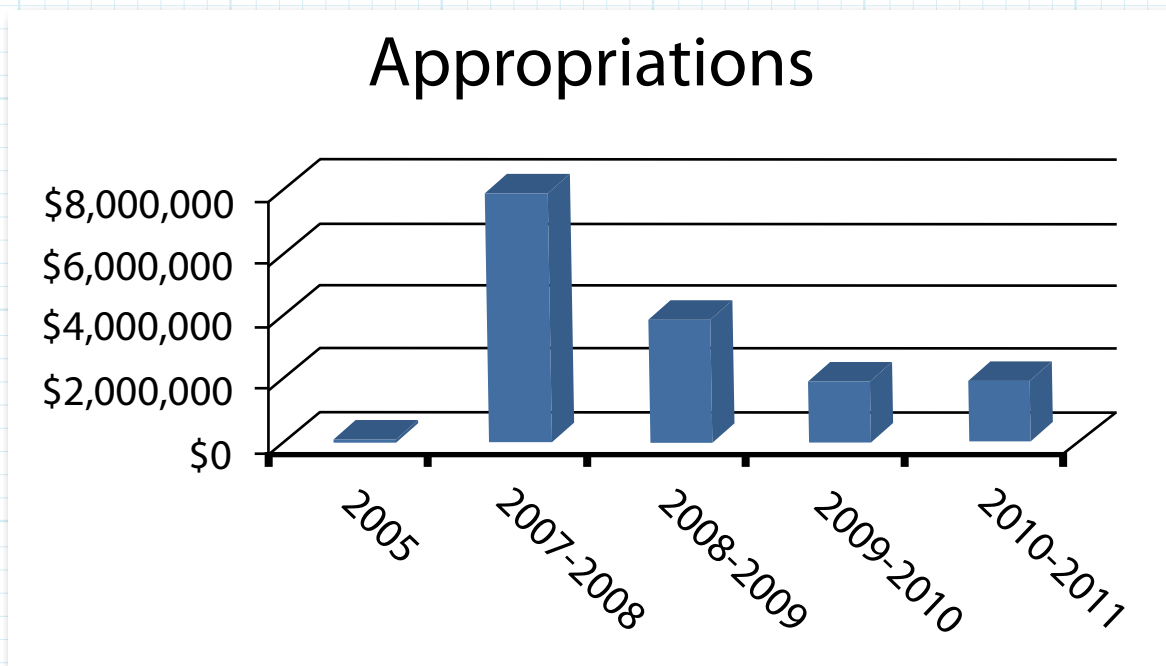
# Background

The original Farmland Preservation Trust Fund was established by the North Carolina General Assembly in 1986. However, funding was not appropriated until 1998, when the legislature provided an initial appropriation of \$250,000 for the acquisition of agricultural conservation easements. Between 1998 and 2004, the Farmland Preservation Trust Fund had a total allocation of \$2.65 million. This funding was used to place easements on 33 farms, preserving more than 4,700 acres and leveraging matching funding worth approximately \$26 million.

In September of 2005, the General Assembly passed House Bill 607, establishing the North Carolina Agricultural Development and Farmland Preservation Trust Fund. The legislation created the Trust Fund Advisory Committee to advise the Commissioner of Agriculture on the prioritization and allocation of grant funding. This new legislation also broadened the mission of the ADFP Trust Fund to include three grant priorities:

- **Conservation Easements:** Deed restrictions that landowners voluntarily place on their property to protect resources such as agricultural land. Most conservation easements are perpetual though some term easements have been awarded. Term easements are awarded for a number of years determined by the landowner.
- **Agricultural Plans:** These plans establish a comprehensive guide for counties and local governments to protect and preserve farms, forests and agribusiness as a whole. Plans also include the formation and/or strengthening of Voluntary Agricultural District (VAD) programs.
- **Development Projects:** Agriculturally-based projects geared toward developing a process or facility that will generate income and, in turn, benefit the agricultural community as a whole.

The initial **Pilot Program** received an appropriation of \$50,000 for 2005. The **Pilot Program** was followed two years later by **Cycle I** (2007-2008), which had an appropriation of \$8 million. **Cycle II** (2008-2009) received \$4 million, **Cycle III** (2009-2010) received \$2 million and **Cycle IV** (2010-2011) received an appropriation of \$2 million. Since 2005, the ADFP Trust Fund has awarded grants totaling \$15.5 million and has leveraged private, county and federal funds worth over \$36 million.



# Importance of Farmland Preservation

## #1 Industry in North Carolina

Agriculture and agribusiness remains the number one industry in North Carolina. The economic benefit from to the production of food, fiber and forestry accounts for nearly one-fifth of the state's income. In addition, 17 percent of the workforce in the state is employed in the agricultural sector. Preserving farms and forests will help to strengthen the agricultural sector, maintain family farm income and save agriculture-related jobs.

Agriculture and agribusiness account for:

Agriculture/Food Industry	\$62.2 billion
Fiber Industry	\$3.9 billion
Forestry Industry	\$5.5 billion
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$71.6 billion</b>
<i>Mike Walden, Extension Economist, NCSU, 2012</i>	

Preserving farm and forest land not only supports the farm economy, but also the manufacturing, wholesaling and retail markets around the state. The loss of farmland and forestry areas not only affects farm families but other sectors of the North Carolina economy as well.

## Quality of Life

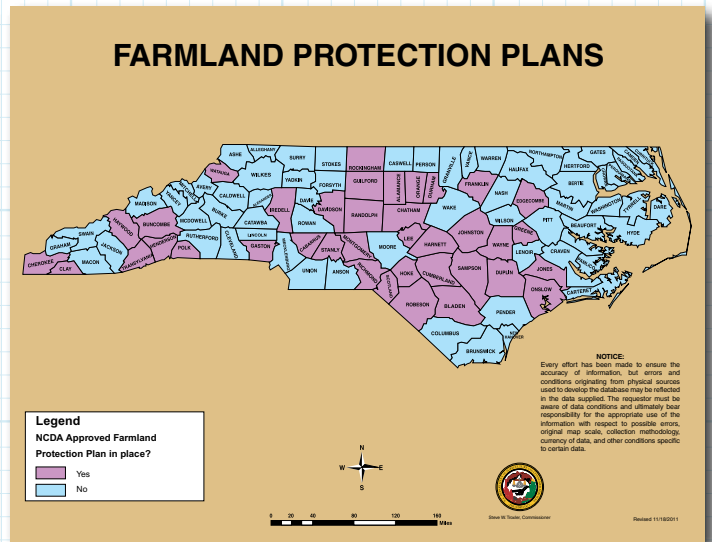
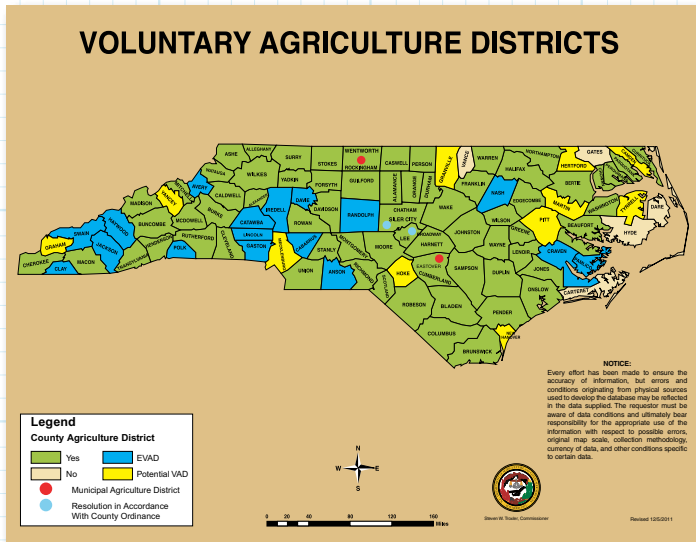
North Carolina's rustic landscape and rural areas attract a significant amount of people and industry. These working farms and forest areas are part of the agricultural heritage of our state. Future generations will benefit from measures that we take today to improve and protect farms and forests.

## Environment

Farm and forests are critical to providing a healthy environment. Farm soils help to filter out contaminants, serve as a recharge area for water and help to mitigate the risks associated with flooding. Forests help to filter out carbon dioxide and provide a habitat for wildlife. In addition, farms that provide goods to local communities reduce the amount of fossil fuels associated with transportation.



# ADFP Trust Fund Highlights (as of June 30, 2012)



The ADFP Trust Fund has expanded the Voluntary Agricultural District and the Enhanced Voluntary Agricultural District program over the last year. In addition, several counties have completed NCD&CS-approved farmland protection plans.

### Highlights Include:

- **83** counties currently enrolled in the VAD program, an increase of **7** counties since last year
- Clay County joined the Enhanced VAD program, bringing the county total to **17**
- **12** counties have established VAD exploratory workgroups
- **39** counties have NCD&CS approved Farmland Protection Plans, an increase of **28** counties since 2009



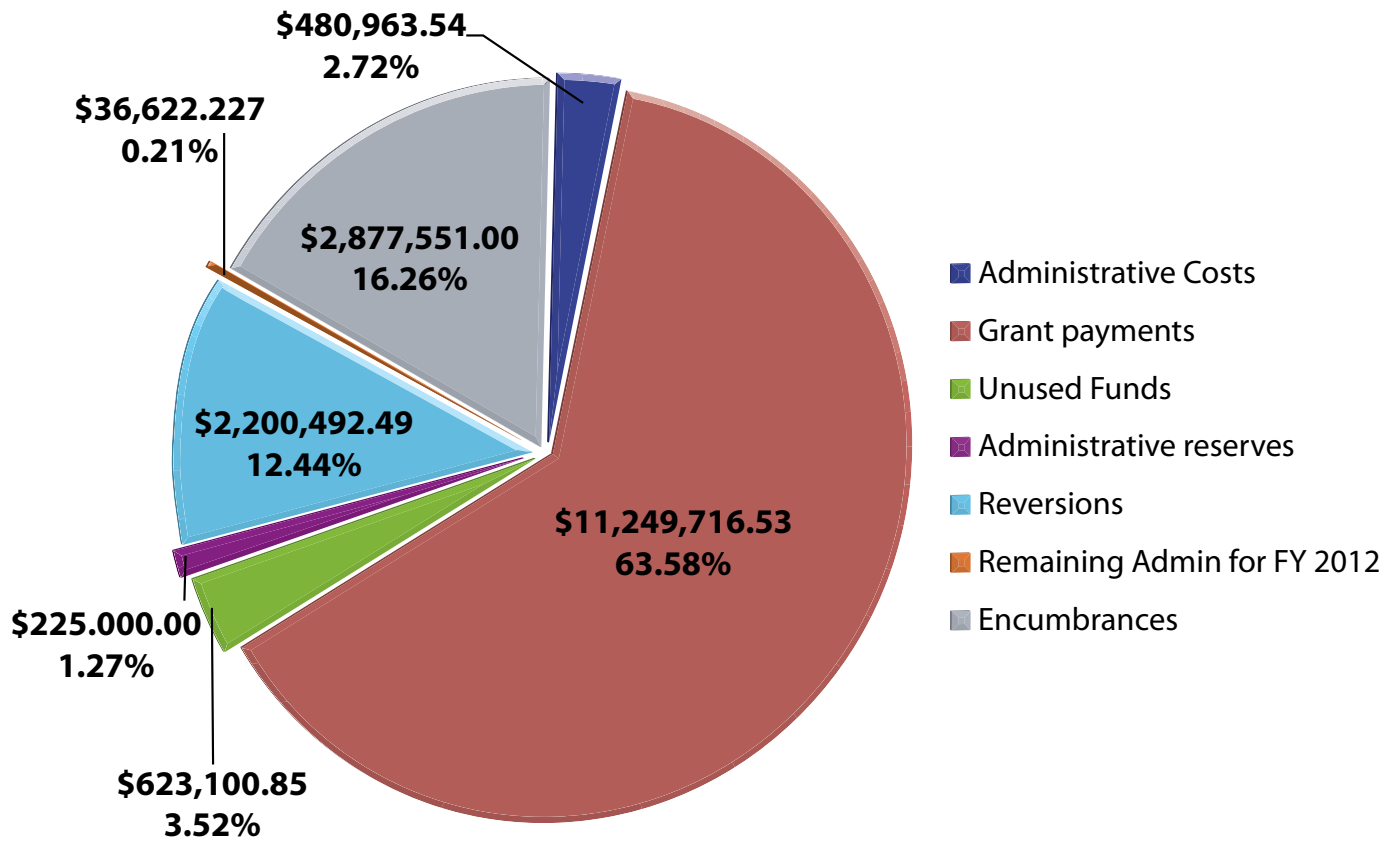
## Budget History

The ADFP Trust Fund has spent more than \$11 million dollars on grants since the Pilot Program. The Trust Fund has open obligations of more than \$2.8 million for grantees that still have open contracts. \$2.2 million dollars was returned at the request of the Governor's Budget Office in 2011. Since 2005, the Trust Fund has spent only 2.7 percent of its funding on administrative costs.

### ADFP Trust Fund Spending Since 2005:

#### ADFP Appropriations & Expenditures

\$17,693,446.68 as of 4/30/2012





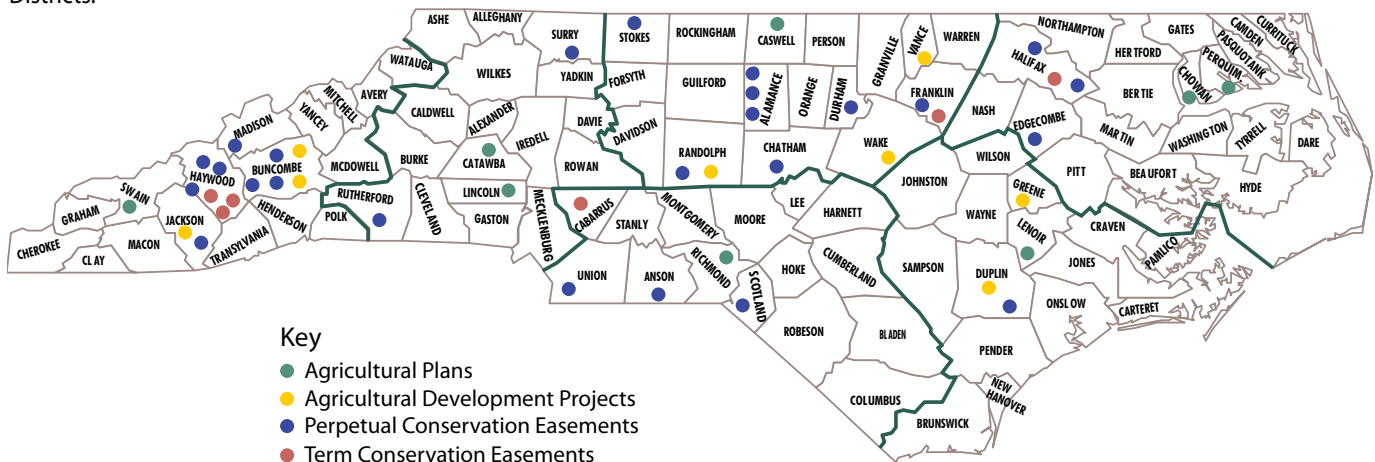
## Budget

ADFP Trust Fund Budget (Cycle IV)		
Administrative Costs	\$80,000	4%
Administrative Costs (reserve)	\$80,000	4%
Development Program Grants (plans & projects)	\$400,000	20%
Conservation Agreements (term)	\$600,000	30%
Conservation Easements (perpetual)	\$800,000	40%
Reserve	\$40,000	2%
TOTALS	\$2,000,000	100%

## ADFP Cycle IV Grant Applications

## 2010-11 NC ADFP Grant Applicants

The applicants for the NC ADFP 2010-2011 grant cycle propose to benefit the following counties. This map contains only specific counties names in the applications and does not include regional or statewide projects. This map has been divided by NC Extension Districts.

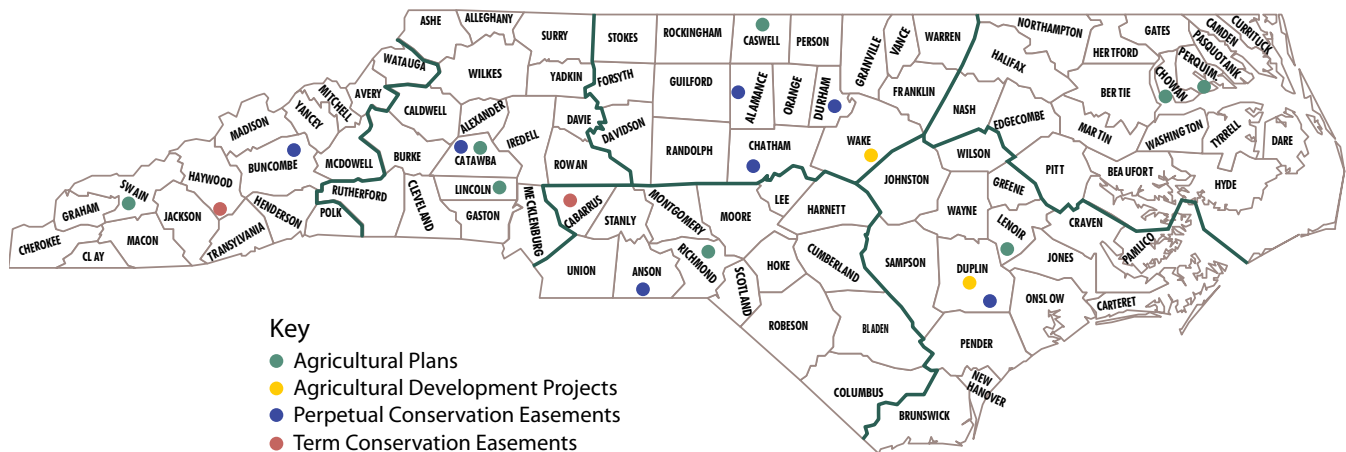


2010-2011 Grant Cycle Applications			
Application Type	Number of Applications	Amount Requested	Estimate Project Value
Perpetual Conservation Easements	23	\$5,323,509	\$11,776,500
Term Conservation Easements	6	\$6,377,315	\$11,727,842
Agricultural Plans	8	\$206,640	\$318,411
Development Projects	8	\$530,427	\$1,780,087
TOTAL	45	\$12,437,891	\$25,602,840
The ADFP Trust Fund received applications representing 30 counties throughout the state.			

## ADFP Cycle IV Grantees

## 2011-12 NC ADFP Grant Recipients

The following counties have been selected for funding in the NC ADFP 2011-2012 grant cycle. This map contains only specific counties names in the applications and does not include regional or statewide projects. This map has been divided by NC Extension Districts.



Easements			
Awarded	Match	Total Value	Acres
<b>\$1,302,323</b>	<b>\$3,314,073</b>	<b>\$4,616,396</b>	<b>747</b>
Term Easements		Perpetual Easements	
Awarded:	\$248,138	Awarded:	\$1,054,185
Match:	\$582,991	Match:	\$2,731,082
Total Value:	\$831,129	Total Value:	\$3,785,267
Acres:	90	Acres:	657

Public and Private Enterprise Programs			
Awarded	Match	Total Value	
<b>\$503,000</b>	<b>\$279,669</b>	<b>\$782,668</b>	
Development Projects		Agricultural Plans	
Awarded:	\$386,000	Awarded:	\$117,000
Match:	\$193,400	Match:	\$86,268
Total Value:	\$549,000	Total Value:	\$203,269

## Grants Awarded

### Agricultural Plans

#### Caswell County Farmland Protection Plan

Award: \$15,000

Match: \$31,375

Total Value: \$46,375

Target Area: Caswell County

Grantee: Piedmont Conservation Council

Partner: NRCS, Caswell County SWCD, NC Division of Forest Resources

Letter of Support: Caswell County Board of Commissioners

Contact: William Alston, Chairman of the Piedmont Conservation Council

Description: Piedmont Conservation Council received \$15,000 to assist with the development and adoption of a farmland protection plan for Caswell County.



#### Catawba County Farmland Protection Plan

Award: \$15,000

Match: \$11,300

Total Value: \$26,300

Target Area: Catawba County

Grantee: Catawba County Planning, Parks and Development

Partner: Catawba County Cooperative Extension

Letter of Support: Catawba County Manager

Contact: Mary K. George, Catawba County Assistant Planning Director

Description: Catawba County Planning, Parks and Development Department was awarded \$15,000 to help with the development and adoption of a county farmland protection plan.



### **Chowan County VAD program**

Award: \$4,000

Match: \$1,200

Total Value: \$5,200

Target Area: Chowan County

Grantee: Chowan County Soil & Water Conservation District

Partners: Chowan County, Chowan Cooperative Extension

Contact: Scott Alons (SWCD) and Tim Smith (CES)

Description: Chowan Soil and Water Conservation District received a grant of \$4,000 to help pay for educational meetings and other outreach to landowners on behalf of the county's Voluntary Agricultural District.



### **Lincoln County Farmland Protection Plan**

Award: \$15,000

Match: \$11,012

Total Value: \$26,012

Target Area: Lincoln County

Grantee: Lincoln County Soil & Water Conservation District

Partners: Lincoln County, NC Forest Service, Cooperative Extension, Catawba Lands Conservancy

Contact: Rick McSwain, Lincoln County Soil and Water Conservation District Director

Description: Lincoln County Soil and Water Conservation District was awarded \$15,000 to aid the development and adoption of a county farmland protection plan.



### **Multi-County Farmland Protection Plans**

Award: \$45,000

Match: \$14,100

Total Value: \$59,100

Target Area: Carteret, Craven, Pamlico counties

Grantee: North Carolina's Eastern Region

Partners: Mount Olive College, NC Department of Environment and Natural Resources

Letters of Support: County Managers of Carteret, Craven and Pamlico

Contact: John Chafee, NC's Eastern Region Executive Director

Description: North Carolina's Eastern Region received \$45,000 to help with the development and adoption of farmland protection plans for Carteret, Craven and Pamlico counties.



### **Perquimans County VAD Program**

Award: \$4,000

Match: \$3,050

Total Value: \$7,050

Target Area: Perquimans County

Grantee: Perquimans County Cooperative Extension

Partner: Perquimans County

Contact: Lewis Smith, Perquimans County Cooperative Extension Director

Description: Perquimans County Cooperative Extension received \$4,000 to help pay for educational meetings and other outreach to landowners on behalf of the county's Voluntary Agricultural District.





### **Richmond County VAD Program**

Award: \$4,000

Match: \$3,431

Total Value: \$7,431

Target Area: Richmond County

Grantee: Richmond County Cooperative Extension

Partners: Natural Resources Conservation Service, Richmond County, Soil & Water Conservation District

Contact: Clinton McRae, South Central District Extension Director

Description: Richmond County Cooperative Extension was awarded \$4,000 to help pay for educational meetings and other outreach to landowners on behalf of the county's Voluntary Agricultural District.



### **Swain County Farmland Protection Plan**

Award: \$15,000

Match: \$10,800

Total Value: \$25,800

Target Area: Swain County

Grantee: Swain County Soil & Water Conservation District

Partner: Swain County

Contact: Amanda Buchanan, Swain SWCD Natural Resource Conservationist

Description: Swain County Soil and Water Conservation District received \$15,000 to help with the development and adoption of a county farmland protection plan.



## **Development Projects**

### **Duplin County Livestock Facility**

Award: \$86,000

Match: \$26,000

Total Value: \$550,000 (including all partnerships)

Target Area: Brunswick, Duplin, Jones, Pender, Sampson and Wayne counties

Grantee: Duplin County

Partners: Duplin County Cooperative Extension, Duplin County Agribusiness Council, Duplin County Cattlemen's Association, Coastal Carolina Cattle Alliance, Golden Leaf Foundation, NC Tobacco Trust Fund, Hog Slat Inc., Adams Company Inc.

Contact: Mike Aldridge, Duplin County Manager

Description: Duplin County and Duplin County Cooperative Extension received \$86,000 to help purchase livestock handling equipment for the proposed southeastern regional area livestock handling and marketing facility. The facility will serve Brunswick, Duplin, Jones, Pender, Sampson and Wayne counties.



## **Sustaining Agriculture under the MTR**

Award: \$300,000

Match: \$167,400

Total Value: \$467,400

Target Area: Beaufort, Bertie, Duplin, Edgecombe, Franklin, Halifax, Harnett, Johnston, Jones, Lenoir, Martin, Nash, Onslow, Pamlico, Sampson and Wake

Grantee: NC Foundation for Soil and Water Conservation, Inc.

Partners: US Marine Corps, NC Tobacco Trust Fund, Smithfield Foods/NC Department of Justice

Letter of Support: NC Farm Bureau

Contact: Michelle Lovejoy, NC Foundation for Soil and Water Conservation Executive Director

Description: The NC Foundation for Soil and Water Conservation received a grant of \$300,000 to assist with creating a 30-year landowner agreement program for the preservation of working farms and forests under the military training route in the following eastern NC counties: Beaufort, Bertie, Duplin, Edgecombe, Franklin, Halifax, Harnett, Johnston, Jones, Lenoir, Martin, Nash, Onslow, Pamlico, Sampson and Wake.



## **Easements**

### **Howey Farm**

Award: \$286,446

Match: \$998,176

Total Value: \$1,284,622

Acreage: 114 (perpetual)

County: Catawba

Grantee: Catawba Lands Conservancy

Partner: USDA-NRCS

Contact: RoxAnne Smith, Catawba Lands Conservancy Executive Director

Description: Catawba Lands Conservancy received \$286,446 toward the purchase of a perpetual conservation easement on the 114-acre Howey Family Farms of Monroe.



### **Krabbe/Spann Farm**

Award: \$139,500

Match: \$441,850

Total Value: \$581,350

Acreage: 96 (perpetual)

County: Durham

Grantee: Durham County

Partner: USDA - NRCS

Letters of Support: Durham County Manager

Contact: Jane Korest, Durham County Open Space and Real Estate Director

Description: Durham County received \$139,500 toward the purchase of a perpetual conservation easement on a 96-acre dairy and goat farm owned by David Krabbe and Kathryn Spann of Durham.



**Lindley/Campbell Farm**

Award: \$192,000

Match: \$313,500

Total Value: \$505,500

Acreage: 98 (perpetual)

County: Chatham

Grantee: Triangle Land Conservancy

Partner: USDA - NRCS

Contact: Leigh Ann Ceinek, Triangle Land Conservancy Conservation Planner

Description: Triangle Land Conservancy received \$192,000 toward the purchase of a perpetual conservation easement on 98 acres of a crop and dairy farm owned by Janice Lindley and Patricia Ann Campbell of Snow Camp.

**Parks Farm**

Award: \$150,000

Match: \$159,700

Total Value: \$309,700

Acreage: 172 (perpetual)

County: Duplin

Grantee: Duplin County Soil & Water Conservation District

Contact: Donna Rouse, Duplin County Soil & Water Conservation District Director

Description: Duplin County Soil and Water Conservation District was awarded \$150,000 toward the purchase of a perpetual conservation easement on 172 acres of farm and forest land owned by Francis Parks of Calypso.

**Perkinson Farm**

Award: \$31,609

Match: \$251,966

Total Value: \$283,575

Acreage: 10 (perpetual)

County: Buncombe

Grantee: Southern Appalachian Highlands Conservancy

Partner: USDA - NRCS

Letters of Support: Buncombe County Agricultural Advisory Board

Contact: Michael Green, Southern Appalachian Highlands Conservancy

Description: The Southern Appalachian Highland Conservancy received \$31,609 to assist with the purchase of a perpetual conservation easement on a 10-acre produce farm owned by Annie Louise Perkinson of Fairview.

**Porter Farm**

Award: \$175,000

Match: \$543,609

Total Value: \$718,609

Acreage: 54 (50-year term)

County: Cabarrus

Grantee: Cabarrus County Soil & Water Conservation District

Contact: Dennis Testerman, Cabarrus County Soil & Water Conservation District Director

Description: Cabarrus County Soil and Water Conservation District received \$175,000 to assist with the purchase of a 50-year conservation easement on 54 acres of a livestock and poultry farm owned by Thomas E. Porter Jr. of Concord.





**Rocky Pee Dee Farm**

Award: \$154,630

Match: \$413,890

Total Value: \$568,520

Acreage: 131 (perpetual)

County: Anson

Grantee: The Land Trust for Central NC

Partner: USDA-NRCS

Contact: Crystal Cockman, The Land Trust for Central NC Uwharrie Conservation Specialist

Description: The Land Trust for Central North Carolina was awarded \$154,630 toward the purchase of a perpetual conservation easement on 131 acres of farm and forest land owned by John Bishop of Kannapolis. The land is located in Anson County.

**Smathers Farm**

Award: \$73,138

Match: \$39,382

Total Value: \$112,520

Acreage: 36 (30-year term)

County: Haywood

Grantee: Southwestern NC Resource Conservation and Development Council Inc.

Partners: Bethel Rural Community Organization, Pigeon River Fund

Contact: Tim Garrett, Southwestern NC Resource Conservation and Development Council Coordinator

Description: Southwestern NC Resource Conservation and Development Council Inc. received \$73,138 toward the purchase of a 30-year conservation easement on 36 acres of a beef cattle farm owned by George L. Smathers of Canton.

**Wilkins Farm**

Award: \$100,000

Match: \$152,000

Total Value: \$252,000

Acreage: 36 (perpetual)

County: Alamance

Grantee: Alamance County

Partner: USDA-NRCS

Contact: Phil Ross, Alamance Soil and Water Conservation District Director

Description: Alamance County received a grant of \$100,000 toward the purchase of a perpetual conservation easement on 36 acres of Jeff D. Wilkins' crop and livestock farm.





# Education and Outreach

ADFP staff and the Advisory Committee have been active in efforts to inform the public about farmland preservation programs, the grant process and how to partner with non-profits to improve farmland preservation efforts in North Carolina.

## Exhibits

ADFP Trust Fund staff has attended several conferences and events to display information on ADFP programs. This booth includes a display board highlighting program descriptions, budget and grant updates, contact information and informative brochures. Staff informs the public about VAD/EVAD ordinances, Farmland Protection Plans and the conservation easement grant process. The ADFP Trust Fund exhibit had been displayed at the following events:

**NC Association of Soil and Water Conservation Districts Annual Meeting**  
**NC Forestry Association "Forestry Day at the Legislature"**  
**NC Annual Joint Commodities Conference**  
**Southern Farm Show**  
**Wake County "Keeping the Farm" workshop**

Trust Fund Staff also attended the following outreach events:

**Bladen County VAD Leadership workshop**  
**NC Association of County Commissioners Agriculture Steering Committee**  
**Perquimans County VAD Kick-off dinner**  
**Tyrrell County Farm Bureau meeting**  
**Western NC Farmland Access and Preservation meeting**

## Workshops

In March and April, ADFP Trust Fund Staff, members of the VAD work group, Advisory Committee members and conservation professionals held three workshops around the state. These workshops, titled For the Future of Farming, were held in Carthage, Morganton and Wilson. Included in the presentation were orientation sessions for new Agricultural Advisory Board members, personal testimonies from local farmers on the importance of preservation and an overview of the voluntary agricultural districts and farmland protection plans. Other speakers presented topics on signage right-of way issues, transportation planning and informative updates on agricultural legislation and estate tax planning.

### **The following organizations helped to sponsor these workshops:**

Ag. Carolina Financial  
Burke County Cooperative Extension  
Carolina Farm Credit  
Moore County Cooperative Extension  
NC Cooperative Extension Service  
NC Department of Transportation  
NC Farm Bureau  
NC State Grange  
NC Department of Transportation  
Wilson County Cooperative Extension





Dr. Ted Feitshans of NCSU gives a tax update



Display of county VAD signage

## Improved Grant Application Process

Beginning with Cycle V, the ADFP Trust Fund now provides a fill-in PDF form that allows applicants to type in the information on their computer and save their work. This gives the applicant more time to fill out the detailed application and the ability to quickly update parts of their application. In addition, this form can be emailed to Trust Fund staff when submitting minor corrections, eliminating the wait time associated with traditional mail.

## Recent Events



February 2012: Dewitt Hardee, Manager of the NCDA&CS Environmental Programs Division and the ADFP Trust Fund, spoke at the groundbreaking for the Duplin County Livestock Facility. The project received an \$86,000 grant during Cycle IV.

July 2012: Agriculture Commissioner Steve Troxler attends the ribbon-cutting ceremony for the Cruse Meats processing facility. The Cruse Meats facility received a \$675,000 grant during Cycle I.



Source: Lukas Johnson, News of Cabarrus

# ADFP Website

[www.ncadfp.org](http://www.ncadfp.org)

The current site is being updated to increase the visibility of all ADFP activities. For instance, each grant cycle now has a dedicated page with a budget summary, a detailed listing of all grants and a grant distribution map. In addition, grantees will be able to easily find required forms on each cycle page. The site also includes a profile for each county. For counties with VAD/EVAD's and Farmland Protection Plans, there are links to online PDF copies for easy access. The county profile pages also list the major commodities, any past ADFP grants received, VAD contact information and photos of county VAD signage. There is also a current listing of acres and farms enrolled in the VAD program on each county profile page. In the future, county contacts will be able to submit information online so that acreage and farm totals will be as up-to-date as possible.

There is also a dedicated page that includes online PDF's of every county VAD/EVAD ordinance and FPP so that counties can research and develop their own documents. An information page also lists all upcoming workshops, events and grantee due dates. An improved contact page includes photos and information on ADFP staff and members of the ADFP Advisory Board.



The homepage features a header with the organization's name and logo, a navigation menu, and a main content area with a link to grant information, a paragraph about the fund's purpose, three landscape photos, and contact information.

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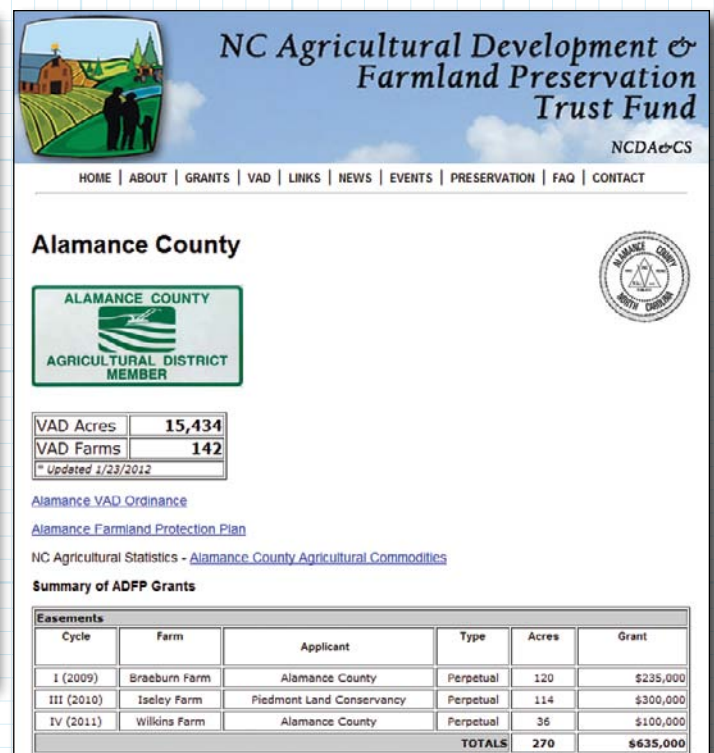
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[Click Here for Information on Grants Ending June 30, 2012](#)

Preserving working family farms is one of Agriculture Commissioner Steve Troxier's top priorities. In March 2005, he delivered his "Agricultural Development and Farmland Preservation Strategy" to the General Assembly. During that legislative session, the General Assembly passed [House Bill 607](#) establishing the Agricultural Development and Farmland Preservation Trust Fund.

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Homepage



The county profile page includes the county name, a logo, a table of VAD statistics, links to ordinances and plans, and a table of ADFP grants.

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**Alamance County**

ALAMANCE COUNTY  
AGRICULTURAL DISTRICT  
MEMBER

VAD Acres	15,434
VAD Farms	142
* Updated 1/23/2012	

[Alamance VAD Ordinance](#)  
[Alamance Farmland Protection Plan](#)  
NC Agricultural Statistics - [Alamance County Agricultural Commodities](#)

**Summary of ADFP Grants**

Easements					
Cycle	Farm	Applicant	Type	Acres	Grant
I (2009)	Braeburn Farm	Alamance County	Perpetual	120	\$235,000
III (2010)	Iseley Farm	Piedmont Land Conservancy	Perpetual	114	\$300,000
IV (2011)	Wilkins Farm	Alamance County	Perpetual	36	\$100,000
TOTALS				270	\$635,000

County Profile Page: Alamance



# ADFP Trust Fund Highlights

As of June 30, 2012, the ADFP Trust Fund has accomplished the following:

- 83 counties with Voluntary Agricultural Districts
- 17 counties with Enhanced Voluntary Agricultural Districts
- More than 480,000 acres and 6,300 farms enrolled in VAD/EVAD programs
- 39 counties have NCDA&CS-approved Farmland Protection Plans
- 8,654 acres protected by 56 conservation easement grants
- 64 grants awarded for plans and projects
- Awarded more than \$15 million in grants, with matching funds totaling more than \$36 million, for a total grant impact of \$51 million dollars







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