

MEMORANDUM

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: David Proffitt

DATE: November 10, 2009

At the first meeting in October, I was asked to investigate possible benefits of the development of a County Agricultural Development Authority, similar to Bedford County's. I have learned that approximately two years ago, Amherst County's Extension Agent, Bill Seay and the County Administrator assembled a committee of local farmers to investigate this matter. Based upon my conversation with Bill Seay, it is thought that the establishment of an Authority similar to Bedford's is not necessary as there is no identified revenue source, unlike Bedford who has Tobacco Commission Funding.

The Amherst County Agricultural Committee has developed the following mission statement and plans another meeting during the month of December, 2009.

MISSION STATEMENT

To heighten awareness of and expand opportunities for agriculture within Amherst County and assist with policy input on evolving local, state, and federal issues impacting the sustainability of both agriculture and the environment.

Revised October 30, 2007