



NC Cooperative Extension - Perquimans County Center

DID YOU KNOW?

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Congratulations Colby!

The Chowan, Gates and Perquimans County Extension Master Gardeners recently recognized Colby Jackson Brown as the winner of the 2022 Katherine G Shook Master Gardener Scholarship award. The award, which was established in 2015, supports area students pursuing advanced studies in the area of agriculture, horticulture or natural resources. It is renewable for up to four years. Colby is a recent graduate of Perquimans County High School in Hertford, NC. He is attending North Carolina State University to study Horticultural Science. (picture attached)

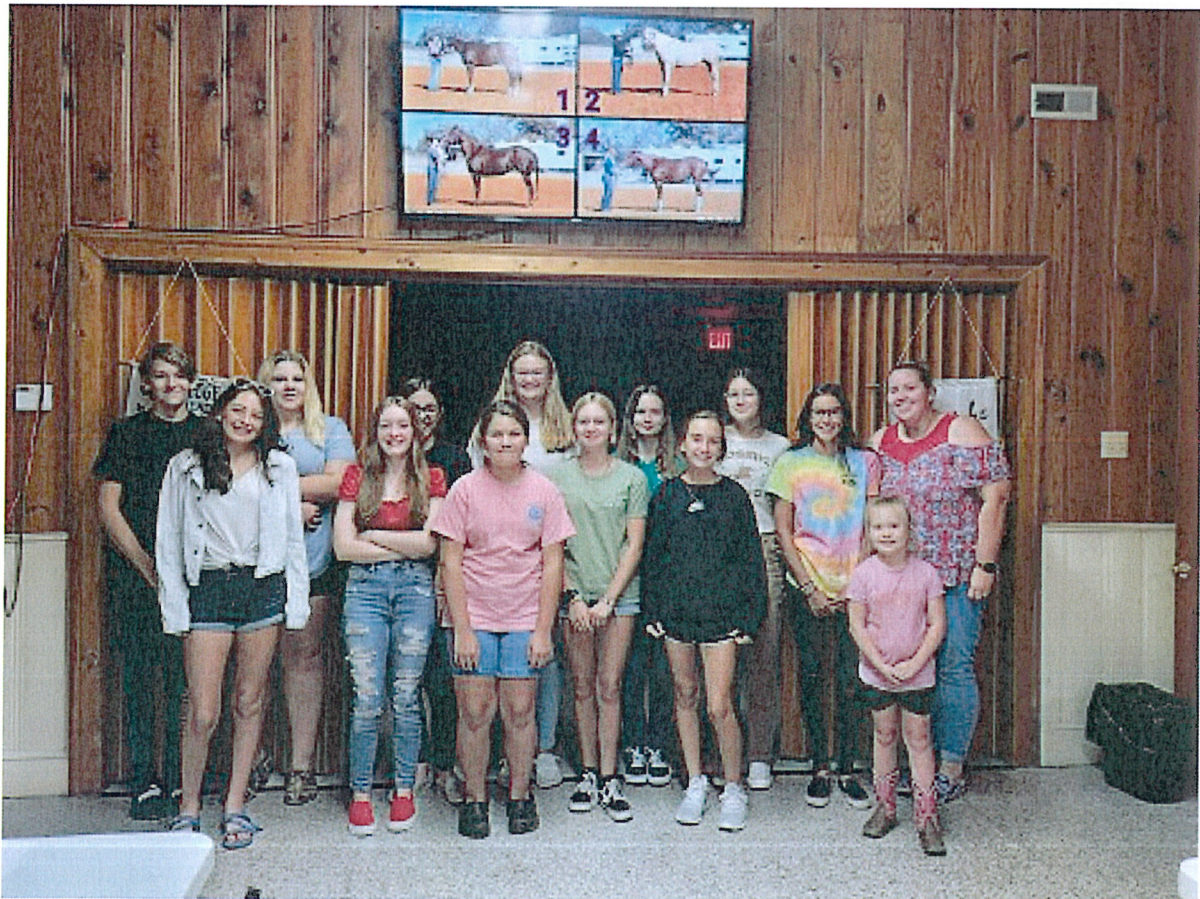
It's not too late to register for Gardening in the Albemarle. Visit go.ncsu.edu/gita for more information.



4-H agent Asheton Smith enjoyed visiting and exploring the Perquimans County Library. "This is a great local resource! Don't forget to get out and see what all it has to offer. I am excited to be researching, planning, and preparing for upcoming opportunities for our elementary students. Be sure to follow us on Facebook to keep up with the latest happenings and future events coming your way!"

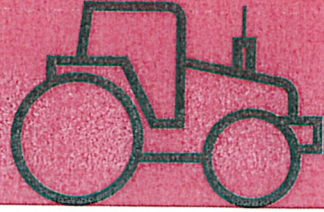
The horse bowl, hippology, and horse judging teams are off to a great start! Practices began this month and it's not too late to join. If you are interested in joining The High Achievers Horse Club or any of these teams please contact asheton_smith@ncsu.edu for more information.

Asheton and County Extension Director Jared Harrell will be participating in Perquimans Middle School's Lunch and Learn program this month where they will share agriculture based career opportunities and exposure with students.



Farm Safety Week

Did you know?



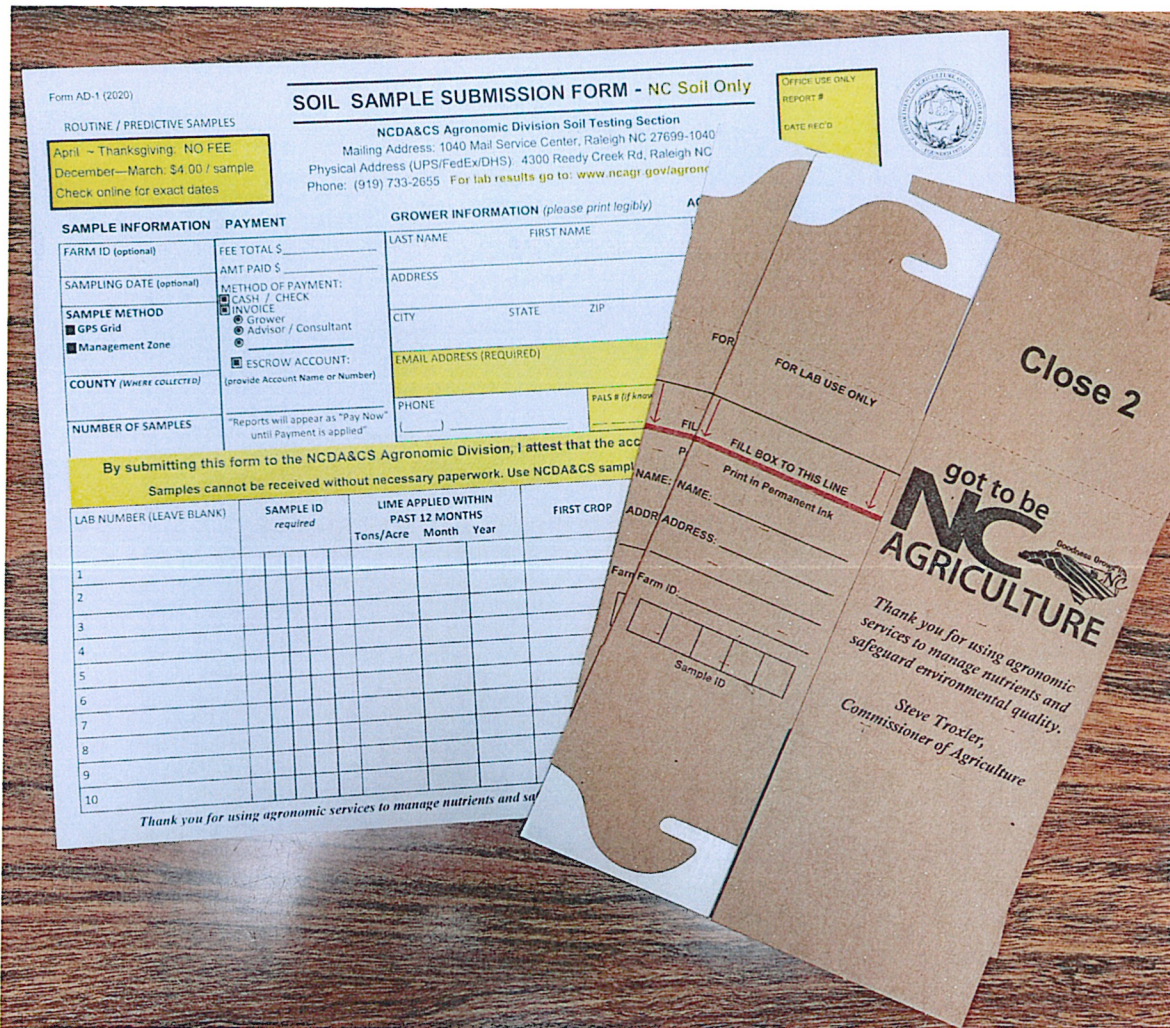
It's National Farm Safety Week

Fall harvest is here! It is such an exciting time to see corn fields being harvested and pumpkins being pulled out of the fields to decorate front porches and to do crafts with kids! Although fall harvest may make you think that is not a busy time of year for agriculture, that is not the case. Growers who produce collards, cabbage, broccoli, wheat, and more are just getting started with their growing season for the cooler growing crops.

September 18-24th is recognized as National Farm Safety Week! Farm safety dates back to 1944 when President Franklin D. Roosevelt worked with the National Safety Council to bring about awareness of farm safety. The agricultural sector is considered the most dangerous in America with 573 fatalities, or an equivalent of 23.1 deaths per 100,000 workers (U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, 2019). In Northeastern North Carolina, there are many farm workers who travel here to help during the harvest season and several children who grow up helping on the farm. No matter how long you have been on the farm, accidents can always happen. It is important to be considerate, especially when driving on the road behind farm equipment. Most farm equipment can only go about 15-25mph and will have the slow-moving sign of an orange and red triangle to indicate that its maximum speeds are around 25 mph.

It is illegal to pass farm equipment in a no-passing zone. Be patient with farm workers moving equipment down the road; they will allow you to pass them when it is safe for them to do so. Large farm equipment often has more blind spots than your everyday vehicle, tailgating farm equipment is unsafe for you and the person driving the farm equipment. Follow from a safe distance and pay attention to the farm equipment operator's signals of where they might be turning or slowing down. Keep yourself and farmers safe by helping share the road with them!

-Sarah White



Pasture Soil Samples

Fall is the perfect time of year to take soil samples of your pastures. With the price increase in seed and fertilizer, producers need to know what the soil actually needs. Before planting the seed we should know what the soil indexes are and if they are low we can add phosphorus and potash as well other elements to increase pasture production.

Soil Samples are free through NCDA and can be picked up and dropped off at the Perquimans Extension Office. For questions on how to take soil samples or how to interpret the results contact the Perquimans Extension Office at 426-5428.

Upcoming Dates:

Peanut Pod Blasting at C.A. Perry's Crossroads September 27th, 2022

Successful Parasite Control in Sheep and Goats Meeting November 15th, 2022



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