COOPERATIVE EXTENSION

Southampton County Extension Report
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Agriculture

Conducted Hurricane Irene damage assessment for Southampton County crops and livestock

Bi-weekly monitoring of black light traps as part of regional corn earworm survey which provides timely information essential for optimal timing of pesticide applications.

Scouted soybeans and peanuts to determine pest severity as part of an integrated pest management program. Made numerous on farm visits to make peanut disease ID's and cotton defoliation recommendations

Provided materials and assistance to growers and agribusinesses for soil sampling and wheat seed germination tests.

Provided 12 hours of continuing education SHARP logger training for 54 woods workers.

Granulated over 1500 pesticide containers on August 18 and continue to collect containers for the upcoming harvest season.

Conducted tour of Southampton County Agriculture for visiting professors/soil scientists from Senegal

Youth Development

Assisted with Boykins Community Center youth activity night where over 12 youth were engaged in activities and learning about physical, spiritual, and emotional health and well-being.

Delivered Soil Science Educational Meeting to 14 Boy Scouts at High Street Methodist Church

12 youth of the 4-H Shooting Sports Club performed very well at the Statewide Shoot.

Attended Post-Camp 4-H planning meeting to evaluate this present year's events and plan for future 4-H programming.

Training

Attended 2011 Virginia Tech Pesticide Educators Training Workshop where the latest updates and pesticide training information and techniques were presented to enable us to pass along to local applicators. Also attended TAREC Pre-Harvest and ESAREC Pre-Harvest Field Days.

Participated in Southampton County Board, Chowan Basin Soil & Water, Virginia Forestry Association, Virginia Urban Forestry Council, and local unit staff meetings.

Outreach and Administrative

Served on interview panel for the Southampton/Isle of Wight 4-H Extension position.

Provided information for at least 6 newspaper articles that have run in the Tidewater News and Suffolk Sun.

Provided 4 hours of training for new Ag Extension Agent.

Information was provided to 77 Southampton county residents on topics ranging from commercial agricultural pest control, pesticide container recycling, home composting, ant control, tree pruning, soil sampling for lawns, lawn weeds, food preservation, family budgeting, 4H training and youth education.

Contacts for this month: 65 calls; 23 visits; 358 mailings; 18 internet hits.