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Initiating cotton official variety trials (OVT) in conjunction with Southampton County growers and specialists at Virginia Tech.

Prepping insect pest sampling / scouting protocols with growers in Southampton and VCE specialists.

Youth

- Recruited and interviewed 12 candidates for 4H camp counselors and counselors in training (CITs).
- Co-led a 4-H Service Learning Day activity that also served toward Camp training for camp counselors and counselors in training. Eight teens from Southampton participated in this hands on training preparing them to be knowledgeable counselors at camp.
- Co-led a Southampton 4H Livestock Club meeting where 26 4-Hers learned how to troubleshoot problems, selection of show specimens, and care for goats. Officers were also elected and some basics of citizenship was taught.
- Provided soil sample results building upon the Southampton Middle School garden project.
- Prepared the soil for the Airfield 4H Educational Center garden.
- The Franklin-Southampton County Fair premium book cover contest entries were solicited and received.
- Conducted a forestry-related educational program and planted seedlings at Hillpoint Elementary School in Suffolk. Distributed 4400 seedlings across eastern Virginia to be used in various 4H and community Arbor Day and Earth Day events.
- Completed Project Learning Tree (PLT) for 9 Suffolk Middle School teachers which provided experiential learning curricula and demonstrated ways to conduct the activities.
- Planning for camp, livestock, commercial pesticide recertification, and other future educational programs.

Publication

- Wrote article for Engagement Matters, newsletter of the College of Natural Resources at Virginia Tech.
- Wrote informative inaugural article for the Extension column in April 13 Tidewater News.
- Co-wrote the forestry section of the 2011 Virginia Envirothon test.

Served on many board meetings of Society of American Foresters and Virginia Forestry Association, arranged and facilitated the continuing education credits, and co-lead a field tour at the 2011 Virginia Forestry Summit in Williamsburg, VA.

Served as a mentor for the 110 landowners taking the Online Woodland Options short-course arranged by the Virginia Tech.

Attended Ag Trade Conference where obtained updates related to trade relations that enable Virginia products to be exported. Participated in Airfield 4H Educational Center Board, Franklin-Southampton County Fair Board, South Centre Corridors RC&D meeting, Virginia Department of Forestry Stewardship committee, VCE unit coordinators, and a local unit staff meetings.

Information was provided to 52 Southampton county residents on topics ranging from nutrient deficiencies, 205 soil sample boxes and forms, nut trees, various bees, aquatic weeds, lawn weeds, pruning, pest identification and control recommendations, land management recommendations, 4H training and youth education.

Contacts for this month: 46 calls; 33 visits; 40 mailings; 8 internet hits.

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