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N.C. State Fair announces 2022 Farm Families of the Day

RALEIGH – The N.C. State Fair is honoring farm families again this year through the Farm Family of the Day program. The program, sponsored by Tractor Supply Company, saw great success last year. "At Tractor Supply, we know how challenging running a family farm is and we are proud to support and celebrate these men and women of North Carolina who are vital to our communities," said Chris Redmon, District Manager of Tractor Supply. "We are honored to call them neighbors." The program seeks to recognize and celebrate our state's rich agricultural heritage and 11 farm families that represent our state's \$92.9 billion agriculture and agribusiness industry.

"The State Fair's earliest beginnings sought to elevate the understanding of new agricultural practices and technology. Today, one of agriculture's biggest challenges is helping people make the connection between farming and the food that they enjoy," said N.C. Agriculture Commissioner Steve Troxler. "Farm families tell that story the best because they are out there every day working hard to grow the food, fiber and fuel that we need. We are excited to recognize eleven more of these farm families this year at the N.C. State Fair."

The farm families were nominated either by family or community members for their hard-work and dedication to our state's No. 1 industry, as well as their overall love for the N.C. State Fair. The lucky winners were chosen at random. Each farm family is assigned a specific day of the 2022 N.C. State Fair, taking place Oct. 13-23, where they will be honored through public address announcements and on-grounds signage, as well as being featured on both the N.C. State Fair and the NCDA&CS blogs and social media platforms. Follow along on those outlets to learn about each farm and what made them stand-out candidates for this year's Farm Family of the Day program. Each family also received an N.C. State Fair prize pack, including fair tickets to use on any day of their choosing and plenty of swag from Tractor Supply Company.

Congratulations to all of our winners and we look forward to seeing you at the 2022 N.C. State Fair!

The 2022 N.C. Farm Families are as follows:

- Thursday, October 13: Double S Farms, Lexington
- Friday, October 14: Gross Farms, Sanford
- Saturday, October 15: Springhouse Farm, Vilas
- Sunday, October 16: Lindale Organic Dairy, Snow Camp
- Monday, October 17: Juniper Creek Farm, Raleigh
- Tuesday, October 18: Miller Farms, Gates
- Wednesday, October 19: Roberts Farm, Denton
- Thursday, October 20: Deal Family Farm, Franklin
- Friday, October 21: Smith's Family Fun Farm, Hillsborough
- Saturday, October 22: Hearn Pecan Farm, Charlotte
- Sunday, October 23: Pace Family Farm, Clayton

The 2022 N.C. State Fair is slated for Oct. 13-23 at the N.C. state Fairgrounds in Raleigh. The fair offers an experience unique to North Carolina and is a great value with free entertainment, thrilling rides and games, thousands of animals, endless family activities, competitions, vendors and creative deep-fried delights. For more information, visit www.ncstatefair.org or connect on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram at ancestatefair.