



NC Cooperative Extension - Perquimans County Center

DID YOU KNOW?

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Soybean Replanting

Weather conditions take a toll on getting a successful soybean stand. Deciding whether to replant or leave as is, can be a tough decision. The national Science for Success team has released a new factsheet to answer this question. This factsheet outlines all of the steps to take when making replanting decisions across various field scenarios.

Read more at: <https://soybeans.ces.ncsu.edu/2023/05/science-for-success-replanting-decisions/?src=rss>



NE NC Niche Ag Field Day May 12, 2023

8:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.
Currituck County Extension Center
Barco, NC

A day of outdoor demonstrations for small farmers.

Registration is Free, But Required
Lunch will be provided



<https://go.ncsu.edu/NENCNicheAgFieldDay23>

Topics

- Small Ruminant Herd Health
- Rotational Grazing Fencing and Techniques
- Parasite Monitoring - Fecal Egg Count Lab
- Honey Bee Hive Inspections and Varroa
- Laying Mulch Plastic/Drip Irrigation Systems
- Niche Crop Production - Ginger, Garlic + Fruit Tree and Small Fruits
- STOP the Bleed - Farm Safety Training
- Poultry and Small Ruminant Processing
- Soil Health Testing
- Shiitake Logs
- Vendors and Exhibitors!

Questions?

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Perquimans 4-H

Congratulations to all of our livestock show participants! There were 39 registered youth in Perquimans and we are so proud of all their hard work. Special shout out to Hannah Cooper for earning Grand Champion Market Lamb and Caleb Stallings for earning Grand Champion Steer!







**PERQUIMANS
COUNTY 4-H
SUMMER
ADVENTURES**

In person registration and payment is required. Register at PQ Extension Office.

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Horticulture Happenings

Crape Myrtle Bark Scale continues to affect local trees

First observed locally in 2019, crape myrtle bark scale is an insect that affects crape myrtle trees. It is often noticed because of the black sooty mold that covers infected trees. However, the problem begins with the insect. CMBS are very small, resembling grains of rice; they are frequently found attached to the bark and sometimes leaves of trees. As

they feed, the insects produce a sticky waste-product that covers the tree, and eventually turns the tree black. In addition to being unsightly, the sooty mold can reduce the health and performance of infected trees. To remove the sooty mold, and improve the health of trees, homeowners must first control the insect. Below is an integrated pest management approach for home landscapes:

- **Prevention.** Avoid infestation by creating a diverse landscape. Use a variety of plants, including native alternatives. For suggestions, visit <plants.ces.ncsu.edu>.
- **Cultural control.** Keep plants healthy. Avoid heavy pruning, and water during times of drought. Insects are often attracted to stressed plants.
- **Mechanical/Physical control.** Insects can be removed by scrubbing with a brush and soapy water. Although difficult, it is a great organic option.
- **Biological control.** Scout infected trees. Become familiar with ladybugs, a natural predator, and their life cycles (hint: infant ladybugs do not look like adult ladybugs!). Keep in mind that controls may also harm natural predators.
- **Chemical control.** Horticulture oils can be applied year round; follow all label directions. Systemic products can be drenched around infected trees, but because these products may also harm pollinators, take extra precaution by avoiding application near bloom, and by following all label directions.

For more information about controlling crape myrtle bark scale, call the Ask A Master Gardener Helpline at (252) 482-6585.



Commercial Horticulture Update

Water salinity in the rivers is become a major issue for growers in Perquimans and the surrounding Counties. Follow this link for more information.

<http://go.ncsu.edu/readext?932841>

Summer KIDS CAMP



JUNE 18-23

Eastern 4-H Center
Columbia, NC

\$425

**PRICE INCLUDES A
DISCOUNTED RATE FROM
PERQUIMANS 4-H AND
INCLUDES TRANSPORTATION
AND WEEKLY FEES.**

Available

2 girls spots ages 8-12
1 boys spot ages 13-14

Contact asheton_smith@ncsu.edu

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Upcoming Dates:

- District Activity Day (4-H Presentations) will be in Creswell, NC on June 15th
- 4-H Summer Programs Sign-up OPEN (until spots are filled)
- Niche Meat Conference May 12th
- Northeast Ag Expo Summer Field Day July 27th