



PERQUIMANS COUNTY CENTER

DID YOU KNOW???

August 2020

New Extension Virtual Event Library

| Recorded Extension Training



Crop and Soil
Sciences



While in person meetings and Summer field days have been limited due to COVID-19, NC State Extension is still working hard to bring learning opportunities to you! A virtual library has been created with recordings to help you stay current on all of the agricultural topics. Presentations can be found on topics such as: corn, cotton, peanuts, soybeans, small grains, hemp, tobacco, turfgrass, and weeds. More presentations will continue to be added and can be found by accessing this link here: <https://cals.ncsu.edu/crop-and-soil-sciences/virtual-events/>. For any field crop related questions, contact Dylan Lilley at 252-426-5428 or by email at dylan_lilley@ncsu.edu.



If you need PPE, for farm workers, Extension can help.

PPE is the new acronym we have come to know as Personal Protective Equipment. This includes face coverings. Masks and hand sanitizer are available to farmers to provide to their crews. This effort is being made in light of the Covid-19 pandemic, and supplies have recently become more readily available to make this happen. If you are a farmer that would like hand sanitizer and masks to provide to your crew, especially if you have a large crew that works closely together, please reach out to the Commercial Horticulture Agent, Nettie Baugher, at nettie_baugher@ncsu.edu."



Congratulations to Maggie Williams

Maggie Williams is the 2020 recipient of the \$1,000.00 NC State - Lewis Smith Agriculture Scholarship. Lewis Smith, served the community as the County Extension Director for the North Carolina Cooperative Extension Service for over thirty years. Following his retirement in December 2013, individuals from the local Farm Bureau Office, the Extension Office, the NC State Foundation, and local farmers formed a committee to establish an educational scholarship in his name. Maggie is the daughter of Jeff and Bonita Williams of Perquimans County and the granddaughter of (late) Billy and Hollis Williams of Tyner and Billy and Diane Barclift of Elizabeth City. She will be the third generation to attend NCSU for agriculture, following in her dad and her granddad's footprints. Granddaddy Billy Williams loved NCSU. Mr. Billy died last August following his battle with ALS. Even when he could not speak...he could scribble on his notepad "GO PACK!" Lewis Smith is honored to stand with Maggie as the 2020-2021 recipient and says... "I know Mr. Billy would be so proud of her." Coincidentally, her Grandfather was an active 4-Her on the state level gaining notoriety for his "peanut" talks during his time at NCSU.



Armyworms get our attention...

The fall is quickly approaching with that comes the nasty pest "fall armyworms". Fall armyworms can be devastating to pastures especially bermudagrass pastures and newly planted fall pastures. Starting mid August through the early fall scout your pastures and hayfields regularly to make sure you are not at threshold. If you do have them in your pastures and hayfields use this link [Insecticides](#) for a recommendation on the options that we have to spray in North Carolina.



4-Her participated Virtually this Summer...

A delegation of Perquimans County 4-H members attended NC 4-H Congress, which was held virtually this year. Maggie Williams, Kaylin Russell, and MacKenzie Davenport represented Perquimans County at NC 4-H Congress. This year's 4-H Congress, held July 20-23, attracted more than 300 youth and adults representing 4-H programs across the state. Conference delegates participated in general sessions, learned together in workshops, recognized award winners and elected State 4-H Officers for the upcoming year. Kaylin Russell and MacKenzie Davenport were inducted as Northeast District officers for the coming year during the candlelight ceremony on Wednesday, July 22nd.



October 15-December 7 is Open Enrollment Season

Save the Dates... Open Enrollment Season is the time when new prices for the Prescription Drug plans will be posted on the computer and Medicare Beneficiaries will be able to research to see if they should switch or stay with their current plan. For help with comparing, the Senior Health Insurance Program at the NC Department of Insurance Office in Raleigh will always be available to assist North Carolinians. This is not an automated service but has real humans answering the phone to assist callers. Everyone on Medicare should post this number in a special place. A friendly and knowledgeable person will always be on the other end. The SHIIP number is **1-855-408-1212**.



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