

# North Carolina

## Agricultural Development and Farmland Preservation Trust Fund

### 2011 Report to the Environmental Review Commission



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# ADFP Trust Fund Purpose

To fund projects that encourage the preservation of qualifying agricultural, horticultural, and forest lands, and to foster the growth, development, and sustainability of family farms.

## Grant Priorities:

- conservation easements (permanent easements)
- agricultural agreements (term easements)
- sustainable and viable agriculture programs



# Who Can Apply?

- Counties



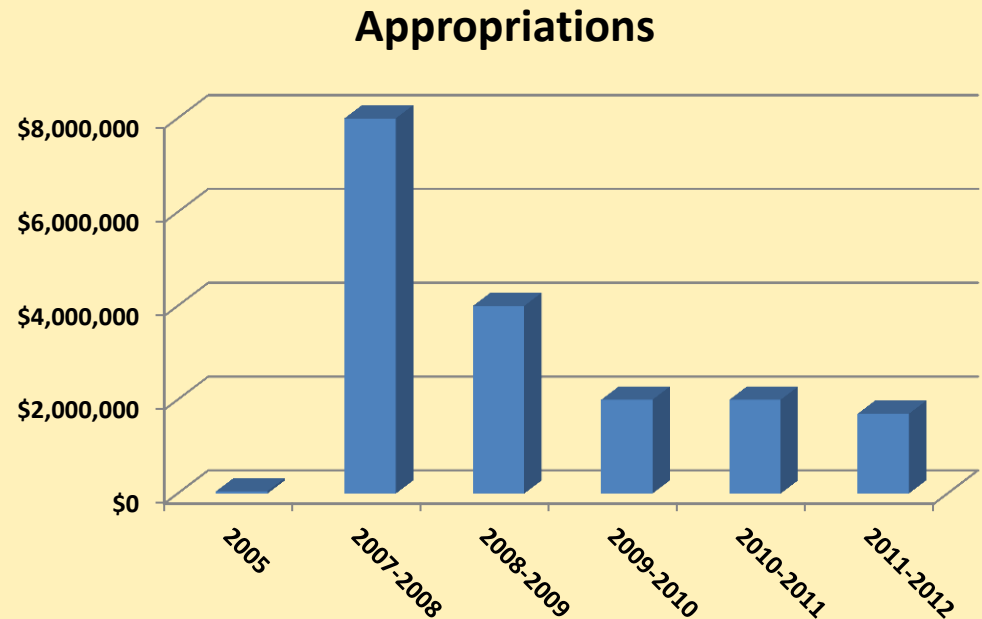
- Non-Profit Conservation Groups



# ADFP Funding History

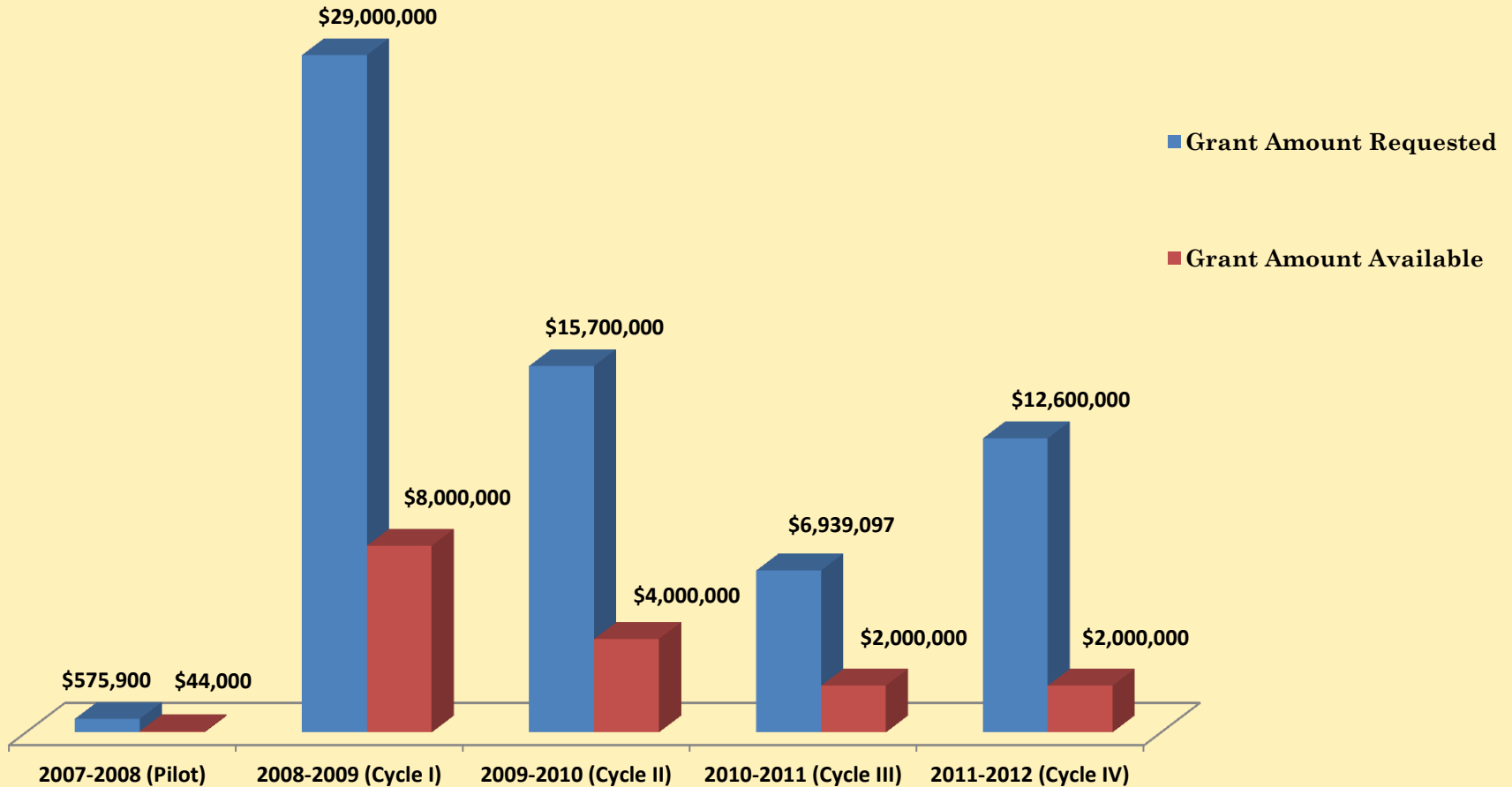
- 2005 - Initial appropriation of **\$50,000** from the General Assembly
- 2007-2008 - **\$8 million**
- 2008-2009 - **\$4 million**
- 2009-2010 - **\$2 million**
- 2010-2011 - **\$2 million\***
- 2011-2012 - **\$1.7 million**

\* \$2,173,989 returned at the request of the Office of State Budget and Management



# Grant Requests

## All Cycles



# ADFP Completed Projects

All Cycles

## Easements

|                               |              |
|-------------------------------|--------------|
| Total Easements:              | 34           |
| Total Farm Acreage Protected: | 6,204        |
| Amount Awarded:               | \$7,545,829  |
| Matching Funds:               | \$17,422,488 |

## Plans & Projects

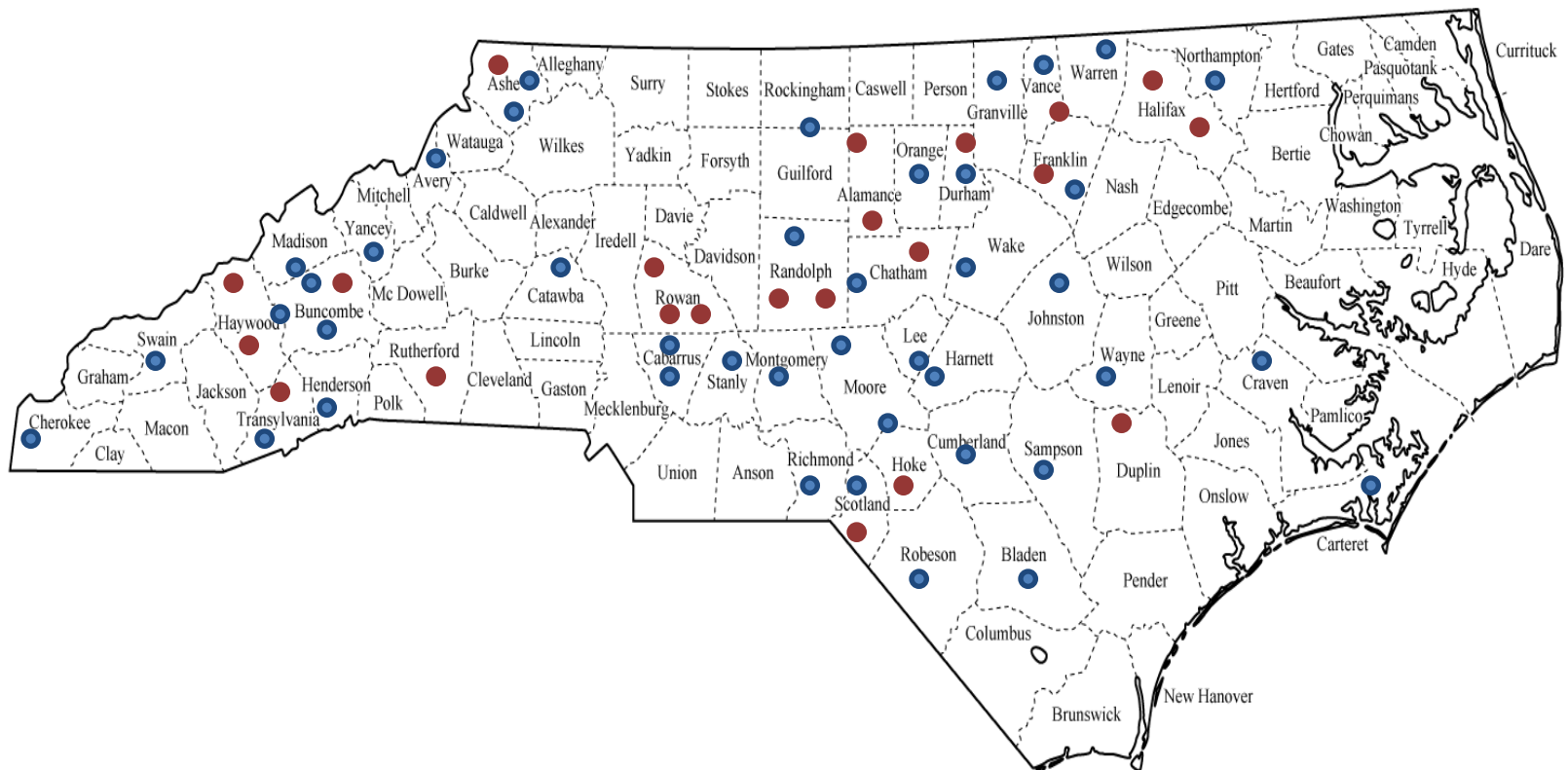
|                 |             |
|-----------------|-------------|
| Total Projects: | 46          |
| Amount Awarded: | \$2,181,911 |
| Matching Funds: | \$4,063,017 |

Total Amount Awarded: **\$9,727,740**  
Total Grant Impact: **\$31,213,245**



# Closed Grants Map

## Cycles I-III



\* Does not denote physical location of farm

- Easements
- Plans / Projects



# Examples of Major Regional Projects

## Cycle I



### **Operation Spring Plant:**

Helped limited-resource farmers develop alternate fuels by providing a soybean crusher.



### **Natural Capital Investment Fund:**

Assisted in the purchase of farm storage bins for limited-resource farmers



### **NC Association for Dairy Stabilization and Growth:**

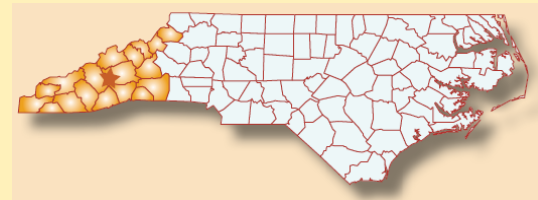
Development of a dairy strategic plan that will work to improve opportunities for conventional and grass-fed dairies in North Carolina

## Cycle II



### **NC Farm Transition Network:**

Developed a statewide program to finance beginning farm loan applications to attract new farmers, and worked to enhance the role of local and community banks in new farm financing



### **The Mixing Bowl:**

Assisted with the development of a publication and a website that linked local food suppliers to area buyers in Western NC



### **NC Foundation for Soil & Water Conservation:**

Assisted the NC Soil and Water Districts to analyze the status of 96 conservation districts and work to preserve farms and forests



# **ADFP Easement Recordings Update**

## **July 1, 2010 – June 30, 2011**

### **Rollans Farm Easement**

The Land Trust for Central North Carolina  
**266.23 acres**

### **Starnes Farm Easement**

Rowan County Soil and Water Conservation District  
**150.82 acres**

### **Bunn Farm Easement**

Triangle Land Conservancy  
**287.83 acres**

### **Hickory Nut Gap Farm Easement (II)**

Southern Appalachian Highlands Conservancy  
**28.337 acres**

### **Whitaker Farm Easement**

Piedmont Land Conservancy  
**97.710 acres**

### **Gainey Farm Easement**

Sandhills Area Land Trust  
**171.360 acres**

### **New Lake Farm Easement**

Hyde County Soil & Water District  
**250 acres**

### **Wilkie Farm Easement**

Fishing Creek Soil & Water District  
**34.36 acres**

### **Snelson Farm Easement**

Buncombe County Soil & Water District  
**139.07 acres**

### **Henson Easement**

Southwestern NC RC&D Council  
**13 acres**

### **Gainey II Easement**

Sandhills Area Land Trust  
**94.86 acres**

### **Petch Easement**

Brunswick County Soil and Water Conservation District  
**101.15 acres**

### **Rising Meadows Easement**

Piedmont Land Conservancy  
**63.94 acres**

### **Lois Knox Farm Easement**

Land Trust of Central North Carolina  
**196.0 acres**

**Henson Farm**



**Gainey Farm**



# ADFP Grant Update

As of Nov. 30, 2011

| <u>Grant Type/<br/>Cycle</u> | <u>ADFP<br/>Expenditures</u><br>Closed Grants | <u>Total<br/>Project<br/>Amount</u><br>Closed<br>Grants | <u>ADFP<br/>Encumbrances</u><br>Open Grants | <u>Total<br/>Project<br/>Amount</u><br>Open<br>Grants | <u>Acreage</u><br>Closed<br>Easements | <u>Acreage</u><br>Open<br>Easements | Grants<br>Closed | Grants<br>Open |
|------------------------------|---|---|---|---|---------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|------------------|----------------|
| Easements / I                | \$4,601,399                                   | \$11,292,860  | \$252,000                                   | \$1,034,700   | 2,927                                 | 306                                 | 18               | 1              |
| Plans & Projects / I         | \$1,484,607                                   | \$2,589,534   | \$675,000                                   | \$874,250   |                                       |                                     | 19               | 1              |
| Total / Cycle I              | \$6,086,006                                   | \$13,882,394  | \$927,000                                   | \$1,908,950   | 2,927                                 | 306                                 | 37               | 2              |
| Easements / II               | \$2,732,140                                   | \$13,342,056  | 0   | 0   | 3,101                                 | 0                                   | 14               | 0              |
| Plans & Projects / II        | \$499,771                                     | \$856,050   | 0   | 0   |                                       |                                     | 20               | 0              |
| Total / Cycle II             | \$3,231,911                                   | \$14,198,106  | 0   | 0   | 3,101                                 | 0                                   | 34               | 0              |
| Easements / III              | \$212,290                                     | \$333,401   | \$1,814,460                                 | \$6,805,363   | 176                                   | 1,104                               | 2                | 11             |
| Plans & Projects / III       | \$197,533                                     | \$2,799,344   | \$125,000                                   | \$174,000   |                                       |                                     | 7                | 2              |
| Total / Cycle III            | \$409,823                                     | \$3,132,745   | \$1,939,460                                 | \$6,979,363   | 176                                   | 1,104                               | 9                | 13             |
| Easements/ IV                | 0   | 0   | \$1,302,323                                 | \$6,056,422   | 0                                     | 747                                 | 0                | 9              |
| Plans & Projects / IV        | 0   | 0   | \$503,000                                   | \$782,688   |                                       |                                     | 0                | 10             |
| Total/ Cycle IV              | 0   | 0   | \$1,805,323                                 | \$6,839,110   | 0                                     | 747                                 | 0                | 19             |
| Easements / All              | \$7,545,829                                   | \$24,968,317  | \$3,368,783                                 | \$13,896,485  | 6,204                                 | 2,157                               | 34               | 21             |
| Plans & Projects /<br>All    | \$2,181,911                                   | \$6,244,928   | \$1,303,000                                 | \$1,830,938   |                                       |                                     | 46               | 13             |
| <b>Total / All</b>           | <b>\$9,727,740</b>                            | <b>\$31,213,245</b>                                     | <b>\$4,671,783</b>                          | <b>\$15,727,423</b>                                   | <b>6,204</b>                          | <b>2,157</b>                        | <b>80</b>        | <b>34</b>      |

# Total Easement Acreage

All Cycles

## CLOSED

Perpetual: 5,027

Term: 1,177

**Total: 6,204**

## OPEN

Perpetual: 2,067

Term: 90

**Total: 2,157**

# Open Grants

## Easements

### Cycle I:

- Piedmont Land Conservancy - **Gerringer Farm**

### Cycle II: None

### Cycle III:

- Orange County - **Breeze Farm**
- Black Family Land Trust - **Thompson Farm**
- Catawba Lands Conservancy - **Howey Farm**
- Foothills Conservancy - **Jones Farm**
- Land Trust for Central NC - **Stokes Farm**
- NC Coastal Land Trust - **Guthrie Farm**
- North American Land Trust - **Harris Farm I**
- North American Land Trust - **Harris Farm II**
- Piedmont Land Conservancy - **Iseley Farm**
- Southwestern NC - **Robinson Farm**
- Triangle Land Conservancy - **Cohen Farm**

### Cycle IV:

- Alamance County – **Wilkins Farm**
- Land Trust for Central NC – **Bishop Farm**
- Southern Appalachian Highlands Conservancy – **Perkinson Farm**
- Cabarrus SWCD – **Porter Farm**
- Triangle land Conservancy – **Lindley / Campbell Farm**
- Duplin SWCD – **Parks Farm**
- Durham County – **Krabbe / Spann Farm**
- Southwestern N.C. Resource Conservation and Development Council Inc. – **Smathers Farm**
- Catawba Lands Conservancy – **Howey Farm**

21 open grants covering 2,157 acres

Open grants total \$3,368,783

Total Funding Impact =  
**\$13,896,485**

# Open Grants

## Plans and Projects

### Cycle I:

- Cabarrus County - **Agricultural Development Plan**

### Cycle II: None

### Cycle III:

- NC's Eastern Region **Greene, Lenoir, Onslow, and Jones County Protection Plans**
- Piedmont Land Conservancy - **Surry County Plan**

### Cycle IV:

- Piedmont Conservation Council – **Caswell County Plan**
- Catawba County – **Protection Plan**
- Chowan SWCD – **VAD support**
- Lincoln SWCD – **Protection Plan**
- Perquimans County – **VAD support**
- Richmond County – **VAD support**
- Swain County – **Protection Plan**
- Duplin County – Assist with development of a livestock handling and processing facility serving **Brunswick, Duplin, Jones, Pender, Sampson** and **Wayne** counties.
- NC Foundation for Soil and Water Conservation – Assist with easements in military training routes in **Beaufort, Bertie, Duplin, Edgecombe, Franklin, Halifax, Harnett, Johnston, Jones, Lenoir, Martin, Nash, Onslow, Pamlico, Sampson** and **Wake** counties.
- NC's Eastern Region – Development of Protection Plans in **Carteret, Craven** and **Pamlico** counties.

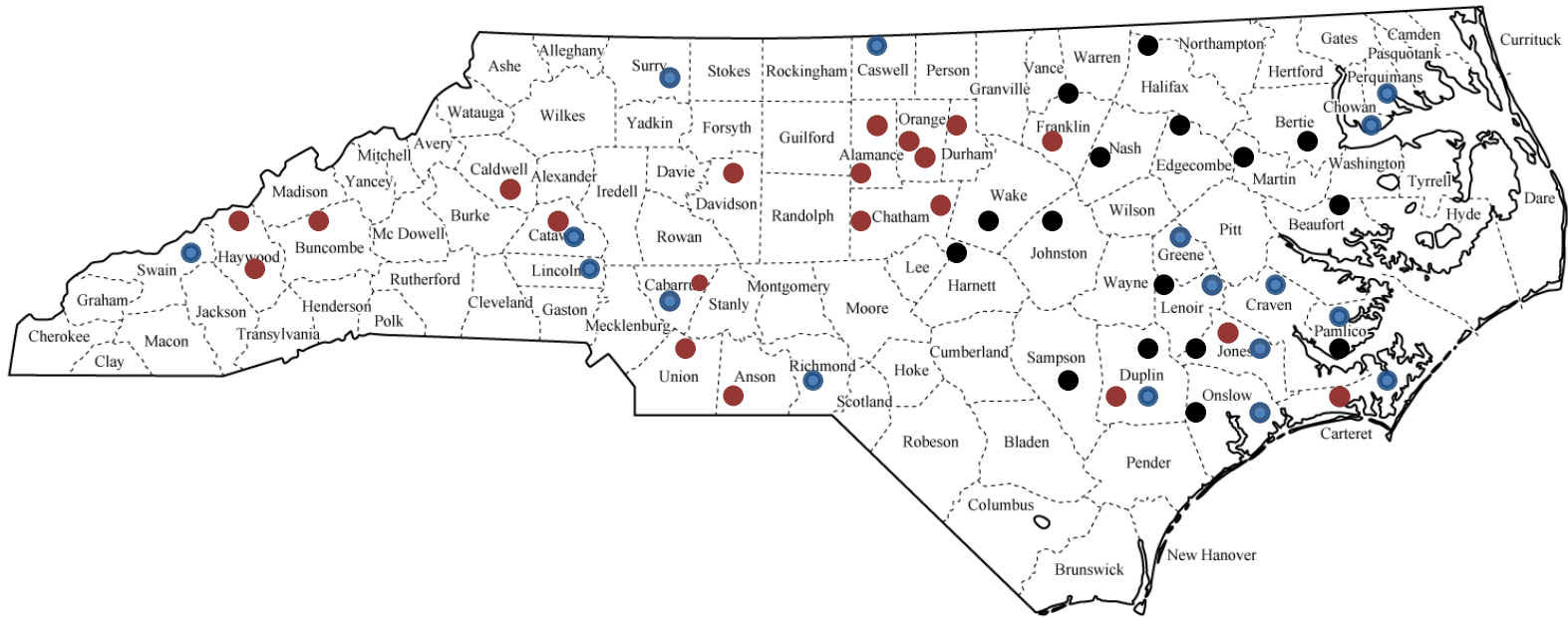
13 open plans and projects

Open grants total \$1,303,000

Total Funding Impact =  
**\$1,830,980**

# Open Grants Map

## Cycles I - IV



\* Does not denote physical location of farm

- Plans / Projects
- Easements
- NC Foundation for Soil and Water Conservation program (Cycle IV) aimed at creating 30-year easements in military training routes



# Grant Cycle IV (2011-2012)

## Overview

| Application Type   | Number of Grantees      | ADFP Trust Fund Grant Value | Matching Funds     |
|--|-------------------------|-----------------------------|--------------------|
| Easements  | 9 (7 perpetual, 2 term) | \$1,302,323                 | \$4,754,099        |
| Plans / Projects   | 10                      | \$503,000                   | \$279,668          |
| <b>TOTAL</b>   | <b>19</b>               | <b>\$1,805,323</b>          | <b>\$5,033,767</b> |
| * In Cycle IV, there were a total of 46 applicants requesting \$12.6 million with estimated matching resources of \$26.5 million |                         |                             |                    |

Including matching funds, the total funding impact for Cycle IV is  
**\$6.8 million dollars**

# Voluntary Agricultural Districts

## Highlights:

- 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 are potential VAD members



# VOLUNTARY AGRICULTURE DISTRICTS



## Legend

### County Agriculture District

- Yes
- EVAD
- Potential VAD
- No
- Municipal Agriculture District
- Resolution in Accordance With County Ordinance



Steven W. Trotter, Commissioner

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# Farmland Protection Plans

**39** counties have NCDA approved  
Farmland Protection Plans, an increase  
of **28** counties since 2009

## Lee County Working Lands Protection Plan

March, 2010

Prepared by  
Kim Carrozzelli and Stan Dixon

## Edgecombe County Agricultural Development Plan

Edgecombe County Agricultural Advisory Board



PROJECT FUNDED BY THE NORTH CAROLINA AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT AND  
FARMLAND PRESERVATION TRUST FUND

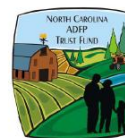
2010  
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## A Farmland Protection Plan for Clay County, North Carolina

Prepared for the County Commission and the  
Clay County Farmland Preservation Committee

by  
Smithson Mill; and Sam Bingham  
June 2010

Funded by



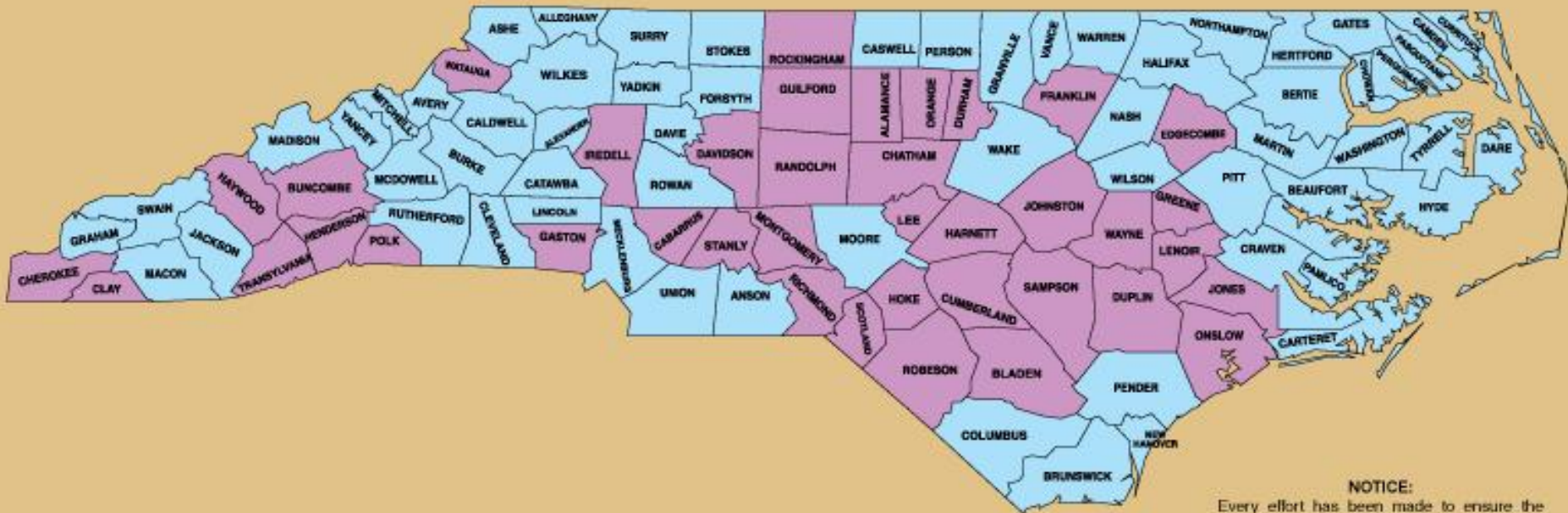
## Cumberland County Working Lands Protection Plan



September 22, 2010

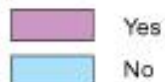


# FARMLAND PROTECTION PLANS



### Legend

**NCDA Approved Farmland  
Protection Plan in place?**



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Steven W. Toole, General manager

Revised 12/5/2011

# ADFP Trust Fund Recent Projects



**Cruse Meats Processing Facility**



PIEDMONT FOOD & AG  
PROCESSING CENTER  
HILLSBOROUGH, NORTH CAROLINA

WNC Regional *Livestock* Center  
LLC



# ADFP Trust Fund / Environmental Programs

## Recent Headlines

### **Meat processor will support local ranchers**

State grant helps county partner  
with Cruse Meats

11/02/11

The Charlotte Observer

### **Harnett County's Working Lands Protection Plan is State Certified**

3/30/11

"The region's working lands will help maintain the operational readiness of Fort Bragg and reduce the problems posed by development and other land uses that are incompatible with the Army's training and operational objectives."



### **Nearly 1,000 acres in Union Co. to be protected from development**

8/14/11

"The Catawba Lands Conservancy, with grants from the North Carolina Agricultural Development and Farmland Preservation Trust Fund, will ensure Howey's property stays farmland."

"...Union County is the fastest growing county in North Carolina. It lost 10 percent of its farmland to development in five years."



# ADFT Trust Fund Advisory Committee

**Steve Troxler**  
Chair  
Commissioner of Agriculture



## **Farmers:**

Jackie Thompson - Appointed by the Governor

Anne Briley - Appointed by the Speaker of the House

William Holbrook - Appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate

## **Agencies/Universities:**

Garrett Wyckoff - Economic Development Representative, N.C. Department of Commerce

Manly Wilder - Deputy Secretary, N.C. Department of Environment and Natural Resources

Dr. Tom Melton - Associate Director, N.C. Cooperative Extension, N.C. State University

Dr. Donald McDowell - Dean, School of Agriculture and Environmental Sciences, N.C. A&T State University

B. Ray Jeffers – Commissioner, Person County

## **Agricultural Organizations:**

Steve Woodson - Associate General Counsel, N.C. Farm Bureau

Gillistine Richardson - President, Black Farmers and Agriculturalists Association

Craig Frazier - President, N.C. Association of Soil & Water Conservation Districts

Robert Slocum Jr. - Executive Vice President, N.C. Forestry Association

Edgar Miller - Government Relations Director, Conservation Trust for North Carolina

Erica Peterson - Executive Secretary, N.C. Agribusiness Council

Billy Guillet - Dir. of the Ag. Advancement Consortium, NC Rural Economic Development Center

Scott Marlow - Interim Executive Director, RAFI-USA

Jimmy Gentry - President, N.C. State Grange





# Questions?

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