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Costs and Benefits of Climate and Energy Policy for Agriculture and Forestry

September 30, 2009, 9:00am - 4:30pm
Sampson County Agri-Exposition Center, Clinton, NC

Please join us for a forum on the *Costs and Benefits of Climate and Energy Policy for Agriculture and Forestry*. The likely passage of federal climate and energy legislation in the next few years could bring many changes to the agriculture and forestry sectors. Some argue that climate policy will negatively impact agriculture and forestry producers through increased fuel, fertilizer, and other costs. Others contend that the market opportunities created by renewable energy and climate policies, such as carbon offsets, increased use of biofuels, and higher commodity prices, represent a net positive for farmers and foresters.

The forum, sponsored by the Nicholas Institute for Environmental Policy Solutions at Duke University, 25x'25, North Carolina State University Extension Forestry, and NC Cooperative Extension, is intended to address these various issues. In addition to continuing the conversation started in other recent outreach events, such as the well-attended 2009 Carbon and Renewable Energy Markets Producer Forum for the swine sector held in July and sponsored in part by the Duke Carbon Offsets Initiative, the forum will:

- Provide a balanced review of the latest research and analysis on the economic effects of climate policy on forestry and agriculture;
- Provide a venue for open, candid discussion among scientists, practitioners, and representatives from the NC Farm Bureau Federation and other key stakeholders on what impact climate policy is expected to have; and
- Review examples of projects and other opportunities likely encouraged by climate policy, including information and resources on how to take advantage of emerging markets.

A buffet lunch will also be served. **The event is free, but registration is required to reserve your space and buffet lunch ticket. You must RSVP by September 14, 2009.**

To RSVP please contact David Cooley via email at david.cooley@duke.edu or at 919-684-1133. More information is also available at <http://www.nicholas.duke.edu/agmeeting>. A complete agenda is being finalized and will be available in the coming week.

We look forward to seeing you on September 30 at the Sampson County Agri-Exposition Center!

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