



HORSE PROMOTION REFERENDUM 2017



HERE IS HOW IT WORKS:

On March 08, 2017, any resident of North Carolina, nine years or older, who owns or leases an equine may vote at their county extension office. Between February 22 and March 08, horse owners/lessors may visit or phone the County Extension Center and request a ballot and absentee registration form. These must be turned in to the Extension Office by March 08, and will be counted along with others on March 09. All voters must sign a certificate of eligibility, swearing that they are eligible, and will provide proof of such if asked. Then just cast your ballot!

If the referendum passes, each feed manufacturer will send a dime per 50 pound bag or \$4 per ton to the NC Department of Agriculture. The Department of Agriculture consolidates the funds and sends them to the NCHC.

If passed, the horse promotion referendum will be in effect for ten years.

WHY IT IS NOT A TAX:

- This assessment is voluntary. We, the horse owners, choose in this referendum vote whether we want this assessment for our industry or not.
- The assessment is refundable. If you choose not to participate in the assessment program, simply save your feed receipts, send them to the Horse Council, and receive a full refund of the assessment you have paid!
- The estimated average cost per horse per year for this voluntary assessment is \$3.

WHY THE NORTH CAROLINA HORSE COUNCIL?

The NCHC has been chartered as a non-profit organization for the welfare and promotion of the horse since 1972. We have been recognized by our Commissioner of Agriculture Steve Troxler as the voice representing the horse industry in North Carolina. We actively represent over thirty-five member horse organizations, as well as many businesses and individuals, in our state.

NCHC membership is open to the public, as are our meetings. Membership is not required to benefit from programs funded with feed assessment dollars. We work for all the horses, and all the horse owners, whether they have joined the Council or not. We welcome anyone with an equine interest to get involved with the work of the Council.

How to Get More Information, call Sue Gray at:

Local: 919-854-1990

In-state toll-free: 800-529-9206

Email: suegray@nchcouncil.com

To locate your county extension agent, check out the website below:

<http://www.ces.ncsu.edu/index.php?page=countycenters>