

NC Cooperative Extension - Perquimans County Center

DID YOU KNOW?

April 2025



Perquimans County Extension Seed Library

Grow. Share. Cultivate.

Looking to start a garden? Want to help build a stronger, greener community?
Our Seed Library is here to help!

LOCATED IN THE PERQUIMANS COUNTY LIBRARY

514 S Church St, Hertford, NC 27944

What is a Seed Library?

A collection of seeds available for free to the community! Borrow seeds, grow your plants, and if possible, return harvested seeds to keep the cycle going.

How It Works:

1. Borrow Seeds – Choose from a variety of vegetable, herb, and flower seeds.
2. Grow Your Garden – Plant, nurture, and enjoy your homegrown produce.
3. Harvest & Return – If you can, save seeds from your plants and return them to the library.



FOR MORE INFORMATION

For more information, visit Perquimans
County Library or contact Sarah
Sowers at (252)426-5428.



welcome
Spring





Savor the Season

HOME PRESERVATION SERIES

Join the Fun & Learn the Art of Food Preservation!

Looking to keep your favorite fruits and veggies fresh year-round? Want to learn the secrets of canning, extracts, and food prep like a pro? Come join us for Food Preservation Classes at the Perquimans County Extension Office!


 **Hands-on learning with an expert instructor**

 **Discover the best techniques for preserving flavor & nutrition**

 **Take home delicious, homemade goodies**

 **Meet fellow food lovers and have a blast!**

Spaces are limited, so sign up today! For more details or to register, contact us at (252)-426-5428 or at Sarah_Sowders@ncsu.edu.

Let's get preserving! 



UPCOMING EVENTS

5:30-7:30PM

MAY

27

No Waste Strawberries (Extracts and Sauces)

JUNE

26

Blueberry Lavendar Jam

JULY

24

Pineapple Mango Salsa

AUGUST

26

Signature Vinegars

SEPTEMBER

23

Saucy Sloppy Joe Starter

All classes are \$10 each or join us for all five classes for \$45

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Registration will not be complete until the registration fee is paid. Payments can be made by check or exact change at the extension office. Checks can be made payable to Perquimans Farm services. Registration Fee is non-refundable unless class is canceled.



Servsafe Managers Certification June 17th & 18th 2025

Calling all those in the restaurant and food service industry! N.C. Cooperative Extension will be offering a ServSafe Food Safety Class in June. The class will be held at the N.C. Cooperative Extension, Perquimans County Center, and will begin promptly at 9 a.m. each day. ServSafe is a course designed by the National Restaurant Association Educational Foundation to provide food service operators, managers, and support personnel with the knowledge essential for food preparation and handling within their respective facilities to help reduce the risk of foodborne illness. The course covers handling food, from receiving and storing to preparing and serving. It gives science-based information on how to run a safe establishment.

Please Complete this Google
Registration Form: [Click Here](#)
Registration and payment is
due by **May 23rd**

June 17th Instruction Day 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m (one hour lunch break on own)
June 18th Instruction Day 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m (one hour lunch break on own).
Exam will take place the afternoon of June 18th.
Test Registration cost is \$125 (which includes the 7th edition book and exam sheet.)
**Registration fees are non-refundable but are transferable to another person

FOR MORE INFORMATION OR ACCOMMODATIONS FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES, PLEASE CONTACT SARAH SOWDERS AT SARAH_SOWDERS@NCSU.EDU OR (252)-426-5428 NO LATER THAN TEN BUSINESS DAYS BEFORE THE EVENT.

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SAVE THE DATE

Chowan-Gates-Perquimans
Extension Master Gardener Volunteers



Spring Garden Show



SATURDAY

APRIL

26

2025

PERQUIMANS COUNTY
REC CENTER



WE HOPE YOU CAN JOIN US AT THE 2025
SPRING GARDEN SHOW!



QUESTIONS? CONTACT KELLIE BINNICKER
AT KELUTON@NCSU.EDU





EASTERN NC GARDENING TIPS

April & May

NC STATE EXTENSION

Master Gardener | Chowan-Gates-Perquimans

Gardening Considerations for April and May in Eastern
NC: <https://perquimans.ces.ncsu.edu/2025/04/april-showers-may-flowers-gardening-tips-for-april-and-may-in-eastern-nc/>

Save the Date: 4-H Achievement Night!

Join us for 4-H Achievement Night on Wednesday, April 16th, at 6 PM at the Perquimans County Extension Office! This special evening celebrates the hard work and accomplishments of our 4-H members, volunteers, and supporters. We'll recognize achievements in projects, leadership, and community service while reflecting on an incredible year of growth and learning. Stay tuned for more details—we can't wait to celebrate with you!

Four Feathers Chicken Show

Chowan, Gates, Pasquotank, and Perquimans Counties are excited to host the Four Feathers 4-H Chicken Project! This program gives youth the opportunity to learn about poultry care, responsibility, and showmanship, culminating in the Chicken Show on October 23, 2025, at the Albemarle Area 4-H Livestock Arena in Elizabeth City, NC.

Registration is open now and closes on April 17, 2025. The registration fee is \$15 per participant, payable to your local Extension Office. Registration is not complete until payment is made.

Perquimans County will have chicks available from our 2nd grade embryology project.

To register, sign up for chicks, or for more information, visit <https://perquimans.ces.ncsu.edu/2025/03/four-feathers-4-h-chicken-project/>

FOUR FEATHERS 4-H Chicken Project

CHOWAN, GATES, PASQUOTANK AND PERQUIMANS COUNTIES ARE
EXCITED TO HOST THE 3RD ANNUAL 4-H CHICKEN PROJECT!

Show Categories:

(youth may show in multiple categories)

- Breeding Class - Easter Eggers (provided by your Extension Office); for youth 8+
- Best In Show - Youth may enter their personal hens; for youth 8+
- Showmanship - Youth may enter personal hens or provided hens; for youth 5+

Show Date:

10/23/2025



Entry Fee: \$15

Show Location:

Albemarle Area 4-H Livestock
Arena - Elizabeth City, NC

REGISTER NOW



go.ncsu.edu/four-feathers



CONTACT YOUR LOCAL 4-H AGENT FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Chowan: Camaryn Brantley (cibyrum@ncsu.edu)

Gates: Keli Boone (knboone2@ncsu.edu)

Pasquotank: Mason Lawrence (mason_lawrence@ncsu.edu)

Perquimans: Tori DeWald (tori_dewald@ncsu.edu)

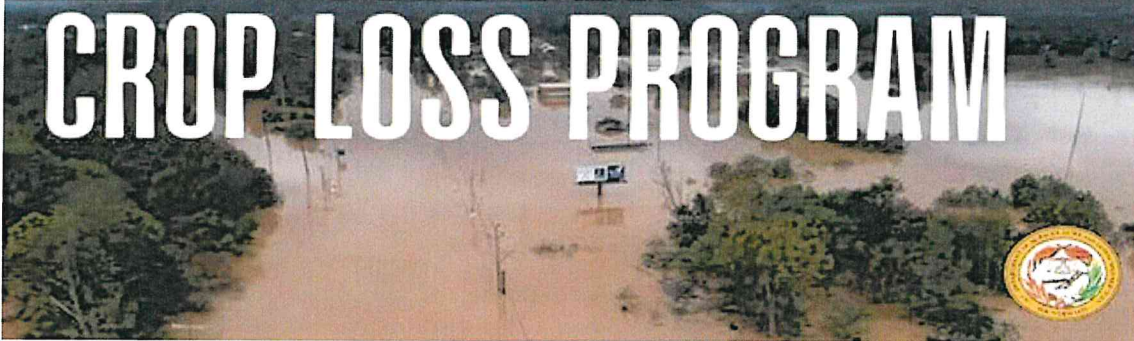
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Deadline: May 4, 2025

NCDA&CS Disaster Relief Program
for farmers affected by Hurricane
Helene & other natural disasters.



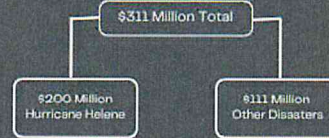
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AG DISASTER CROP LOSS PROGRAM



On March 19 2025, through The Disaster Recovery Act of 2025 – Part I (S.L. 2025-2), the North Carolina General Assembly established the Agricultural Disaster Crop Loss Program, a one-time assistance program for agricultural producers who suffered verifiable losses from any declared agricultural disaster in 2024. This includes Hurricane Helene, drought, Tropical Storm Debby, and Potential Cyclone 8. The General Assembly appropriated nearly \$311 million for the program that will be administered by the North Carolina Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services. \$200 million will be for verifiable losses from Hurricane Helene in the affected area and about \$111 million will be for verifiable losses from all other agricultural disasters in 2024.

Eligibility Criteria:

- A person who experienced a verifiable loss of agriculture or aquaculture commodities or farm infrastructure as a result of a Presidential or Secretarial declared disaster (including contiguous counties) in 2024.
- The farm is located in an affected area for the respective agricultural disaster.
- The commodity or aquaculture was planted or being raised before the date of the disaster set forth in the Presidential or Secretarial declaration for the county in which the agricultural or aquaculture commodities or farm infrastructure are located and for which verifiable losses are claimed.

Eligible Producers Will Need the Following:

- A 2024 FSA 578 Producer Print on file with the USDA Farm Service Agency for USDA reported crops.
- If you do not have a 2024 FSA 578 Producer Print, please contact your local FSA County to schedule a time to complete a 2024 crop report.
- Completed NC Sub W-9 for producer SSN/EIN.

How to Apply:

- Complete an electronic application at www.ncagr.gov/AgDisaster from April 1 through May 4.
- During the application period, nursery crops, fruit-bearing trees and bushes, and specialty crops where the survival level is not immediately known, may extend their deadline another 45 days to June 18, 2025

Disaster Assistance Hotline:

1-866-645-9403
Monday - Friday
8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

agdisaster@ncagr.gov

Form 578 Producer Print or 2024 crop report may be obtained at your local FSA office.

IRS Form NC Sub W-9 is available at www.ncagr.gov/AgDisaster

Contact your local extension office for application assistance. For more information, including Frequently Asked Questions, please visit www.ncagr.gov/AgDisaster

North Carolina Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services | Steve Troxler, Commissioner | www.ncagr.gov



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