

Area Specialized Dairy Agent

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Program Goals

- Ensure a successful future for the Dairy Industry in North Carolina
 - Continuously promote dairy, and educate consumers about the dairy industry
 - Providing education and advice using the most up-to-date agriculture practices that will positively affect the dairy farmers of NC, their communities and the environment.
 - Support NC Dairy 4-H efforts in ways that increase participation in events, competitions and shows.

Chatham County Ag Fest

- Dairy Parade of Breeds
- Beef Parade of Breeds
- Small Ruminant Parade of Breeds
- Costume Contest



Cattle Artificial Insemination Workshops

- 5 one – day AI Short Courses
- 3 two – day AI Schools
- 130 attendees a year
 - Reproductive Anatomy & Physiology
 - Insemination Technique
 - Insemination Equipment and Semen Handling
 - Hands on Practice



Waste Management

- Farmers Are Required to get 6 hours of CE
- 30 Attendees
 - Toured the a Robotic Milking System in NC
 - Toured a large dairy with a compost recycling system and Anerobic Digester
 - Toured Piedmont Jerseys and ate ICECREAM!

4-H Dairy Quizbowl Immersion



- Over 60 youth, coaches and parents in attendance
- Tour NCSU Dairy Farm via Dairy Stations
 - Dairy Nutrition Mgt
 - Milk Quality
 - Dairy Reproductive Mgt
 - Dairy Equipment ID
 - Dairy Calf Mgt
 - Mock Quizbowl Competition

State 4-H Dairy Quizbowl and Skillathon

- 9 Junior Teams
- 4 Senior Teams
- 10 Coaches, 12 Volunteers
- Chatham County Ag Center
- State winning team competes nationally



Thank You!



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