

PERQUIMANS COUNTY CENTER

DID YOU KNOW???

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JUNE 7th Is World Food Safety Day...

Visit <https://foodsafetyday.org/> to learn how organizations across the entire globe are introducing “SAFER” recipes. [Research](#) shows that adding food safety instructions to recipes improves consumer food safety behaviors. For a sample...go to...

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qWHIKbuMeMw>



Perquimans Youth Learn about Ducks...

Perquimans County 4-H Embryology Program helps 2nd grade students understand the life cycle of a duck. Each classroom had to incubate and take care of their eggs for twenty-eight days, which taught the importance of responsibility and commitment. Via YouTube videos, 4-H Agent Meredith Wood, taught the second grade students what happens during incubation, as well as care for the ducks once they hatch. This project helps students to understand the significant role poultry farmers have in our communities.

NC STATE EXTENSION

Master Gardener | Chowan-Gates-Perquimans

Gardener Training Returns This Fall...

The North Carolina State Extension Master Gardener program is a training opportunity for interested volunteers. Participants apply for, and participate in a 40-hour training program followed by a 40-hour volunteer internship. Attendance is required and fees apply (\$115, includes materials). Classes will be offered in Edenton on Tuesdays from 3:30pm to 5:30pm, September 14th through December 14th. Some classes are remote and local travel is required.

Applications will be accepted beginning July 1; to apply, visit go.ncsu.edu/mastergardenerapplication . The Chowan-Gates-Perquimans County Extension Master Gardener program is coordinated by Area Horticulture Agent Katy Shook. Contact for more information, (252) 482-6585. North Carolina Cooperative Extension is an equal opportunity provider.



North Carolina ranks #1

Did you know... North Carolina is the number one producer of sweet potatoes in the US? NC produces nearly three times the amount of California, the runner-up in production. Over the next two months, you may see growers setting out their sweet potato plants, which are grown from slips. Slips are short pieces that are cut from the sweet potato vine, and they have no roots. These slips are stuck into the ground by people that ride on the back of a transplanter, and they will grow roots in just 3-5 days! These sweet potatoes will grow throughout the summer until they are harvested in the fall. Wondering why it's spelled as one word? The one-word spelling was officially adopted by the National Sweet Potato Collaborators in 1989. Sweet potato must not be confused in the minds of shippers, distributors, and consumers with the yam, which is also grown in the US. Be on the lookout for growers around Eastern NC that are setting out their sweet potatoes!



Now is the time for Farm Decisions...

Variety selection is one of the vital decisions farmers make every growing season that have pivotal impacts on yield. One of the ways NC Cooperative Extension helps growers with making these decisions is through on-farm research. Pictured is the Perquimans County Corn Variety Trial in the process of being planted with farm cooperators Allen Wayne Stallings. The variety trial consists of 26 corn hybrids that will help growers determine which varieties perform best in our area. This research would not be possible without outstanding cooperators that take the time to help

implement this research. Results from the trial and from previous trials like this can be accessed at <http://www.ncneagexpo.com>. For any agriculture related questions, feel free to contact Field Crops Extension Agent, Dylan Lilley at 252-426-5428.

Also pictured were Barbara Stallings and Kinley Stallings assisting with planting the plot.

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