

Did you know Anson County ranks fourth in the state in timber sales? Are you a private forest landowner who has thought about selling timber in the near future but are unfamiliar with timber market trends or how to go about selling a tract of timber? Anson Extension will host two programs to help answer those questions.

The first program, "Timber Markets Explained," is an evening program on Tuesday, June 6, from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m. with visiting speaker Dr. Dennis Hazel, Extension Forestry Specialist and Assoc. Professor at NC State University. Learn more about timber markets, trends, and how sound timber management can help you reach financial goals. Learn about current commodity trends and how they compare to historic prices. What do future timber market forecasts look like? What do expanding energy markets, fuel pellet plants, and other diversified markets mean for diversified stands?

In July a follow-up program on "How to Sell Your Timber" is scheduled for Monday, July 17, between 5:30 and 7:00 p.m. at Anson Extension, 501 McLaurin Street in Wadesboro. Another visiting speaker, Dr. Mark Megalos, Extension Forestry Specialist, NC State University will explain factors that can influence your timber profit. He will also cover cost of regeneration, important management objectives to consider, and overall forestry financial planning. Both programs are free, but please register ahead by calling Anson Extension at 704-694-2415 to ensure adequate seating.

Bat-Friendly Advice for Homeowners



Now that bat pup season is underway, the N.C. Wildlife Resources Commission encourages homeowners to not conduct any bat eviction or exclusion until the end of July.

May through July marks the time frame when female bats are raising their young - called pups. Young bats, like other mammals, depend on their mother for survival during the first few weeks of life. If a homeowner installs an eviction device or covers up the hole that bats have used to get into the house, female bats will

not be able to get to their young after a night of feeding, and the young bats will starve to death. If any bats are sealed inside, including pups that can't fly, they will search for a way out and will die inside the house, or find their way into the homeowner's living space.

Many bat species only take three to four weeks to fly, but some may require a slightly longer developmental period. However, different species of bats give birth to live young at different times during the summer, hence the three-month range.

"Once the pup-rearing season has ended in late July, homeowners who have bats in their house should determine how they're getting into the house," said Jessie Birkhead, an extension wildlife biologist with the Commission. "Bats can fit through an opening as small as 1 inch by 1 inch, so homeowners should look for small holes, cracks in house siding or fascia and tiny spaces around utility boxes, all of which can allow a bat to get inside a home."

If any bats are present, homeowners will need to install eviction devices that allow the bats to leave but prevent them from coming back into the home.

"Once eviction devices have been up for a week and all bats have left, the follow-up work of permanent exclusion must be completed," Birkhead said.

Bat eviction devices can be purchased or made from PVC pipe or a variety of other materials. More information on bat exclusion guidelines is available on Bat Conservation International's website www.batcon.org.

People who would rather hire a professional to exclude bats from their homes can find a wildlife damage control agent in their area by visiting the Commission's "Have a Wildlife Problem" webpage at www.ncwildlife.org/have-a-problem.

Bats return to the same roosts each spring, so it is important not only to maintain your home after excluding bats, but also to help displaced bats find alternate roosting spaces when they return. Homeowners can erect bat boxes near their homes. Place bat boxes on a pole or a building, not a tree, and at least 12 to 20 feet high in a place with at least seven hours of direct sunlight in the summer.

"Tree foliage prevents direct sunlight on the box and can obstruct flight when entering and exiting the box, and having the box directly on a tree trunk increases vulnerability to predators," said Brandon Sherrill, a mammologist with the Commission.

For tips on building, buying or installing bat boxes see www.batcon.org/resources/getting-involved/bat-houses.

While bats are warm and fuzzy, most people do not have warm and fuzzy feelings about them - even though bats play a crucial role in our ecosystem. All bat species that reside in North Carolina are insectivorous, consuming a vast number of insects each night. Many of the insects that bats eat can cause damage to crops. In other parts of the world, bats serve as important pollinators for fruits that humans consume every day, such as bananas, agave plants and mangos. Still others serve as seed-dispersers for a wide variety of plants, from avocados to cashews.

Setting up a bat box or avoiding the use of eviction devices during pup-rearing season can do much to benefit bats. The most serious threat to many bat species is white-nose syndrome, a disease caused by a fungus that thrives in caves where bats hibernate, killing anywhere from 70 to 100 percent of bats in a colony. Biologists first detected WNS in North Carolina in a bat from Avery County in 2011, and since that time, the disease has spread throughout western North Carolina where it affects seven species. The disease continues to spread eastward in the state and could potentially affect an eighth species if it reaches the Coastal Plain. Although WNS does not affect humans or pets, its effects on bat colonies have been devastating.

Be Bat Friendly People can do many things to help bat populations in North Carolina. In addition to installing bat boxes, they can:

- Plant native plants that attract insects to provide food for bats
- Limit the use of insecticides and herbicides whenever possible
- Avoid disturbing hibernation areas and maternity colonies
- Join a conservation group, such as Bat Conservation International (www.batcon.org), to stay up to date on bat conservation efforts
- Educate yourself and others regarding the importance of bats and why they are beneficial

For questions regarding bats and other human-wildlife interactions, call the Commission's new N.C. Wildlife Helpline toll-free at 866-318-2401. The call center is open Monday through Friday (excluding holidays) from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Read more tips on co-existing with bats and learn more about bats in general by visiting the Commission's Conserving page, www.ncwildlife.org/conserving.

Dancercise Class Offered at Grace Senior Center

Dancercise, which is exercising while dancing, is being offered at Grace Senior Center. Dancercise is a blend of aerobics and dance moves, something that many people find to be lots of fun. Participants enjoy great music and learn actual dance moves. The free class being offered is a beginners class. There is no registration.

The class is ongoing. So, if you didn't make it to the first class there is still plenty of opportunity to join in later. Each month the schedules will be given out with class dates and times.

The Dancercise class is held from 10 to 11 a.m. on Thursdays, and 1 to 2 p.m. on Mondays.

This class is open to anyone who wants to exercise! For more information and to register call Findey Knotts or Eva Diggs at 704-694-6616.

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As required by the N.C. General Statutes, the Anson County Tax Collector will advertise 2016 delinquent taxes in the Anson Record.

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Pay your delinquent taxes by June 9, 2017 to avoid more interest charges and the \$20 advertisement fee.

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