

# **COOPERATIVE EXTENSION**

**Southampton County Extension Report  
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**Agriculture**

- Making arrangements for this year's variety trials for corn, cotton, and sorghum.
- Distributed 28, 16, and 45 peanut, cotton, and sorghum production guides, respectively, and provided 26 growers with production advice on these crops.
- Sent out newsletter to 128 growers.
- Provided materials and assistance to 40 growers and agribusinesses for processing over 280 soil samples.
- Assisted with Walk-in-the-Woods event in New Kent, Virginia where over 200 youth and adults (80% scouts) were taught a wide range of natural resources topics resulting in a large number of scouts receiving merit badges.
- Taught 2 sessions (Powhatan & Fredericksburg) of Real Forestry for Real Estate where 93 real estate professionals were instructed on forestland ownership topics.

**Youth Development**

- Hosted Goat Workshop at the county fairgrounds where over 89 participants learned about goat selection, care, and marketing.
- Facilitated 60 entries from Southampton county for the Southeast 4-H district contest where youth competed in art, photography, public speaking, poster presentations, and performance.
- Hosted livestock club meeting where 22 youth and 11 adults learned about hippology from large animal veterinarian.
- Making arrangements and setting groundwork for new contests for the Fair.
- Interviewed 20 applicants for teen counselor roles for 4-H summer camp.
- Processing volunteer applications and registrations for 4-H summer camp.

**Training**

- Patterson Attended Master Camp Director Training and the Southeast District Pre-Camp meeting in preparation for summer camp.
- Drake attended corn, soybean, and berry agent in-service trainings where the latest production and marketing updates were presented to enable us to pass along to local producers.
- Clark participated in Project Learning Tree advisory meeting.
- Participated in Southampton County Fair Board and local unit staff meetings.

**Outreach and Administrative**

- Presentation made to 22 senior citizens in Boykins on ways to avoid being scammed.

Information was provided to 60 Southampton county residents on topics ranging from commercial agricultural pest control, tree pruning, soil sampling for lawns, lawn weeds, 4-H training and youth education.

Contacts for this month: 124 calls; 44 emails; 56 visits; 344 mailings; 31 internet hits.