



Hello NCVMA Industry Partners!

I hope this newsletter finds everyone and their families well and safe. While we are learning to live and work in a new world, our dedication to the industry continues and we are here for you!

I'd like to first introduce myself to those of you I did not have the pleasure to meet at the annual meeting in December. I am an Area Sales Manager with Bayer's Vegetation Management division. As part of the vegetation management team, I collaborate with a broad customer and distribution network providing sales and technical support and solutions for the industrial vegetation management, range & pasture, and forestry markets in VA, NC, and SC. I have been with Bayer for 12+ years and am proud to be serving as the board president for the 2020/2021 term for you.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I'd like to also take a moment to congratulate Daniel Horne, NC DOT, on his newly elected position of board Vice President. Daniel has served on the board for several years already and we are excited he has accepted this position. In this role, Daniel will continue to offer his in-depth industry experience and knowledge with us and shall serve as the annual conference program chairperson.

At this time, we also welcome several new board members that volunteered to join the team at the beginning of this year after a call to action at our annual meeting and a board vote. Please help me welcome Keith Blazer, NC DOT, David Caldwell, Helena, Kelly Herzog, ECI, Paul Mitchell, Wright Tree Service, Kaiden Grossi, ACRT, and Dwight Seal, NC Department of Ag. Along with the board's current members, these new additions bring our board to a full team of 14 and we are excited to have them.

We also recognize and give thanks to our board advisors Korey Meadows, Duke Energy, Shawn Cox, City of Statesville, Roxie Lee, UTAW Group, and Derek Smith, NC DOT, who continue to provide much appreciated guidance and support to the board. (Full board member list and contact information is available online at <http://www.ncveg.com> > About > Board Members.)



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With a full team aligned, we came into 2020 fully charged and ready to execute. Unfortunately, given the current circumstances, we've been challenged on how to do just that. As earlier announced online, we've had to cancel the 2020 Field Day which was planned in June. This decision was difficult as we understand the need for continuing education and credits, however was made with our members safety in mind. We are happy to report however, that credits for NC will be offered online and the deadline has been extended. (Please see article later in this newsletter for full details.)

As for the annual meeting, we are still optimistic about holding the meeting and have committed to doing so again at the Embassy Suites in Cary, NC on Wednesday, December 9th and Thursday, December 10th. We will continue to meet via phone and will keep members updated accordingly as we understand how to hold the meeting safely and in accordance with the guidelines we are expecting will continue to change.

So, a lot of news, and a lot of changes - what remains constant is our commitment to the membership and our industry partners. Please let us know if we can be of help to you and please continue to remain safe! We will continue to work behind the scenes, and we are thinking about all of you! Take care.

Freundliche Grüße / Best Regards,

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Save The Date!

2020 NCVMA
VEGETATION MANAGEMENT
Symposium
December 9-10, 2020

Embassy Suites
201 Harrison Oaks Blvd.
Cary, NC 27513

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Thistles are even beautiful when in bloom!



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NCVMA Scholarship Undergraduate Student Award

Jacqueline Williams, \$2955
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Derek C. Smith NCVMA Graduate Scholarship Award

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The NCVMA was unable to host our annual "Casino Night" during the December 2019 Symposium for the Jimmy V Foundation for Cancer Research but that did not stop our generous members from donating over \$4,500 for cancer research.

The NCVMA Board of Directors want to thank each of you who generously donate your time and effort to help stamp out childhood cancer. A special shoutout to Sammy Keziah, III for his time in setting up the online giving option through the association. Again, thank you all for caring and blessing others through your donations.



Hello, My name is Sherri Braddock, your new executive director for NCVMA. I am excited to get know each of you. I have been around Vegetation Management Associations and going to meetings/conferences for years with my husband. I am a graduate of LSU and a retired nursing home administrator. We have three grown children and one grandchild. Please feel free to reach out anytime.

Welcome Aboard Sherri!



The VIP Column (Vegetation Mgt. Information for the Professional)

Are There Alternatives to Glyphosate for Weed Control in Landscapes?

Introduction

Glyphosate is the most widely used postemergence herbicide in landscape plantings for several reasons.

- First and foremost, it is effective. Glyphosate is a systemic (translocated) herbicide that moves from the treated foliage to other plant parts, including the roots. In this way, glyphosate kills annual and perennial weeds.
- Glyphosate is non-selective. This means a single herbicide can be used to control most weeds – grasses, sedges and broadleaves.
- Glyphosate has little or no soil residual. It is rapidly bound by clay particles in the soil rendering it inactive. This means you can spray weeds beneath shrubs and trees without damaging the desirable plants – as long as you keep the spray on the weeds and off of the shrubs.
- Glyphosate is relatively inexpensive – compared to other herbicides.
- And, it is considered to be one of the least toxic and environmentally benign herbicides in use.

However, recently the toxicity and environmental safety of glyphosate has been questioned**, And, though the US Environmental Protection Agency continues to maintain that glyphosate does not pose a threat to human health or the environment when used according to directions, many agencies and individuals would prefer an alternative. The question many are asking is: “what can I use instead of glyphosate?” The answer to this question will depend upon the weeds you are trying to control. Seedling annual broadleaf weeds can be easily controlled with other herbicides and herbicidally-active natural products, or even with a hoe or other tool. Perennial weeds, established annual weeds, and grasses are more difficult to control. Regardless of the method or product chosen, the cost for removal will be higher than with glyphosate. This will result from higher chemical costs, more applications, or higher labor costs.

** *for more on the toxicology debate, visit our fact sheet on [glyphosate](#)*

[Click Here For Full Story](#)

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CONTINUING EDUCATION CREDIT OPTIONS

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Due to the current restrictions on public gatherings because of COVID-19, there are now online options to earn pesticide continuing education credit.

If your certification date is 6/30/2020, 5 self-paced online training opportunities are available for a limited time. These online trainings are NOT an option and you will NOT receive credit if your certification date is anything other than 6/30/2020.

Applicators that need recertification credits can do online recertification now. The recertification for 2020 has been extended to September 30, 2020, a 90 day extension.

Here is the link:

<http://www.ncagr.gov/SPCAP/pesticides/RECRECRE.HTM>

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RECERTIFICATION CREDIT REQUIREMENTS

<u>CATEGORY</u>	<u>NUMBER OF RECERTIFICATION HOURS</u>
A Aquatic	6 credits per 5 year period
B Public Health	6 credits per 5 year period
D Dealer	5 credits per 5 year period
E Core	No credits required
G Forest	6 credits per 5 year period
H Right of Way	4 credits per 5 year period
I Regulatory	6 credits per 5 year period
K Ag Pest Animal - Live - stock/Pet/Poultry	6 credits per 5 year period
L Ornamental & Turf	10 credits per 5 year period
M Seed Treatment	3 credits per 5 year period
N Demonstration & Research	10 credits per 5 year period
O Ag Pest Plant	10 credits per 5 year period
P Aerial Methods	4* credits per 2 year period
S Commercial Soil Fumigation	3 credits per 5 year period

*1 Hour Aerial Methods / 3 Hours Specialty Category

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Pesticide Section



North Carolina Electric Membership Corporation (NCEMC)

N.C. Electric Cooperatives' Pollinator Projects Bloom

Part of North Carolina's Electric Cooperatives, [North Carolina Electric Membership Corporation](#) (NCEMC) is one of the largest generation and transmission electric cooperatives in the nation, providing reliable, affordable electricity to its 25 member cooperatives. NCEMC owns power generation assets, purchases electricity through contracts, identifies innovative energy projects and coordinates transmission resources for its members.

Beyond providing electricity, NC's not-for-profit cooperatives are investing in their communities and delivering new energy solutions to improve quality of life for co-op members in 93 of North Carolina's 100 counties. Driven by service and inspired by innovation, North Carolina's electric cooperatives are building a brighter energy future for 2.5 million North Carolinians:

Union Power Becomes A



“Bee Friendly” Partner for 4-H Club

[Union Power Cooperative](#) is building some buzz in partnership with the Union County 4-H Beekeeping Club, recently becoming one of the organization's first “Bee Friendly” Partners to sponsor a child in 4-H Beekeeping.

The 4-H Beekeeping Club enables today's youth to learn about bees and the art of beekeeping – helping to advance bee conservation efforts and empower communities with the education, tools, supplies, and bees needed to support sustainable agriculture.

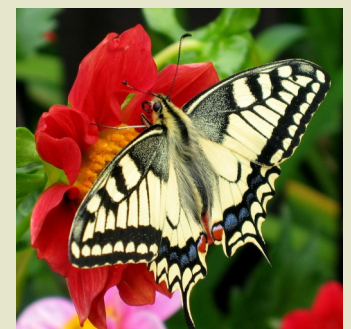
As part of the “Bee Friendly” Partners Program, local business and bee supporters can “adopt a beehive” as a way to teach youth about the important role bees play in agriculture, the different types and styles of beehives, the various parts and functions of bee colonies, and the roles of each kind of bee found in a hive.

Butterfly Pit-Stop in Bloom

at

Hamlet Power Plant

A transmission right-of-way near NCEMC's Hamlet power plant is officially a part of the [Butterfly Highway](#) initiative of the North Carolina Wildlife Federation, which supports natural pollinators including bees, birds and butterflies with pollinator-friendly plants native to the state. Pollinator-friendly plants native to the state were seeded to deliver a vegetation management solution that meets NCEMC's reliability compliance requirements while moving toward its environmental stewardship goals.



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Piedmont Electric Helps Beautify the Interstate



[Piedmont Electric Membership Cooperative](#) has partnered with NCDOT Wildflower Program to plant a pollinator field of sunflowers alongside I-40 Westbound at the Buckhorn Road exit. Black oil sunflowers were planted off Exit 157 in fall 2019. A larger variety of sunflower, towering 4 to 6 feet, will be planted at the same exit to attract butterflies, bees and humming birds to bloom in July and August 2020. In addition to brightening up the highway, these wildflowers support pollinators, which contribute to the production of local crops.

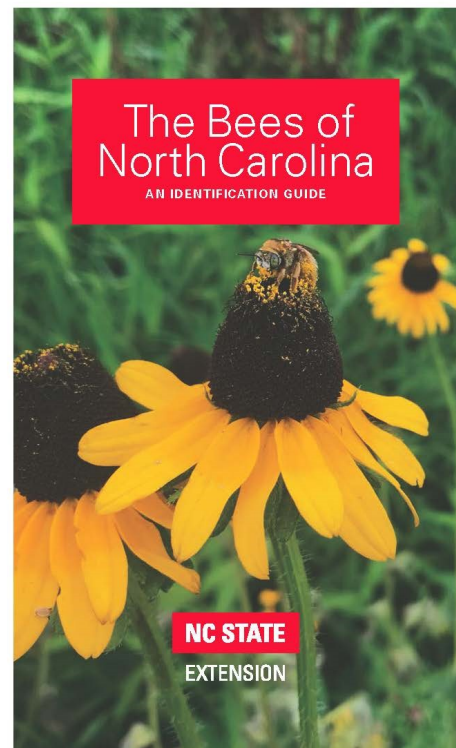
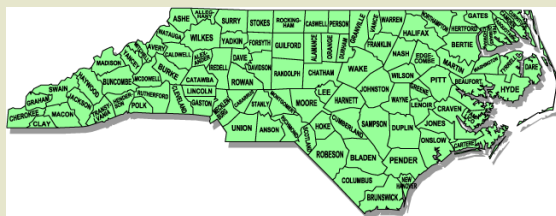
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MONDAY, MAY 4, 2020—PRESS RELEASE

NCDA&CS Monitoring for Asian Giant Hornet; Not Detected Yet in State

Asian Giant Hornet is aka “Murder Hornet”

RALEIGH -- With the emergence of the Asian Giant Hornet in Washington State, the North Carolina Department of Agriculture and Consumer services is urging North Carolina residents to be vigilant and report potential sightings of the pest.

Asian Giant Hornets are the world’s largest species of hornet, measuring about 1.5-2 inches long. They have an orange-yellow head and prominent eyes, with black and yellow stripes on their abdomens. The hornet is not known to occur in North Carolina, and NCDA&CS apiary staff have been actively monitoring for the pest with no detections to date.

“The Asian Giant Hornet is a threat to honeybees and can rapidly destroy beehives, but it generally does not attack people or pets,” said Agriculture Commissioner Steve Troxler. “There are many wasp and hornet look-alikes that are beneficial insects, so residents are asked to exercise caution before deciding to kill any large hornets.”

Cicada killers and European hornets do occur in North Carolina and can be confused with the Asian Giant Hornet. Residents can visit <https://agr.wa.gov/departments/insects-pests-and-weeds/insects/hornets/size-comparisons> to see a photo of the Asian Giant Hornet along with common look-alikes.

If you think you have seen an Asian Giant Hornet, take a photo and submit it to the North Carolina State University’s Plant Disease and Insect Clinic. Instructions on digital submission can be found at <https://projects.ncsu.edu/cals/plantpath/extension/clinic/> under Option 3.

For more information about the Asian Giant Hornet please visit the [NCSU Cooperative Extension](https://www.ncagr.gov/plantindustry/plant/entomology/documents/AsianGiantHornetPestWatch.pdf) or read our pest alert at <https://www.ncagr.gov/plantindustry/plant/entomology/documents/AsianGiantHornetPestWatch.pdf>.

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[Asian Giant Hornet](#)



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The Operational Aspects of Tree Protection Ordinances

May 27, 2020

*Speaker: Ed Macie, US Forest Service
(Retired)*

Heat Related Illnesses & the Hidden Dangers

June 9, 2020

*Speaker: Matt Losey, Bartlett Tree
Experts*

Spotted Lanternfly: A Threat to NC Landscapes

June 23, 2020

*Speaker: Whitney Swink, NCDA Plant
Industry Division*



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