

PERQUIMANS COUNTY CENTER

DID YOU KNOW???

JANUARY 2020



It's Time to Register for Camp...

It is that time of year again to reserve your spot for State 4-H Camp this summer! Camp will take place June 21st - 26th at the Eastern Center in Columbia, NC. 4-H State Camp is full of activities - archery, swimming, canoeing, hiking nature trails, crabbing, rock wall climbing, team building, talent shows, games, and making new friends. All of the NC

4-H Camps are proud to be accredited by the American Camp Association, a national organization that sets high standards for the health and safety of campers and staff, as well as the delivery of quality programs. Spaces are limited, so please call the Perquimans Extension Center for more info!



Trainings Dates are Posted...

Mandatory Auxin Training...All persons planning to apply dicamba (Engenia, FeXapan, Tavium, or XtendiMax to Xtend cotton or soybeans or 2,4-D (Enlist Duo or Enlist One) to Enlist cotton or soybeans must complete the mandatory training Auxin Herbicides - Best Management Practices prior to use in 2020.

The two options in this area include:

January 21, 2020 - 2:00-3:00 pm - Leon Nixon Catering (749 Virginia Rd, Edenton, NC 27932) or

February 4, 2020 - 3:00-4:00 pm - Currituck Extension Office (120 Community Way, Barco, NC 27917)

If you are unable to attend either of these meetings, click this link here (<https://cotton.ces.ncsu.edu/wp-content/uploads/2019/12/2020-Auxin-Schedule-1.png>) to see the full list of meetings across the state.

All applicators of the dicamba products must be certified or licensed commercial applicators.

If applicators are not licensed, they may still attend the mandatory auxin training to get credit but also must attend the Private Applicators Testing that will be held at the Pasquotank Extension Office (1209 McPherson St, Elizabeth City, NC 27909) on January 27th to obtain a license.

If you have any questions or concerns or are interested in any of the other Extension Grower meetings, contact Dylan Lilley at 252-426-5428 or 252-333-6601.



Equine Training - Planned for February 1st

The Perquimans Extension Service partners with the Oaks Equine and Veterinary Service to host an annual equine clinic. This year it will be on February 1st at the Albemarle Area 4-H Livestock Show barn on Pro Gro Drive in Elizabeth City. Maintaining horses vaccines and coggins is very important to the health and well being of the horses. By hosting this event in a central location it allows the horse owners to save money by not having a farm call fee. If you are interested in attending, please contact the Perquimans Extension Office at 426-5428.



Gardening Training is Ongoing...

Landscape Professionals have several opportunities to receive continuing education credits. The Mid-Atlantic Horticulture Short Course is in Norfolk, January 14-16; the Eastern NC Landscape Conference & Trade Show is in Rocky Mount on February 4th; and the Albemarle Area Landscape School is in Elizabeth City on February 27th. Professional and Pesticide Credits are available at all of these events. Times and fees vary; contact Katy Shook for more information, (252) 482-6585.



Watermelon Trial Data Shows What's Best

In the 2019 growing season, a watermelon variety trial was conducted with a grower in Rocky Hock in Chowan County. Fifteen commercially available watermelon varieties were planted and data was collected on size, sugar content, color, yield, and other qualities. The goal of this trial was to help growers determine which watermelon cultivars are best suited for this area. The results of this trial are now available at <https://gates.ces.ncsu.edu/2020/01/chowan-co-watermelon-variety-demonstration-trial/>



Extension Master Food Volunteers Cook

The 2020 Extension Master Food Volunteer Course is now accepting applications. Classes will begin in February. Any individual that enjoys cooking and learning about food and nutrition in a fun interactive environment with others can contact the Extension Office at 252-426-7697 to learn more about this Extension Training opportunity.



Scams Have Been Reported in NC

In the last few days, NCDI has had reports of phone calls with the Caller ID listed as "Senior Center" but the number is unavailable. The callers are saying they are conducting a Medicare survey and are asking for personal information or asking if those they have called if they have received their new 2020 Medicare card.

"If someone is calling, claiming to be from Medicare and asking for your Social Security number or bank information, hang up, it's a scam," said Commissioner Causey. "First, Medicare won't call you. Second, Medicare will never ask for your Social Security number or bank information," he added.

If someone is threatening to cancel your benefits if you don't give up information or money, report it to the Department's Seniors' Health Insurance Information Program or SHIP or the N.C. Senior Medicare Patrol at 1-855-408-1212.



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