

COOPERATIVE EXTENSION

Southampton County Extension Report November 16, 2011 - January 15, 2012

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4-H

Provided parliamentary procedure information to 18 youth and 8 adult volunteers of the 4-H Livestock Club.

Provided 4-H adult volunteer leader training to 12 adult volunteers.

Planning and marketing for Ham Curing Project.

Planning a Goat Clinic for Saturday, February 18th at the Southampton County Fair Livestock Arena covering topics, from show mechanics, breeding stock, fitting for show, and goat nutrition. This will be a fundraising event for Southampton County 4-H Livestock Club.

Newsletter sent to 268 Southampton 4-Hers and parents

Evaluating existing 4-H clubs and groups and developing a plan based on community needs for the future.

Building network of community partners.

Some programs in the works for the upcoming months:
Robotics Training; 4-H Camp; 4-H Teen Leadership Club

Agriculture

Conducted two Pesticide Recertification classes to enable 46 private applicators to maintain their pesticide certifications.

Conducted Vegetable Production Workshop providing 95 producers with 6 hours of education on variety selection, propagation, production, and marketing.

Provided safety review and biomass information for 38 SHARP loggers

Organized and assisted in the removal of 617 gallons of waste oil from 5 area farming operations

Planted wheat variety trial

375 Newsletters sent to 125 Southampton producers and agribusiness professionals

Organized and created a cotton and peanut awards banquet to be held in February

Distributed 1620 soil sample boxes

Outreach and Administrative

Newspaper article written about ham curing printed in Jan 18, 2012 Tidewater News.

Provided information for 4 additional newspaper articles.

Closed out paperwork and administrative duties for 2011 pesticide container recycling program.

Training

Clark trained as prescribed burn manager

Drake attended Virginia Peanut Growers association meeting, Tri county crop conference, Southampton county fair board meeting, vertical tillage field day

General

Information was provided to 28 Southampton county residents on topics ranging from crop variety selection, pesticide use and labeling, wheat fertilization, farmland rental agreements, waste oil recycling, small-scale farm production, family budgeting, 4H training and youth education

Contacts for this month: 83 calls; 117 emails; 34 visits; 520 mailings; 8 internet hits