



PERQUIMANS COUNTY CENTER

DID YOU KNOW???

September 2019



Extension is **COOKING WITH GUSTO**

The public is invited to Extension's Annual "COOKING with GUSTO" event scheduled for Thursday, October 10 at the Currituck Extension Center, Barco, NC, beginning with morning welcome at 10 a.m. and featuring workshops throughout the day. Food samples will feature culinary dishes from around the world. Interested individuals will need to submit the official registration form along with the \$12 registration fee by September 27. This is a multi-county event featuring presenters from Camden, Chowan, Currituck, Dare, Hertford, Pasquotank, Perquimans, and Tyrrell Counties. More information is located in our 2019 Aging With Gusto Brochure.

[Click here for a copy of the brochure \(found at our Perquimans Extension Website\)](#)



Master Gardeners donate to Community

The Newbold-White House 1730 Vineyard and Colonial Garden are maintained with help from the Extension Master Gardener Volunteers led by Master Gardener Marjorie Rayburn. The property is managed as an educational demonstration site and contains a muscadine vineyard established in 2007, and a kitchen garden planted with a variety of vegetables, herbs, and fruits. In 2019, NC State University and the NC Winegrowers Association partnered with the vineyard to conduct an insect monitoring program focusing on key pests for the grape industry.

(photo credit: Perquimans County Restoration Association, Inc)



Katy Shook Scholarship Honors Three

Luke Fuller, Jacob Forehand, and Sarah White (left to right) were recently recognized as the 2019 recipients of the Katherine G Shook Master Gardener Scholarship by the Chowan, Gates & Perquimans County Extension Master Gardeners. The recent graduates of Perquimans County, John A Holmes, and Gates County High School (respectively) plan to pursue agriculture and natural resource related degrees at NC State University. Representing the Master Gardeners is Nancy Dougherty (pictured right). Funds from the annual Spring Garden Show support each \$1,000 award. This is the first year the Extension Master Gardeners have extended the award to a student from each area high school.



October 15 is OPEN ENROLLMENT TIME!

If you have a Medicare Card and have questions about the Prescription Drug Insurance Open Enrollment Period, then this message should get your attention. Open Enrollment Period for Prescription Drug Insurance is October 15 - December 7. Individuals that want help navigating the medicare.gov website and want to learn how to compare data for the coming season can contact the Perquimans Extension Center at 426-5428 to schedule an appointment with the County Volunteer Senior Health Insurance Information Coordinator. This is an educational outreach opportunity designed to teach citizens how to make informed decisions regarding their 2020 coverage.



4-Hers Learn about Community Involvement

Perquimans County 4-Her Clayton White was selected to attend the annual North Carolina Association of County Commissioners (NCACC) Youth Summit to learn about civic involvement. This year the conference was held in Greensboro, North Carolina August 23-24, 2019. North Carolina 4-H and the North Carolina Cooperative Extension Service partnered for the tenth year with county commissioners on a multi-year initiative to increase youth involvement in county government. This initiative helps youth learn more about civic programs as well as how to become more involved in local decision making.



Fly Bites Can Be More Than a Nuisance

Fly bites can cause a cow to become anemic and contract a deadly disease called Anaplasmosis, which is an infectious disease of cattle caused by several species of the blood parasite Anaplasma. Northeastern North Carolina has seen a large increase in anaplasmosis infected cattle. Transmission of the disease is most common from flies and signs include weakness, loss of appetite and pale skin around the eyes, muzzle, lips and teats. Later, the animal may exhibit excitement, rapid weight loss and yellow tinged skin and death. Cattle of all ages can contract anaplasmosis but older cattle tend to fair worse than younger cattle. There are no cures for anaplasmosis but treatment options to keep the cattle's condition stable are available. For more information about anaplasmosis, contact the Extension Center at 426-5428.



Dorian Got our Farmer's Attention

As harvest season rolls around, the effects from Dorian were certainly felt. Growers worked long and hard to get as much of their corn crop in before the storm. What was left of the corn crop looks to be in fairly decent shape. A good amount of cotton and soybean acreage didn't fair as well with the wind from the storm. We can only pray that good weather will follow to prevent boll rot and grain quality issues with soybeans.

As cotton defoliation has begun and will continue in the coming weeks, I just wanted to give a few reminders to consider. Growers should watch temperatures and moisture, especially during the early defoliation season. Consider using the appropriate rate of thidiazuron-containing products in tank mixes to address potential regrowth issues. Farmers should also consider nozzle type and application volume when applying harvest aids. Large-droplet nozzles often result in effective defoliation of the top one-third to one-half of the plant. However, they struggle to reach lower leaves effectively. Additionally, we recommend harvest aids be applied at 15 to 20 gallons of water per acre to minimize the need for a second application. Low application volumes (used in ground sprayers) can run the risk of ineffective defoliation, thereby requiring an additional application.

For more information, ([Click this link](#)) for an article from Dr. Collins on cotton management tips following the storm.

Also if you have any questions, contact Dylan Lilley at 252-333-6601.

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