

Crop and Planting Update

We have started planting corn, tobacco and pickle cucumbers. Hopefully, the weather will cooperate for a smooth planting season. This year we are going to be growing corn, soybeans, tobacco, pickles, sweet potatoes, cotton and banana peppers. We grew banana peppers in 2016, but did not grow any in 2017. We are growing the banana peppers for Mount Olive Pickle Company. In addition to adding banana peppers to the mix this year, we are also growing 25% more pickle cucumbers.

The livestock of Strickland Farming is doing well. We sold our first flock of turkeys this year. We are proud to be the number one grower in our group, an achievement that would not have been possible without our turkey operation team members that keep our birds happy and healthy. The turkeys arrive at the farm when they are around 5 weeks old, and they will stay with us until they are about 20 weeks old and weigh roughly 50 pounds. Unlike the hogs who have staggered arrivals and departures, all of the turkeys come in at one time and leave together.



Banana pepper seedlings in the green house.



2018 Landowner Dinner Featuring Max Armstrong

Our annual Landowner Appreciation dinner was Tuesday, March 27. We enjoy hosting our landowners every year and share with each one what is happening around Strickland Farming. This year Max Armstrong was our guest speaker. Max is a native of Indiana and alumni of Purdue University. In his role as Director of Broadcasting for Farm Progress, Max is the host of This Week In AgriBusiness on RFDTV, as well as Farm Progress America and Max Armstrong's Midwest Digest on the radio. Also, Max continues as a weekend voice at Chicago radio powerhouse WGN, where he has been heard on agriculture broadcasts with his colleague Orion Samuelson every week since 1977. During 2017 Max served as president of the National Association of Farm Broadcasting, representing the men and women who share the story of agriculture daily on radio, television and via the internet. It was an honor to have Max at our 2018 Landowner Appreciation Dinner.



Strickland Farming hosts NCSU Presentation and Dinner

We hosted the North Carolina State University Agribusiness Entrepreneurship Team and Advisory Council presentation and dinner that highlighted the new Agribusiness Entrepreneurship Initiative. This new program is committed to developing strong entrepreneurial skills in its students to address the strong demand in agtech, biotech, and foodtech. The program features three new courses including Principles of Agribusiness Entrepreneurship, Agribusiness New Venture Development, and Agribusiness Entrepreneurship Clinical Practicum.

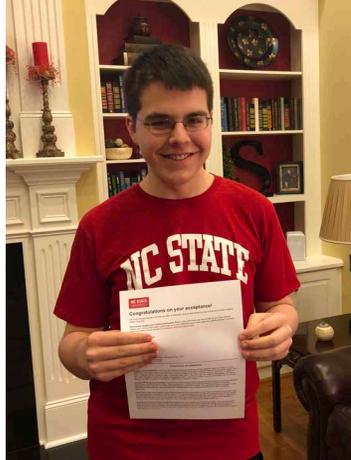


Strickland Farming Remembers Craig Harvell

Our dear friend and colleague, Craig Harvell passed away on Tuesday, March 20, 2018, after a long battle with cancer. Craig was a part of the Strickland Farming team for ten years and worked diligently to manage the grain facility and maintained our equipment. He played a vital role in the day to day operations at Strickland Farming, and he will be greatly missed as a colleague and friend.

The Adventures of Savannah and Grayson

Savannah is finishing up her second semester at North Carolina State University majoring in ag business. She is minoring in Spanish and is considering a double minor in leadership. She will be studying abroad this summer in Spain. While in Spain she will be in classes every day through the week and will be experiencing the culture and history of Spain in her free time. While in Spain she will be earning six credit hours towards her degree.



Grayson will be graduating in May from high school. It's hard to believe that next year both kids will be in college. Grayson is working on deciding which school he would like to attend. He is considering Wake Forest University, the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, and North Carolina State. Grayson plans on pursuing a degree in Ag and Bioengineering. This summer Grayson and Savannah are going to be working with a large multinational company. They will be flying drones and will help pull that information into a program to assist in better management of our crops.

We're Looking for More Land to Farm

Do you know any landowners who might want to lease their land to us? If so, please send us that information.

Grayson Earns Eagle Scout Honors



Grayson earned the honor of Eagle Scout. A Boy Scout must pass specific tests that are organized by requirements and merit badges. The Scout also has to be active in his troop and hold a leadership roll. Congratulations, Grayson!

Hot Shots!



Congratulations to our Sporting Clay Shooting Champions. The Strickland Farming Group team won the 2018 NC SoyPAC Tournament.

Keep up with us year round!

Strickland Farming is on social media! Follow us to see more photos, videos, and updates from around the farm. See something cool we posted? Give it a like and a share! Don't forget to check out our website www.sfgnc.net



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