

NC Cooperative Extension - Perquimans County Center

DID YOU KNOW?

April 2026

Perquimans County 4-H Summer Adventures

It is time to register for Perquimans County 4-H Summer Adventures! Please find the descriptions of all programs and registration links below! All youth must also be registered in [4-Honline](#) to participate!

If you have any questions please reach out to the 4-H Agent at: raperki2@ncsu.edu or 252.426.5428

Explore the Outdoors Camp

Join Currituck and Perquimans County 4-H as we Explore the wonders all around us! Youth participating in this event will go on a Dolphin Tour, visit the wild horses of the outer banks through a wild horse tour, learn about black bears and visit the Alligator Wildlife Refuge, and more! You do not want to miss out on this fun filled adventure!

Date: June 1-4

Drop off and Pick up Location: Perquimans County Cooperative Extension office:

601-A S Edenton Road St, Hertford NC, 27944

Time: 8:30am-4:00pm

Ages: 9-18

Cost: \$75

[Register Here](#)

Beginner Sewing Class

Join Perquimans County 4-H for a summer adventure that will be Sew Much Fun! This is a class for youth who are new to sewing, all youth regardless of experience are welcome to attend. In this class we will learn the basics of sewing with a machine and youth will put their new skills to work making their own drawstring bag!

Date: June 9-10

**Drop off and Pick up Location: Perquimans County Cooperative
Extension office:**

601-A S Edenton Road St, Hertford NC, 27944

Time: 9:00am-12:00pm

Ages: 9-18

Cost: \$10

[Register Here](#)

Merchants Mill Pond Canoe Trip

Join Perquimans County 4-H for a summer adventure exploring the natural world around us by canoeing at the beautiful Merchants Mill Pond State Park. We will also have a picnic lunch so please bring a bag lunch.

Date: June 17th

Drop off and Pick up Location: Perquimans County Cooperative

Extension office: 601-A S Edenton Road St, Hertford NC, 27944

Time: 8:15am-1:00pm

Ages: 9-18

Cost: \$10

[Register Here](#)

Horsin' Around Camp

Join Perquimans County 4-H for a summer adventure all about horses! This program will introduce you to the 4-H opportunities involving horses as well as other fun horse activities!

Date: June 22nd

Drop off and Pick up Location: Perquimans County Cooperative

Extension office: 601-A S Edenton Road St, Hertford NC, 27944

Time: 9:00am-3:00pm

Ages: 5-9

Cost: \$10

[Register Here](#)

Texas Roadhouse Behind the Scenes Tour

Join Perquimans County 4-H to explore behind the scenes of the restaurant industry through a tour, food, and activities.

Date: June 30th

Drop off and Pick up Location: Perquimans County Cooperative

Extension office: 601-A S Edenton Road St, Hertford NC, 27944

Time: 9:30am-12:30pm

Ages: 9-18

Cost: \$15

[Register Here](#)

Fin and Feather Camp

From the depths of the ocean to the limitless sky we will be exploring the world around us with hands-on activities designed to get us thinking about the world we live in, all while having an absolute blast! Activities include: fish printing and designing your own bird!

Date: July 6-7

Drop off and Pick up Location: Perquimans County Cooperative

Extension office: 601-A S Edenton Road St, Hertford NC, 27944

Time: 9:00am-12:00pm

Ages: 5-8

Cost: \$10

[Register Here](#)

Plant Peeps

Join Perquimans County 4-H as we learn all about plants through fun hands on activities! Youth will participate in vermicomposting, pollinator activities, starting seeds and more!

Date: July 8th

Drop off and Pick up Location: Perquimans County Cooperative

Extension office: 601-A S Edenton Road St, Hertford NC, 27944

Time: 9:00am-12:00pm

Ages: 5-8

Cost: \$10

[Register Here](#)

Farm to Table-Peach Ice Cream

Join Perquimans County 4-H as we visit a local peach orchard and learn all about growing peaches. We will also pick our own peaches and make peach ice cream!

Date: July 9th

Drop off and Pick up Location: Perquimans County Cooperative

Extension office: 601-A S Edenton Road St, Hertford NC, 27944

Time: 9:30am-12:30pm

Ages: 8-12

Cost: \$15

[Register Here](#)

Cooking Camp

Join Perquimans County 4-H as we learn all about the basics of cooking. Youth will learn kitchen safety and practice safe cooking techniques while also preparing delicious food that they will eat!

Date: July 30-31

Drop off and Pick up Location: Perquimans County Cooperative

Extension office: 601-A S Edenton Road St, Hertford NC, 27944

Time: 9:00am-1:00pm

Ages: 9-14

Cost: \$20

[Register Here](#)

Cloverbud Cooking Camp

Join Perquimans County 4-H as we explore the kitchen and cooking through kitchen safety activities and making fun and tasty treats!

Date: August 4th

Drop off and Pick up Location: Perquimans County Cooperative

Extension office: 601-A S Edenton Road St, Hertford NC, 27944

Time: 9:00am-12:00pm

Ages: 5-8

Cost: \$15

[Register Here](#)

Norfolk Tides Field Trip

Perquimans County 4-H is going on a field trip to a baseball game! Join us as we end our summer adventures by watching a game of America's favorite pastime!

Date: August 13th

Drop off and Pick up Location: Perquimans County Cooperative

Extension office: 601-A S Edenton Road St, Hertford NC, 27944

Time: 10:30am-4:00pm

Ages: 9-18

Cost: \$30

[Register Here](#)

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effectively if notice is provided at least 10 days before the event.

**PERQUIMANS COUNTY 4-H
SUMMER ADVENTURES ARE
HERE!**

**FOR MORE INFORMATION
CONTACT THE 4-H AGENT**

**Registration
Now Open!**

**EMAIL:
RAPERKI2@NCSU.EDU
PHONE: 252. 426.5428**

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Water Salt Concentrations

As we move into planting season, homeowners and farmers should be vigilant regarding irrigation water sources. Recent drought conditions have led to elevated salt concentrations (higher Electrical Conductivity, or EC) in Edenton Bay and the Perquimans River. When EC levels exceed 0.45 parts per thousand, the risk to your crops increases significantly.

Damage from elevated EC levels is not always shown as a visible symptom, especially early on. Build-up of high EC can cause stunted plant growth, symptomology of yellowing of leaf foliage due to chlorine or sodium burn, and in severe cases, root burn. Sodium can also cause permeability issues in the soil. Too much salt in irrigation water can cause a lasting effect on the soil for years to come.

Susceptibility to high EC levels widely ranges from ornamental plants in the home landscape to agronomic crops.

Before you irrigate, we recommend a quick check of your water source.

- **On-site Testing:** A salt meter is available at the Chowan Extension office for a rapid preliminary check.
- **Lab Analysis:** For readings above 0.45 ppt, we strongly advise sending a sample to the NCDA&CS Agronomic Division for a comprehensive solution analysis of sodium and chlorine levels.

For questions or assistance with water testing please contact your local Extension office.

Written by: Sarah Richardson

North Carolina Drought Update

Created By: North Carolina Drought Management Advisory Council
www.ncdrought.org

NC STATE CLIMATE OFFICE
climate.ncsu.edu @NCSCO

For the assessment period ending **Mar. 24, 2026**
From the US Drought Monitor, with input from the NC DMAC

The Main Takeaway

Some drought conditions slightly degraded across the Piedmont and Sandhills this week, while a few coastal areas saw minor improvements after last week's rain.

This Week's Summary

After a few wetter weeks culminating in last Monday's cold frontal passage, the past week was back on the dry side, with less than half an inch of precipitation statewide. The moisture from recent rainfall continues to keep most reservoirs near their targets, but warmer days now have plants feeling the stress, and wildfire danger has escalated amid this week's breezy weather.

Next Week's Outlook

A cold front sagging southward on Friday should bring light rain showers, along with a significant cooldown, with weekend highs only in the upper 50s and low 60s.

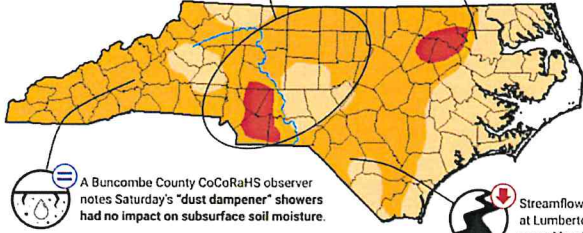
For your local drought status, visit www.ncdrought.org

On Tuesday, forecasted fire danger in the western Piedmont hit Extreme levels for the first time since March 13, 2025.

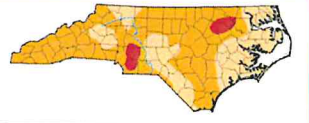
A quick-hitting 1.40 inches of rain last Monday kept Lewiston on pace with its normal precipitation so far in March.

A Buncombe County CoCoRaHS observer notes Saturday's "dust dampener" showers had no impact on subsurface soil moisture.

Streamflows on the Lumber River at Lumberton dropped to new daily record low levels earlier this week.



Last Week's Drought Status



Statewide Coverage by Category

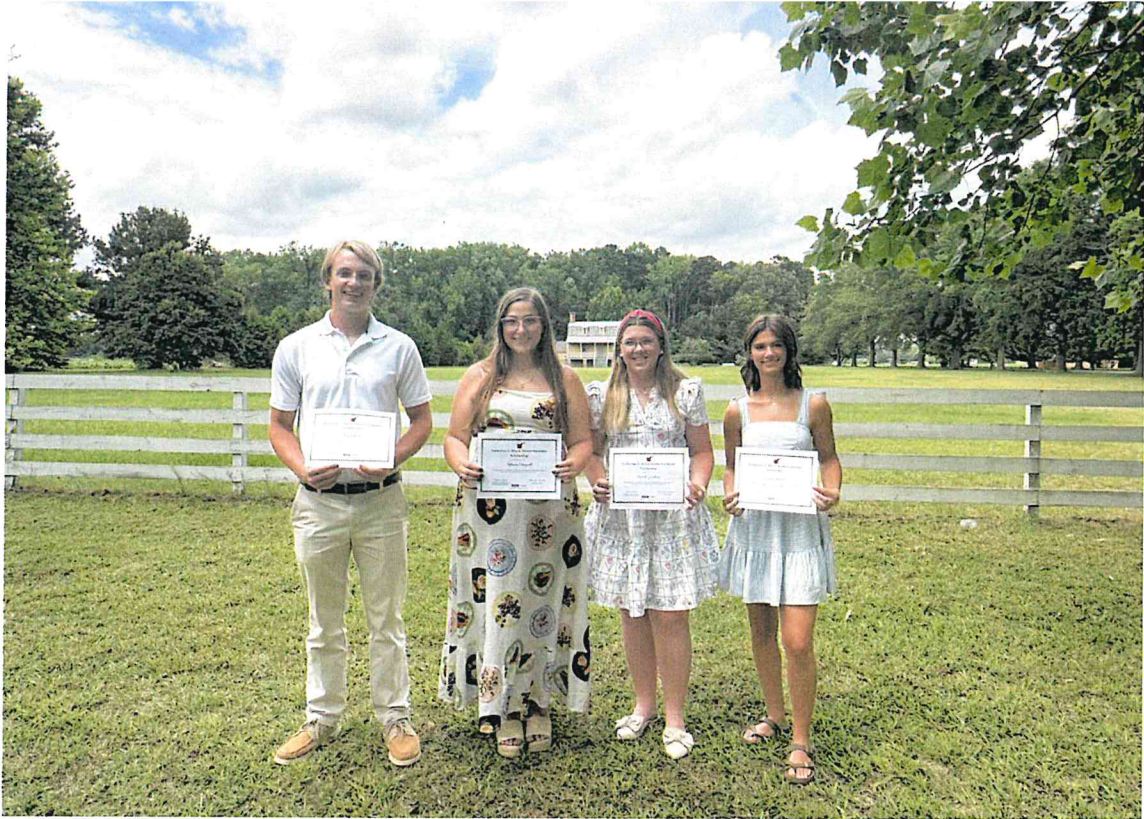
Category	Current Coverage	Change Since Last Week
D0: Abnormally Dry	0.00%	0.00%
D1: Moderate Drought	34.49%	+0.05%
D2: Severe Drought	60.81%	-0.50%
D3: Extreme Drought	4.71%	+0.46%
D4: Exceptional Drought	0.00%	0.00%

Master Gardener Scholarship

Description:

The Extension Master GardenerSM Volunteers of Chowan, Gates and Perquimans counties are pleased to offer the Katherine G. Shook Master Gardener Scholarship to graduating students in Chowan, Gates and Perquimans counties. This scholarship will be awarded in the Spring of 2026 to assist students who are planning to study in a qualifying field. For more information and the application, please see the link below or contact Master Gardener Program Coordinator Kellie Luton Binnicker at keluton@ncsu.edu.

Link back to website: <https://chowan.ces.ncsu.edu/news/extension-master-gardener-volunteers-to-award-2026-scholarship/>





Perquimans County Extension Seed Library
Grow. Share. Cultivate.

Looking to start a garden? Want to help build a stronger, greener community?
Our Seed Library is here to help!

**LOCATED IN THE PERQUIMANS
COUNTY LIBRARY**

514 S Church St, Hertford, NC 27944

What is a Seed Library?

A collection of seeds available for free to the community! Borrow seeds, grow your plants, and if possible, return harvested seeds to keep the cycle going.

How It Works:

1. Borrow Seeds – Choose from a variety of vegetable, herb, and flower seeds.
2. Grow Your Garden – Plant, nurture, and enjoy your homegrown produce.
3. Harvest & Return – If you can, save seeds from your plants and return them to the library.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

For more information, visit Perquimans
County Library or contact Sarah
Sowders at (252)426-5428.



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NORTHEASTERN NC CRAFT WORKSHOP

UNLEASH YOUR CREATIVITY!

Two Day Classes:

- Basic Stained Glass
- Machine Quilting
- Fish Lure Tying

One Day Classes:

- Aluminum Jewelry
- Basketry (Reed Wall Pouch)
- Beadweaving – “Fiesta Bracelet”
- Decorative Eggs
- Painting in Acrylic (Garden Walkway)
- Painting in Watercolor
- Basketry (Looped Bark Pouch)
- Beadweaving – “Superduo Bands”
- Crochet (Basic)
- Painting in Acrylic (Stream with Flowers)
- Painting in Watercolor

½ Day Classes:

- Spring Wooden Sign Friday Morning
- Wreath (God Bless America)
- Beach Wooden Sign
- Wreath (Home Sweet Home)
- Wooden Sign: Choose Kit Below



Registration deadline: March 15, 2025

Classes will be filled on a first come–first served basis.
Registration fees are nonrefundable, but are transferable.

For More Information:

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/NENCCRAFTWORKSHOP/>

Email: nccraftworkshop@yahoo.com or Call: 252-562-5441

Sponsored By:

Northeastern North Carolina Craft Workshop Committee and
North Carolina Cooperative Extension

WORKSHOP DETAILS

APRIL 24TH, 2026 & APRIL 25TH, 2026 9:30AM–4:00PM

CURRITUCK COUNTY EXTENSION OFFICE, 120 COMMUNITY WAY #120, BARCO, NC 27917



**REGISTRATION FEE: \$15.00 PER DAY
(CLASSES MAY HAVE ADDITIONAL KIT FEES)**

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PERQUIMANS 4-H SHOOTING SPORTS TEAM
SUPPORT OUR YOUTH FOR THE
FIRST 4-H SHOOTING TEAM

Donations will be used to purchase supplies for the team. For more information on how to donate contact the Perquimans Extension Office at 426-5428.



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Chowan, Gates, Perquimans Extension Master Gardener Volunteers

Spring Garden Show

Make plans to join us for the Albemarle Master Gardener Spring Garden Show! This event features a variety of garden-related vendors, plant sales, children's activities, raffles, a bake sale and so much more!

SATURDAY



9AM TO 3PM

Perquimans County Recreation Center
310 Granby Street, Hertford, NC

We hope to see you there!

QUESTIONS? CONTACT HORTICULTURE AGENT, KELLIE BINNICKER AT KELUTON@NCSU.EDU

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Description:

Make plans to join us on April 25th at the Perquimans County Rec Center for the Master Gardener Volunteer Spring Garden Show! This event features a variety of garden-related vendors, plant sales, children's activities, raffles, a bake sale and so much more. For more information, visit <https://perquimans.ces.ncsu.edu/springgardenshow/>