

IREDELL COUNTY CENTER

## Livestock News: July 2020



### Local meats, COVID-19, and You

Interested in getting into the meat business? Before you dive in, consider learning about the current processing situation due to the COVID-19 pandemic and then learn about the basics before you take the first step. Read more about the processing situation (and explore local meats resources)

[Learn more »](#)

[Watch Webinar Here »](#)



### What's In Your Hay?

Forage Nutrient Analysis Testing is available through the North Carolina Department of Agriculture

Currently, a complete analysis from NCDA&CS only costs ten dollars per sample. Typically, you can have the results back in a week to ten days. Why do I recommend a complete analysis? The

results will provide you with information such as crude protein, total digestible nutrients, and mineral levels that you can then use to make sure you are meeting the nutritional needs of your herd, flock, or horse. You can then choose the necessary supplementation if your hay does not meet their requirements. In some cases, you may even find that you are supplementing too much or that you don't need to at all.

[Online Forage Sample Submission Form »](#)



## Pasture Weed Spotlight: Pigweed

- Annual broadleaf
- Has an extended period of germination and high rates of seed production
- Thrive in disturbed soils
- Pairs of spines at the base of the leaf petiole and the central stem



## Iredell County is Live!

The Visit NC Farms App connects the dots in communities across North Carolina. Using cell phone technology, residents and visitors can find farms closest to them with products and activities that interest them. Visitors can use the app to explore farms, farmers markets and local restaurants that are off the beaten path and unique to each community.

[Learn more »](#)

## Coronavirus Food Assistance Program

The deadline for submitting an application for the Coronavirus Food Assistance Program (CFAP) is August 28, 2020!

[Learn more »](#)



## What would you like to see from us?

Help us plan the future of the Iredell County Cooperative Extension Livestock Program by filling out this survey!

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