

Extension Minute ..

Robeson County

January 2024

Extension is.....

North Carolina Cooperative Extension transforms science into everyday solutions for North Carolinians through programs and partnerships focused on agriculture and food, health and nutrition, and 4-H youth development. Our mission is to extend research-based information to individuals that will improve their lives and grow our state. We are the trusted, go-to resource for connecting research and education to the communities, economies, and families of our state, creating prosperity for all North Carolinians.

Leveraging the partnership of the United States Department of Agriculture, National Institute of Food and Agriculture, our state's two land-grant universities – NC State University and North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University – and our local county governments, we are positioned to identify issues, research new solutions, and transfer those results back into our local communities, translating knowledge into everyday applications.

Take Advantage of Soil Testing

Soil testing is a service provided by the North Carolina Department of Agriculture & Consumer Services (NCDA&CS) at their Agronomic Division in Raleigh that will assess the present levels of major plant nutrients, soil pH, and micronutrients. You can pick up free kits at your local Extension Center. Samples are currently \$4 per sample.

Click: [NCDA&CS](#) for more information.

Contact us for more information

 910-671-3276

 <https://robeson.ces.ncsu.edu/>

 [https://www.facebook.com/RobesonCooperative Extension](https://www.facebook.com/RobesonCooperativeExtension)

 455 Caton Road
Lumberton, NC

Upcoming Programs..

January 2024

Family and Consumer Sciences

Safe Plates for Food Managers Training Program:

Class: February 6 – 7, 2024

9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Exam: February 8, 2024

9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Registration Fee: \$135.

Check or money order Make payable to N.C. Cooperative Extension, Robeson County Center Registration and fee due by Friday, January 19, 2024

**Hand Deliver to: Cooperative Extension
O. P. Owens Agriculture Center 455 Caton Road
Lumberton, NC 28360**

Working Out & Walking (W.O.W)

Classes are every Tuesday and Thursday starting February 13. Please come to the office to register. Class is \$10.

Basket Weaving Workshop for Adults

Saturday, March 9, 2024

10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

space ia limited to 10 people. This class is a \$30 nonrefundable fee.

4-H Volunteers

Have an interest in being a volunteer? We are always seeking community partners to join in on the fun to make our programs and reach more effective. Interested in working with youth, sharing your love for environmentally friendly landscapes, or hosting an on-farm demonstration? We have lots of ways to use volunteers, so contact us for more information.

Download the 4-H Now! app to see our calendar of upcoming events, read about our past events on our blog, check out our photos, see the social media, and even register for upcoming programs.

Upcoming Programs..

January 2024

Horticulture

Seed Saving

January 20, 2024

10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

To register click: [seedsaving](#)

Do's and Dont's of Pruning

January 27, 2024

10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

To register click: [D&DOP](#)

Backyard Muscadines

January 29, 2024

1:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

To register click: [BM](#)

Field Crops

Corn Production Meeting

January 19, 2024

11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

To register click: [CPM24](#)

Regional Soybean School

January 30, 2024

10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

To register click: [RSS](#)

Small Farm Management

2024 Beginner Beekeeper School

January 23, 30, February 6, 27, and March 6,

6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

A fee of \$30 will be charged (due the first night of the class) (please make checks payable to Robeson County Area Beekeepers Association). Class is limited to the first 30 to register, so call immediately to reserve your space at 910-671-3276.

Small Farmer Drone Course

February 1- 2, 2024

8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

To register click: [SFDC](#)

Livestock

Cattle Conference:

January 18 ,2024

4:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

To register use the following link:

[cattleconference](#)