

PERQUIMANS EXTENSION CENTER

DID YOU KNOW ???

MAY 2020

**We want to hear from you...**

As the United States decides to "open up" in phases, WE, the Perquimans Extension Center, will be vigilant in sanitizing our work areas and common touch surfaces, maintaining social distancing guidelines throughout the building, keeping six feet apart when making community visits, and wearing protective equipment in some situations. The last thing I like doing is covering up a smile...but if it becomes mandatory, we have some very comfortable washable white cotton knit mask available. Supplies are limited but more will be coming. Please let us know if you would like one - contact us at 426-5428 or email me at jewel_winslow@ncsu.edu.

**ASIAN GIANT HORNETS ARE...**

Also called murder hornets have been sensationalized in recent days, and we'd like to help answer some of your questions you may have about them! Asian Giant Hornets, recently referred to as 'murder hornets' are native to Asia, and have recently been found in the Pacific Northwest. They are referred to as 'murder hornets' because they are serious predators of honey bees. They are no more harmful to humans than honeybees; they just look ominous due to their large size. The likelihood of the Asian Giant Hornet arriving in North Carolina in the near future is very low. Because of this, and due to the fact that there are many pollinators that may be mistaken for the Asian Giant Hornet, it is important to refrain from killing suspect insects if you are not in danger." For more information on the Asian Giant Hornet or pollinator protection, please contact Nettie Baugher, Commercial Horticulture Extension Agent, at nettie_baugher@ncsu.edu



EGG-citing" things are happening in 4-H!

4-H Agent, Meredith Wood, usually spends springtime in the classroom teaching second grade students about embryology. Due to the current pandemic, Mrs. Meredith has been creating virtual videos to teach youth about incubating duck eggs, the parts of the eggs, and what is needed for ducks to survive once they are here. These lessons align with second grade standards that promote learning about the life cycle. These videos are being shared with Perquimans Central School second grade classes, as well as on the [Perquimans County 4-H Facebook Page](#) and Perquimans County Extension website.

Students are learning about one very important step to the embryology process and that is turning the eggs. Mrs. Meredith currently turns the eggs in the incubator three times daily. Turning keeps the embryo centered inside of the egg and prevents it from sticking to the inner shell membrane. This is important for the embryo to obtain the nutrients it needs inside the egg for proper embryo development.

For more information on how you can become involved with Perquimans County 4-H, please call the Extension Center at 426-5428, or email Mrs. Meredith at meredith_wood@ncsu.edu.



Farm Day Adventures are now Virtual...

If you're looking for online learning opportunities for your children or you would just like to learn more about crops that are grown in northeastern North Carolina, join extension agents Dylan and Paige Lilley for their Farm Day Adventure series! Short videos involving corn, cotton, peanuts, and potatoes and their importance to North Carolina agriculture can be located at the [Perquimans County Extension Website](#) and by clicking on the "Field Crops" tab. The video series offers fun and informative facts on crops grown in our area as well as fun science activities, recipes, crafts, and more! Current and new videos can also be found on the [Perquimans County Extension Facebook](#) page.



Master Gardener Helpline is reopening

The Chowan-Gates-Perquimans Extension Ask A Master Gardener Helpline is reopening remotely. Residents can call (252) 482-6585 or email katy_shook@ncsu.edu their gardening questions and an Extension Master Gardener Volunteer will respond by phone. Questions about lawn care? Check out our Carolina Lawns guide at <https://content.ces.ncsu.edu/carolina-lawns>



Winslow and Thatch were nominated...

Perquimans County PE teachers Mr Jeff Winslow and Mr Richard Thach were nominated for a team award from the Expanded Food and Nutrition Education Program EFNEP educator. The award goes to outstanding volunteers for their hard work and dedication to supporting the program by giving of their time to allow the EFNEP educator to teach their students and they also help prepare the food for the students to taste. They help with the surveys needed to get impacts from the students as well as discipline and actual teaching part of the lessons. Every year the EFNEP Program chooses the best candidate for this award. In a few months the nomination will be confirmed and if they receive it they will be presented with a certificate of appreciation for this outstanding volunteer award.



It's time to plant summer pastures...

We are finally getting a break from the rain and cold to be able to plant. Are you still considering what to plant this year? Here are a few of the most common summer annuals that we plant in Northeastern NC. They are teff, crabgrass, brassicas, forage sorghum, sorghum sudans, sudangrass, millet, cowpeas, and 5-7 way mixes. If you have sandier soils Bermudagrass is another very common summer grass. It is however a perennial not an annual. If you have questions on pastures contact the Perquimans Extension Office at 426-5428.



Medicare Beneficiaries are asking... Will Stimulus Payments will add as taxable income?

No, the Payment is not includible in your gross income. Therefore, you will not include the Payment in your taxable income on your Federal income tax return or pay income tax on your Payment. It will not reduce your refund or increase the amount you owe when you file your 2020 Federal income tax return.

A Payment also will not affect your income for purposes of determining eligibility for federal government assistance or benefit programs.

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