

## Counties Collaborate On Risk-Management Classes For Farmers

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RALEIGH, (SGRToday.com) - The N.C. Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services will offer a series of free risk- management workshops across the state in January through March. The workshops will focus on managing price volatility and identifying macro indicators.

The following topics will be covered: Introduction to grain hedging, basis trading, cost of carry, cotton futures, option trading on futures and equities, and macro forces. The principles of options, spreading strategies, using options to manage financial risk, and energy derivatives and how to manage exposure to energy costs will be discussed.

Jan. 7 at the Robeson County Agriculture Building, O.P. Owens Building, Lumberton, 910-671-3276

Jan. 9 at the Johnston County Ag Center, 2736 N.C. 210, Smithfield, 919-989-5380

Jan. 26 at the Pitt County Extension Center, 403 Government Circle, Greenville, 252-902-1709

Jan. 28 at the Pasquotank County Extension Center, 1209 McPherson St., Elizabeth City, 252-338-3954

Feb. 17 at the Northampton Cooperative Extension Center, 9495 N.C. 305 N., Jackson, 252-534-2831

March 12 at the Union County Extension Center, 3230 Presson Rd., Monroe, 704-283-3801

March 13 at the Carolina Farm Credit Administrative Office, 146 Victory Lane, Statesville, 800-521-9952.