

# Extension Minute ..

Robeson County

April 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 free through November.

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..

April 2024

## Family and Consumer Sciences

### Fit N Fun

Classes are every Tuesday and Thursday through June 6

Click: [FitNFun](#) to register.

### Safe Plates

April 29 – May 1

Class: 3:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

May 3

Exam: 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

### Stitchin' with Extension

April 11, 18, 25 and May 2

3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. or

6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

## 4-H

### National Volunteer Week

April 21– 27

### Young Leaders 4-H Club Meeting

Tuesday, April 23

6:00 p.m.

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.

The Expanded Food and Nutrition Program (EFNEP) Educator of Robeson County works with limited-resource youth to teach healthy eating habits, food safety skills, and how to be more physically active. EFNEP's mission is to improve the health of limited resource youth and families with young children through practical lessons on: basic nutrition and healthy lifestyles, resource management and food safety.

# Upcoming Programs..

April 2024

## Field Crops

### Pesticide Collection Day

April 24

10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Robeson County Fairgrounds  
3750 Martin Luther King Jr. Drive

April 30

8:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.

### Wheat Whistle Stop Tour

Located at 2284 W. McDuffie Crossing  
Road, St Pauls, NC 28360

Click: [WWST](#) to register.

## Livestock

### Bull Management

April 22nd

4:00 - 6:00 p.m.

Click: [Bull Management](#) to register.

Download the [VisitNCfarms](#) app to see our counties local farms, farmers market, and nurseries. This app shows all the different products and connecting locally in our own backyard.

## Small Farm Management

### Beekeepers Association Meeting

April 16

6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

## Horticulture

### Rain Gardens Explained

May 9

6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Click: [RGE](#) to register.

### Robeson County Farmers Market Opens

May 11, 2024

Wednesdays 3:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Saturdays 7:00 a.m.- 12:00 p.m.

Located at the corner of 3rd and Water  
Street.

### Plant Sale

May 18

9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

The corner of 3rd and Water Street.