

A monthly newsletter for friends of AgCarolina Farm Credit

Record Patronage Return Coming Soon!

AgCarolina Farm Credit is proud to announce the 30th consecutive year of patronage distributions. The 2017 patronage distribution will total a record amount of \$20.3 million in profits returned to your pockets! On average, this patronage figure represents a 40% reduction in your interest rate. It has never been better to be a member of AgCarolina Farm Credit!

Patronage Day will be celebrated on Thursday, April 5, at all branch locations. Since 1988, AgCarolina has returned nearly \$245 million to our customers. You have many options for your financing needs – thank you for choosing to do business with AgCarolina!

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Patronage Day
April 5

Danny Alexander STAR Participant

Danny Alexander is a long-time Farm Credit employee and has served many roles during his tenure. He is also noted to be a participant in our STAR program at AgCarolina. The STAR program recognizes employees who donate over 50 hours of their personal time annually to a given non-profit organization.

Danny Alexander has been active in his local rotary club for 35 years. He began with the Windsor Rotary Club in 1983 and joined the Snow Hill Rotary Club upon moving to the Greene County town in 1985. Danny states he has held nearly every local office possible over the course of his membership.

"I joined Rotary because I firmly believe in being active in the community. I encourage everyone to be involved with a local civic organization and in the church of your choice. Each of us can do a part in making our communities better places to live, work, and raise a family," he says.

He is most proud of the number of ways the Snow Hill Rotary Club is active. The Snow Hill Rotary Club sponsors a t-ball team, a scholarship at the local high school, the annual Christmas parade, and supports the Boys and Girls Home at Lake Waccamaw.

"What I love the most is our participation with the bloodmobile. We host two blood drives a year. Since 1986, 3,200 pints of blood have been donated through



the blood drives we have sponsored in Snow Hill. I am proud that we give the gift of life through these blood drives," he states.

Danny personally donated his 100th pint of blood recently. This is quite an achievement and exhibits his commitment to the Rotary official motto, "Service Above Self". It is also important to note that according to the American Red Cross, every two seconds someone in the U.S. needs blood.

AgCarolina would like to thank Danny Alexander not only for his service to the members of our Association but also for his service to his community through participation with the Snow Hill Rotary Club.

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Scholarship Deadline Approaching

Visit <https://agcarolina.com/News/Community/Scholarships.aspx> for more details about scholarships available from AgCarolina. The application deadline for a number of our scholarships is March 31st. Don't miss out on this opportunity!



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Grant Program Open for Applications

AgCarolina's corporate-giving program, The Fund for Rural North Carolina, is committed to enhancing the quality of life and future opportunities for rural residents and the communities of Eastern North Carolina. The [grant application](#) is available to be completed until October 15, 2018.

To be considered for funding, grants must align with the Fund's mission to impact the focus areas of education, environment, technology, and the quality of rural life. Further information is available [here](#).



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Customer Testimonials

"Everyone in the Ahoskie office is exceptional."
Member—Gates, NC

"Loan products not available with traditional national lenders."
Member—Raleigh, NC

"You could tell they appreciated our business."
Member—Windsor, NC

"Fast closing and our loan officer was at the closing."
Member—Newport, NC

"Can't beat the personal service."
Member—Goldsboro, NC

"Easy to work with because they know me and my operation."
Member—Four Oaks, NC

"Loan officer visits me at my shop."
Member—Fremont, NC

"Good people who understand my business needs and my goals."
Member—Plymouth, NC

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Dave's Notes

March madness is one of my favorite times of the year. Being a college basketball fan, I enjoy the tournament because of the highlight dunks, the buzzer beaters, and the teamwork of those who advance to the Final Four.

Another type of madness I have thought of lately is the madness as it relates to the financial world. With various articles touting economic highs, while others forecast impending doom, I want to take a moment and remind you why it is great to be with AgCarolina Farm Credit.

For over 100 years our mission has been to serve the rural and agricultural communities of eastern NC. We have great people on our AgCarolina team, who serve great people (you – the farmers and rural residents), with highly competitive products and services. It takes all three of these in today's financial world to be a strong financial institution.

AgCarolina also has a distinct advantage in serving you through our cooperative model of business. We

are excited to be returning a record amount of patronage in April. Returning over \$20 million to our members throughout eastern NC is no small feat! It's never been better to be a member of AgCarolina Farm Credit because of these patronage returns.

We look forward to seeing many of you in our branches on April 5th as we celebrate Patronage Day! Stop by and visit your local branch staff and enjoy refreshments on us. As always, thank you for choosing to do business with us and for being farmer strong!

Dave W. Corum

Dave Corum
President & CEO



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AgCarolina Farm Credit seeks to enhance the quality of life for those in the rural communities of North Carolina by providing exceptional value and service. We strive to be the premier choice for delivering value-added financing and services to Eastern North Carolina.

If you wish to have further information regarding the services we offer, do not hesitate to call 1(800) 951-3276 or email marketing@agcarolina.com.

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