

NC Cooperative Extension - Perquimans County Center

DID YOU KNOW?

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Master Gardener of the Year



Congratulations to the 2021 Chowan, Gates and Perquimans County Extension Master Gardeners of the Year - Marjorie Rayburn and Deanna Klingel. The volunteers are part of the regional program that, in 2021, contributed more than 926 hours of volunteer work to the local community. Projects in 2021 included community gardens, Junior Master Gardener events, the Ask A Master Gardener Helpline, plant sale fundraisers, youth scholarships, and adult speaking engagements. Both Rayburn and Klingel developed advanced training opportunities that were shared internally and externally; the public can view online at go.ncsu.edu/gita (see Pollinator Gardens, and Vermicomposting). For more information about the Chowan, Gates and Perquimans

County Extension Master Gardener program, call (252) 482-6585. The program is coordinated by Area Horticulture Agent Katy Shook.

Perquimans High Achievers



The past few months have been busy for our Perquimans High Achievers 4-H Club Horse Bowl and Horse Judging participants.

In March, we had five participants in the Horse Bowl at NCSU in Raleigh. Georgia Wand, Alissa Harris, Amelia Lane, Addison Potter and Ava Miller. Our Rookie Division competitors scored in the top 10. The Senior and Junior Divisions were very large but our competitors did a great job.

In April, we had the Horse Judging Contest at Martin Community College in Williamston. In Junior Rookie, Meladie Harmon took Third Overall. In Junior Division Ava Miller came in 10th in Halter and 9th in Reasons. In the Senior Division Alissa Harris was 7th in Performance and our Senior Team consisting of Samantha Bailey, Alissa Harris, Addison Potter and Georgia Wand were 5th Overall. These girls were competing against participants from across the State. We would like to thank Sarah Hupp for being their 4-H Volunteer Leader in this endeavor. Sarah volunteered her time to coach and train these girls for these two highly competitive events.

Time to Scout for Diseases in Wheat



Depending on the severity of the freeze injury we had in March, our wheat crop overall has excellent yield potential. Now is the time to be scouting for diseases to help ensure that yield potential remains high. If you are unsure if your crop needs a fungicide, what diseases to be looking for, or fungicide efficacy, find more information in the link below.

[Scouting for Wheat Diseases](#)

Fly Control Season



Now is the time for your fly prevention program to start if it hasn't already. As you have probably noticed the flies and parasites have started aggravating your livestock at the start of this spring. If you haven't already wormed your cattle for the spring, I would suggest

doing that, in which case it would help get rid of the fly and parasite problem as well as take care of any worms. As a caution do not mix pour-on fly spray and pour-on wormer together at the same time, you will not get a good result. I suggest that in whatever type of livestock you are working with that you get a fly spray that concentrates on protecting against a wide variety of flies and parasites. The program you use should protect against deer flies, knats, horn flies, mites, lice, mosquitos and ticks are just a few to mention. The ticks it seems are going to be worse this year than others so I would definitely recommend using a control program that helps protect against them. If you are going to use a pour on program make sure you pour it on numerous times during this spring and summer as directed by the label, once a summer is not going to be enough. For those of you that will be fly spraying by hand do not over spray your animals this is likely to cause allergic reactions to the skin of the animal. Make sure if you are going to use the same fly spray on different species that it says it is safe to use for that individual species. Here are a few examples of some programs, but use the control program that you think would work best for the animals on your farm.

Cattle:

- Fly tags such as Python, Corathon, or Cylence Ultra
- Cattle pour-on such as Permethrin CDS
- The use of a cattle rub

Goats and Sheep:

- Hand spray such as Permethrin II
- Goat and Lamb pour-on such as Ultra Boss pour-on
- Fly traps and fly baits
- A type of dusting method such as Python Dust

Horses:

- Fly traps, as well as automatic fly dispensers
- Hand spray such as Ultra Shield or Opti-Force
- Feed thru fly control such as Solitude IGR or Farnam Equitrol II

If you have any questions or need any additional advice call Jared Harrell at the Perquimans County Extension Office at 426-5428.

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