MEMORANDUM

TO: Joint Legislative Commission on Governmental Operations

FROM: David S. McLeod

General Counsel

Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services

DATE: November 12, 2004

RE: Consultation on Fees - Western North Carolina Agricultural Center

The Board of Agriculture has adopted the attached fee increases for the use of facilities at the Western North Carolina Agricultural Center at Fletcher, pursuant to G.S. 106-6.1.

Subject to consultation with Governmental Operations, these changes are scheduled to become effective July 1, 2005. The last increases were in July of 2000.

The Western North Carolina Agricultural Center is a fee-supported facility, and these increases are necessary to cover operating and maintenance costs. Organizations that regularly use the facilities for horse shows, livestock events, trade shows, etc., have been notified of the proposed changes.

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