

Farm Update

This has been the driest spring that I remember in my career. The area has been dry since last fall. There was finally a break from the drought with some rain the first week of July, but the rain has unfortunately stayed away. The July rain was enough to give the potatoes, soybeans, tobacco, and cucumbers a much-needed boost, but it was too late for eastern North Carolina's corn crop. Our corn crops, along with many other farms' corn, suffer from drought, and we expect low yields here on the farm as well as throughout the region.

Every year we undergo a series of Good Ag Practices(GAP) audits for some of the crops we grow, including tobacco and sweet potatoes. We just completed and passed another GAP audit

for our tobacco crop. While these audits are a deep dive into our daily workings on the farm and a time strain, we are happy to do them so we know that the products leaving our farm are as safe and the highest quality we can produce.



The turkeys and hogs are doing well. The area has been recovering from the bird flu outbreak that greatly impacted the area early this spring. Thankfully, our fellow poultry farmers are rebounding from that struggle. We hope that the bird flu is behind us, but you can never know what the future may hold. As you have already noticed in your daily life, inputs and supplies are still high. From fuel to fertilizer to feed, everything has been on the rise. Despite that challenge, Strickland Farming Group is still committed to producing the highest quality crops and providing the highest quality care for the acres we farm.



AgMag STX visits North Carolina

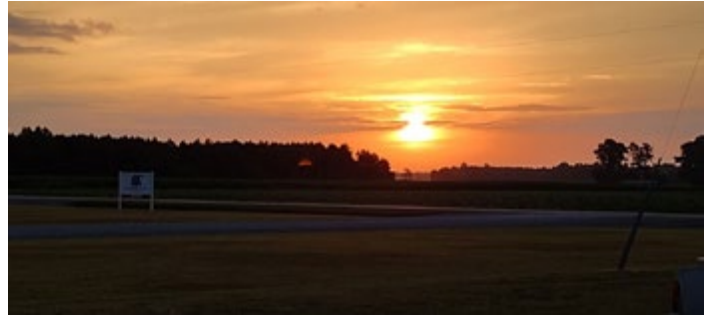
We hosted a special guest from south Texas this summer! Michelle Martin from AgMag STX came out to do a feature on our farm and sweet potatoes. Michelle, a farmer herself, was excited to learn about our farm and North Carolina agriculture. While this piece will focus on sweet potatoes and how we use Syngenta products, we also gave her a farm tour and taught her about our other crops like tobacco and pickle cucumbers. We are excited to host Michelle again during sweet potato harvest so she can film the entire sweet potato growing life cycle to share with her readers and on her YouTube channel. For more information about Michelle and AgMagSTX, check her out at theagmag.org, on [Instagram](#) or [Facebook](#) at @agmag_stx, or her [Youtube channel](#) AgMag_stx Ag on wheels.

The Adventures of Savannah and Grayson

Grayson has been busy with summer classes the last few months. He is working on finishing up his undergraduate degree. He is ready to complete this degree and determine what his options are after graduation.

Savannah has been busy, too! On top of working her full-time job, she felt a calling to share about North Carolina agriculture and started a Facebook page, and an Instagram called The NC Farmer's Daughter. She is

capturing and sharing just what it's like to be a farmer's daughter. She is also sharing about being a part of our farm and North Carolina agriculture. Less than 2% of the United States population is an on-farm employee, leaving over 318 million people without a connection to the farms around them. She hopes to share with followers about her passion for agriculture. Follow along with Savannah on [Instagram](#) and [Facebook](#) at The NC Farmer's Daughter.



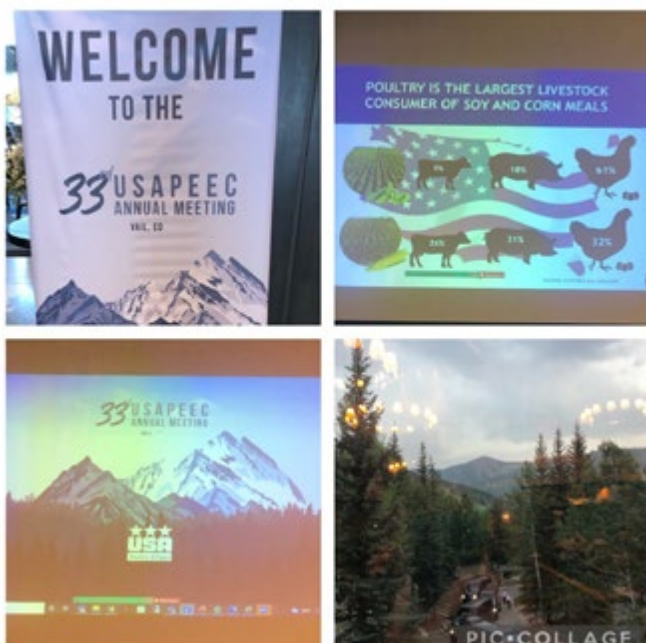
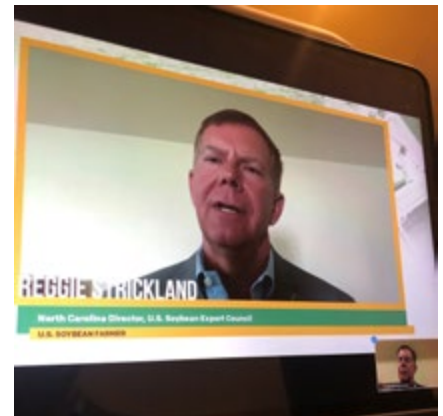
Savannah selected to Pork Leadership Class

Savannah was selected to participate in the North Carolina Pork Council's first Pork Leadership Class this year. The inaugural class of 2022 is a cohort of individuals involved in the state's pork industry. Only 25 were selected to participate after the application process. The program consists of training meetings. Participants traveled to Washington D.C. to meet with Senators Tom Tillis and Richard Burr to stress to them the importance of agriculture. They also helped them understand what farmers are doing every day to feed the world and their neighbors. Through this program, Savannah was able to network with some great ag professionals from across North Carolina who also have a passion for ag and raising pork.



Reggie Attends the USA Poultry and Egg Export Council Annual Meeting

Reggie has been busy on the United Soybean Board. He was recently appointed to represent USB on the USAPEEC Board of Directors. In June, he attended his first board meeting in Vail, Colorado. Reggie also presented virtually at U.S. Soybean Export Council's training on Poultry Processing and Cold Chain Management in Bangkok, Thailand. The presentation focused on ag production in the US and best practices used on his farm in the production of soybeans, pork and poultry. Afterwards he fielded questions from the audience.



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