



**Blackland Farm Managers Association**

**155-A Airport Road  
Washington, NC 27889**

Dear Supporters of the Blackland Farm Managers Association,

The 53rd annual Blackland Farm Managers Tour will be held on Wednesday, August 2nd in Hyde County. Our tour hosts are Dawson & Bethany Pugh of Middle Creek Farms. (396 White Plains Road, Engelhard, NC 27824) This is the largest event of its kind in North Carolina, and we expect more than 500 attendees this year. The event will offer an excellent opportunity to interact with farmers and agribusiness leaders from across the state and will include educational presentations on corn and soybean production and management.

In addition to presentations from NC State Extension Specialists, we will have a special guest, [Rob Sharkey](#). Rob Sharkey is a risk taker and out-of-the-box thinker. Better known by his digital alias, The SharkFarmer, Rob is an Illinois grain farmer, owner of a whitetail deer hunting outfitter, podcast & radio show host, and host of multiple TV shows on RFD-TV and PBS.

Each year we ask our industry partners to support this event. For those who have helped in the past, we thank you and hope that we can count on you again this year. If you have not participated before, this is a great opportunity to become a sponsor! Here are the available sponsorship levels:

- Gold (\$1,500) – provided with one 8 ft table under the main shelter
- Silver (\$750) – provided with one 8 ft table under a tent

Tables will be randomly assigned to sponsors. Sponsors may set up their tables from 2:00-5:00 PM on August 1st or from 6:00-7:00 AM on August 2nd. We highly advise you to complete your table setup as early as possible to allow for time to interact with attendees before the event. Registration begins at 7:00 AM. After the tours are over, everyone will gather back at the main area for lunch and continued interaction with vendors. In order to be guaranteed a table and to be listed on the program, please complete your sponsorship by July 12, 2023.

If you wish to pay with a credit card, please do so on the [BFMA website](#). If you would like an invoice and/or receipt mailed/emailed to you, please email us at [info@blacklandnc.org](mailto:info@blacklandnc.org). A hard copy of the sponsorship form is attached to this email. For more information, contact Troy Slager (252-943-4699), or Rod Gurganus (252-946-0111 office/252-943-5832 mobile, [rod\\_gurganus@ncsu.edu](mailto:rod_gurganus@ncsu.edu)).

Sincerely,  
Troy Slager

BFMA President