



## **ATTENTION: Hay, Straw, & Pine Needle Producers**

### **Do you produce any kind of hay or straw and ship it out of your county or the state?**

Bales of straw and hay, including pine straw, are articles regulated by the State and Federal governments because of the risk they pose of spreading Red Imported Fire Ants (RIFA). The North Carolina Department of Agriculture & Consumer Services (NCDA&CS) has quarantined partially, or in full, 75 out of 100 counties in North Carolina due to the presence of RIFA in cooperation with the USDA's federal quarantine.

To see if you are in a quarantined NC area, visit the following webpage:

<http://www.ncagr.gov/plantindustry/Plant/entomology/documents/ncifaquarantine.pdf>

To see the Federal IFA Quarantine Map, visit this webpage:

[http://www.aphis.usda.gov/plant\\_health/plant\\_pest\\_info/fireants/downloads/fireant.pdf](http://www.aphis.usda.gov/plant_health/plant_pest_info/fireants/downloads/fireant.pdf)

Shipping hay or straw out of a quarantined area without a compliance agreement into a non-quarantined county or state **is in violation** of the United States Department of Agriculture's (USDA) federal quarantine on RIFA which the NCDA&CS upholds. NCD&CS Plant Pest Specialists will help you obtain these documents and ensure you are compliant with all State and Federal regulations at no charge.

### **What should I do if I am a hay/straw producer shipping out of the quarantine and I have never heard of this?**

- 1) Locate your county and the specialist for your county on the back of this sheet.
- 2) Please contact that specialist so that they can explain and facilitate the necessary steps to get your operation under a compliance agreement with the NCDA&CS.

### **Will there be penalties or costs associated with compliance?**

- 1) Compliance requires a yearly inspection of your facility and a signed agreement outlining the procedures you will follow to maintain your compliant status.
- 2) There is no charge to the farmer for compliance agreements and no retroactive penalties for previous non-compliance.
- 3) Shipping out of the quarantine without following the required guidelines could result in federal penalties, rejected shipments, shipping delays, and potential federal investigation by USDA-APHIS-PPQ.

For more information about the Red Imported Fire Ant, the North Carolina quarantine, regulated articles, and compliance, please visit the following website:

<http://www.ncagr.gov/plantindustry/Plant/entomology/IFA.htm> or contact one of the following two people:

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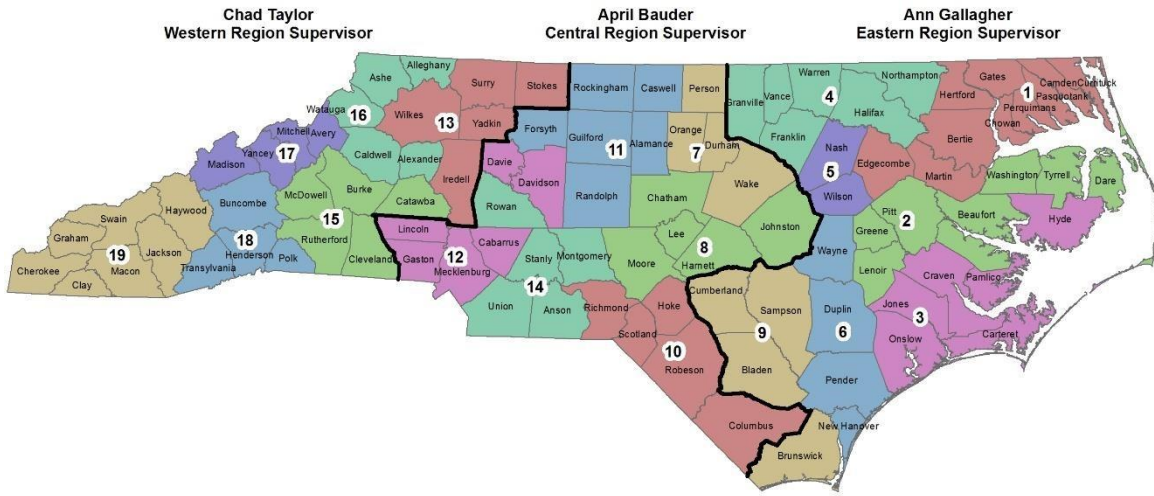
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**Plant Pest Specialist Work Areas**



**Specialist's Names, Contact Information and Assigned Areas**

Area 1:	Bertie, Camden, Chowan, Currituck, Edgecombe, Gates, Hertford, Martin, Pasquotank, Perquimans	Vacant	(919) 218-1765
Area 2:	Beaufort, Dare, Lenoir, Greene, Pitt, Tyrrell, Washington	Bonnie Faulkner	(252) 521-3180
Area 3:	Carteret, Craven, Hyde, Jones, Onslow, Pamlico	David Pearce	(252) 670-1742
Area 4:	Franklin, Granville, Halifax, Northampton, Vance, Warren	Derreck Long	(252) 567-1247
Area 5:	Nash, Wilson	Ann Gallagher	(919) 218-1765
Area 6:	Duplin, New Hanover, Pender, Wayne	Scott Cannady	(910) 385-4398
Area 7:	Durham, Orange, Person, Wake	April Bauder	(919) 777-3251
Area 8:	Chatham, Harnett, Johnston, Lee, Moore	Mike Massey	(919) 218-8654
Area 9:	Bladen, Brunswick, Cumberland, Sampson	Jensen McLamb	(910) 638-4943
Area 10:	Columbus, Hoke, Richmond, Robeson, Scotland	Michelle Shooter	(910) 734-3477
Area 11:	Alamance, Caswell, Forsyth, Guilford, Randolph, Rockingham	Andrew Allen	(336) 404-5873
Area 12:	Cabarrus, Davidson, Davie, Gaston, Mecklenburg, Lincoln	Heidi Humlicek	(406) 750-6432
Area 13:	Iredell, Stokes, Surry, Wilkes, Yadkin	Ginger Hemmings	(336) 314-9334
Area 14:	Anson, Montgomery, Rowan, Stanly, Union	Samuel Harris	(919) 604-3896
Area 15:	Burke, Catawba, Cleveland, McDowell, Rutherford	Amanda Cook	(828) 443-1289
Area 16:	Alexander, Alleghany, Ashe, Caldwell, Watauga	Chad Taylor	(336) 466-0478
Area 17:	Avery, Madison, Mitchell, Yancey	Tim Hartley	(828) 260-0588
Area 18:	Buncombe, Henderson, Polk, Transylvania	Sue Dial	(828) 577-0915
Area 19:	Cherokee, Clay, Graham, Haywood, Jackson, Macon, Swain	Sarah Scott	(828) 421-5445

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